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**The American Bible Society.**

The Annual meeting of this Society was held according to appointment on Saturday and Sunday last. Saturday evening Prof. S. Doak Lowry, of Cane Hill College delivered an instructive and highly entertaining lecture in the Methodist Church; the room would not accommodate all that wished to hear the speaker; and we are informed many had to retire unable to get a seat. Mr. Lowry is certainly a gentleman of polished attainments and uncommon oratorical powers. His enunciation was clear and distinct, and his intonation faultless. In short his lecture was full of thought, and admirably delivered.

President Earle of the same College preached to a crowded room on Sunday morning; his sermon was listened to with interest, and many we have no doubt at least we say it of ourselves, went away wiser if not better. We noticed a number of Cane Hill students, whose names we did not learn. We regret that we were unable to form an acquaintance with the teachers and students of our sister college, but we hope that we may before long know them personally.

Sunday night the indefatigable agent of the Society, (Rev. John Buchanan, to whose letter published this week, we invite the attention of our readers,) addressed a large audience. Everybody knows "Uncle Johnny Buchanan," and to say that his address was both exceedingly interesting and instructive would be entirely superfluous. We had hoped to give a more extended account of the meeting of this Society, but will have to defer it for the present. The time of the holding of the next Annual meeting is to be on the Saturday before the third Sunday in July 1860—the place, Cane Hill.

Peter P. Van Hoose, Esq., of our city was selected to deliver the lecture on Saturday of the next meeting, and J. M. Tebbetts, Esq., the alternative, in case Mr. Van Hoose should fail to appear. President Baxter of Arkansas College was appointed to deliver the sermon on Sunday, and Rev. Thos. B. Van Horne of the Fayetteville Female Institute, the alternative.

God speed the good work.

CANE HILL, Ark., May 3, '59.

MESSRS EDITORS:—In compliance with your request, I herewith send you a brief statement of the Bible cause, during the last seven years, within the State of Arkansas.

The whole amount received by the American Bible Society from sale of books and donations, for the

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| Year ending March 31st, | | 1853, | $ 762 82 |
| " | " | " | 1854, | 2,423 14 |
| " | " | " | 1855, | 1,936 29 |
| " | " | " | 1856, | 3,005 87 |
| " | " | " | 1857, | 4,629 48 |
| " | " | " | 1858, | 3,878 22 |
| " | " | " | 1859, | 2,857 94 |
| Total in seven years, | | | | 19,413 79 |

During the same period, there has been brought to the State, and circulated, or in progress of circulation, about 65 thousand copies of Bibles and Testaments.

Two months more of toil and labour will close my agency for this most glorious of all the institutions of Christian benevolence. While life lasts, I shall cherish with fond recollection the many friends throughout my field of labor, who have greeted me at each visit with open arms, warm hearts, and liberal hands. True I have been repulsed in some instances, and by those from whom I had expected differently; if the cause is in me I am sorry for it, and beg pardon from those aggrieved, if in them, I freely forgive without the condition of repentance on their part; but if it was the cause for which I have plead for, and that was repulsed, I must refer the matter to a higher tribunal than that of earth.

Very truly your friend,

JOHN BUCHANAN,
Agent A. B. S.

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