

THE CRISIS OF THE NATION

By Request of Minnie Steele W.C.T.U.
The wondrous fire of God shot forth and
slow
Abihu and his brother Nadab, too—
In all the congregation, none stood
higher,
Save godlike Moses, and their priestly
sire.
Presumptuous they came before His
shrine,
Intoxicated by excess of wine;
Unmindful of Jehovah's strict commands
Forbidden fire is found within their
hands.

"Drink not strong drink, nor wine when
ye come to eat
Before My tabernacle lest ye die;
That ye may put a difference between
Unto and divine, unclear and clean."
And many more too numerous to relate
By drink have fallen from a lofty state;
Of jurists, statesmen, doctors, friends,
whose fall
Was hastened by the tyrant Alcohol.
The prime of youth, and manhood's noble
prowd
Are borne along by its resistless tide—
While wives and mothers mourn disconsolate,
The "traffice" glows on gains insatiate.
The appetite for drink comes unawares;
And none immune to 'scape its deadly
snare—
Within the fatal potion dangers lurk
More fatal than the derring or dirk.
W. C. JOHNSON,
[TO BE CONTINUED]

Our Correspondents.

Bessville.

A baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Davis last week. "Dad" Moore and wife have been quite sick. The old gentleman came near being overcome by the heat while on a business trip to Cairo. Miss Wedipole is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rich Benner. John North visited his sister, Mrs. G. A. Venable, recently. Rev. Bowers preached at Union Sunday morning and evening. Several of our neighbors attended church at Liberty Sunday. Rev. J. H. Yount preached Mrs. Lee's funeral, as Rev. Simpson was not able to attend. Dinner was served on the grounds and Rev. Huff preached in the afternoon. Lack of water seemed to be the only mur of the day. Walter Benner of Kansas City is back on a visit. Rev. J. M. Welker attended the Sunday School convention at Flat River the first of the week. Rev. J. G. Huff filled the appointment of the Rev. Mrs. E. E. Williams at the Ridge Sunday and Sunday night. Mrs. Oscar Hale spent Saturday night at the home of her uncle, Steve Huffman. Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Hale of Little Whitewater spent Sunday at Marsh Yount's. Mmes. Welker, Huffman and Caldwell are the committee to make arrangements for Children's Day at Union. I suppose there were not many regrets that the ice cream supper was rained out Saturday night. Wheat is harvested and the grain better than expected. Mrs. Allen of Marble Hill visited her sister, Mrs. Caldwell, a few days last week. Mmes. Leo Hawn and J. M. Welker were quite sick several days, but are better. Sam Cooper is very much under the weather with kidney trouble. Almost every one took a turn at feeling bad in the hot, dry weather, but I hope, now it has rained and is cooler, that all of us will feel better. Mrs. T. J. Moore's sister and children are visiting her. Will Phelps and family visited at Andy Moore's Sunday. Fayette Bess visited Ben White-ner Sunday. Jack Underwood is home again from Elvins. "Grandma" Dollar and her daughter, Mrs. Dennis of Colorado, are visiting their grandson and nephew, Leo Hahn. BESSVILLE.

Leora

Health good.
We had a nice, growing rain Sat-

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aturday night, which will start the farmers to planting corn. Will Hobbs and family attended church at Rock Hill Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Fowler visited at Monroe Abney's Sunday evening. Several of our boys were swimming their horses in Castor Sunday. Herman Lubky and his best girl were out driving Sunday. Lon Miller was a welcome visitor at Arthur George's Sunday. Bob Mitchell went to Sturdivant Saturday. "Grandma" Hobbs, accompanied by her granddaughters, Misses Myrtle Mason and Lou Hobbs, visited her grandson, Arthur George, last Sunday. SUNNY JIM.

Ebenezer

Except measles, health is good. We had a quite refreshing rain Saturday evening. Corn that has been properly cultivated is looking fine, but some fields that show want of the plow have passed in their checks. Dr. J. C. Dale is stocking his farm with animals of the best strain that money can buy. Dan Crader, our boss farmer, has put up quite a lot of clover hay, which is precious in a season such as this. M. W. Kegley, employed at the sawmill, had a narrow escape a few days ago. While shoving a loaded lumber truck, some ten feet above the ground, it capsize and threw him under several tons of boards. He escaped with only a fractured arm. I see that the people of Laffin have mowed and cleared off their cemetery. Let's do likewise. FARMER JOHN.

Greenwood

We are all tickled over the fine

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rain that fell Saturday evening. It was accompanied by a lot of electricity. Misses Valle Cooper and Maud Reitman attended services at Ladd Thursday evening. Clark Austin bought 35c worth of ice—an inch square—and made on gallon and a half of ice cream. He said all he lacked was a little more ice—to freeze it. Roy Gaither thinks the other boys will let him alone now, as he doesn't go anywhere without a Clubb—not if he knows himself. Charley Dankins and his best girl were at Union Hill services last Sunday. Ed Vivaek and Miss Retta Drum visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Vivaek Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Miller are spending a few days with relative at Grassy. Miss Millie Perkins went to Grassy Sunday. Misses Essie and Eula Andes, Delpha Speers and Nora Gaither went to Union Hill for Sunday school and were disappointed. I'm sorry for you, girls. Hiram Robertson and Miss Minna Ford made the same trip, but if they were disappointed, anybody has cause to be. The wind Saturday knocked down a lot of picket fence for T. J. Gaither. "Green Fuz" called "Lone Blue Eye" over the phone and told her good-by, and now she's wondering if that kid is seriously thinking of wandering away from Bollinger. LONE BLUE EYE.

Buchanan

Here I am again. Sickness has been with a few of our friends lately. W. C. Myers is in poor health. Mr. and Mrs. Vest Myers of Blytheville, Ark., are visiting relatives in this vicinity. P. B. Kinder of Lowndes visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Kinder, here a day or two last week. The ice cream supper at Charley Thomas's Saturday night was interfered with by rain and storm. Dr. Witmer of Marble Hill and Dr. Wagoner of Gravelton were called to see W. C. Myers one day last week. John Clubb had the misfortune to lose a good mare a few days ago. Charley Barrett had a mare snag herself pretty badly the other day, but the wound seems to be healing all right. M. N. Kinder made a business trip to Zalma Monday. Ed Vavak visited his brother Wilson, who resides on Clubb creek, recently. JOHN JIMMY.

Castor

Health is good. Several of our farmers are busy stacking wheat. Sunday school at Miller chapel was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pridy and two daughters, Misses Veda and Dell of Fredericktown, are visiting relatives on Castor. Miss Ivy Rhodes of Greenville is visiting her grandmother and other relatives on Castor. Mr. and Mrs. Zack Rhodes visited at Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitener's Sunday. The singing at Miller chapel was

well attended and a good time was reported. Burette Beul visited at Otto Pridy's Sunday. Miss Mara Shetley visited Miss Myrtle Bollinger Sunday. Miss Esther Pridy is havin' a few falls out of an obstreperous tooth. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitener are talking of giving the young people an ice cream supper Monday night. BUSYBODY.

Huskey

Health is fairly good. A. M. Barrett and family visited at Thomas Huskey's Sunday. Mrs. Henry Allen visited Mrs. O. W. Reitzel one day last week. William Runnels purchased a wagon and team from Charles Lamore last week. Little Ruby Reitzel is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Yount, this week. K. L. Robinson went to Fredericktown Saturday. Olin Crites, who has been working for C. M. Johnson near Jackson, is visiting home folks this week. Miss Maggie Ramsey was the guest of Miss Hetty Crader Sunday. Miss Dora Cole visited her brother, Marvin Cole, Saturday and attended services at Union Grove church Sunday. Mrs. John Cail is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Caldwell, in Lutesville this week. Several of our people attended the basket dinner at Union Grove church Sunday. I am informed that Rev. John Stone will begin a protracted meeting at Locust Grove church Saturday night. A READER.

Brush Creek

Everybody's enjoying health. There has been a great deal of visiting in this vicinity for quite a while. Suppose that they'll go to work now and cultivate their gardens, as it has rained. Most of the farmers are through harvesting their oats and wheat. Edgar Fields and family visited Mrs. Fields' mother, Mrs. Peter Stults, recently. Oscar West and family were the guests of Willie Fields and family Sunday. Several of our youngsters attended the ice cream social at Jake Abernathy's the evening of June 10. All reported an enjoyable time. Misses Pearl and Grace McGee of Greenville are visiting their sisters, Mrs. Harve Stephens and Mrs. Will Kimbol of Arab. Arthur Rowe and family visited his father, D. W. Rowe and family last Sunday. Miss Ethel Hinkle, who has been teaching the last two months in the Fish district, returned to her home at Gipsy, Saturday. Otto Whitener and sister, Miss Lola, attended an ice cream social at Mr. Vance's Saturday night. Little Miss Effie Rowe visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Fish, last Saturday night. As time is precious and news scarce, I will close. BACK HOME AGAIN.

Advance R. F. D. 1.

Fine rains Saturday night and Sunday cheered our farmers. Wheat and oats are harvested and

being threshed. The crop is making a good yield. Monroe Fowler and family visited at John and Tom Fowler's from Friday until Sunday. The wind storm Saturday evening did considerable damage to wheat and oats shocks. On the 12th fire destroyed the home of Albert Bernman, together with the contents. He carried no insurance. Logan Blann and family visited with the family of L. A. Hobbs Sunday. Will Pry and J. W. Fowler and their families were welcome visitors at L. A. Hobbs's Sunday afternoon. John Fowler's mashing cloths to a finish. Rev. Marion Mouser filled his appointment at Rock Hill Saturday and Sunday, preaching excellent sermons. A plentiful basket dinner was provided for the large Sunday congregation. Two Bios.

Gipsy

Health very good for so much dust. We received a most excellent and appreciated rain here Saturday, the first rain here since the last day of March, which began with a hard hail storm that damaged some few things. Rev. J. H. Yount filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday. Born—to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hinkle, June 7, a fine boy. It seems since then Marvin might be hunting bees from the way he carries his head. Estelle Mouser was at church Sunday. Seems as though he is no stranger over across the river. Miss Nellie Scowden visited in Burg Sunday and Sunday night. Miss Ethel Hinkle who has been teaching on Brush Creek closed her school and returned home Friday. She says she just stayed two months and long enough to catch the chills. Singing school begins here Wednesday night, Mr. Richard Overton being teacher. Mrs. Mary Dunn was a guest at merchant W. D. Hinkle's Saturday night. W. A. and W. P. Hinkle left for Oklahoma last Thursday. Geo. Kerr gave the young people an ice cream supper Saturday night. All seemed to enjoy themselves. Wm. G. Hill and wife of Grassy were in Gipsy Sunday. Elmer Sitzes visited at Gipsy Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Fox attended Children's Day at Liberty last Sunday. Mrs. McNew of Bloomfield and Mrs. James of Zalma were at Gipsy Sunday. Mrs. McNew had started to visit her daughter at Lowndes. Frank Lasater of Burg and Miss Mabel Carlsh of Arab were secretly married at the home of Rev. H. C. Kellogg recently. Miss Maggie Williams, who is visiting at Henry Stults, is quite sick present. Elmer Sitzes and sister, Miss Rhoda, attended Children's Day exercises at Liberty Sunday, June 18. T. G. M. D.

Wise Tommy

Teacher. What change takes place when water freezes? Tommy (innocently). A change in price, I guess.—Harper's Weekly.

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