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Movements of the World.

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There is much distress among the miners who are now out of work, and all right thinking people sympathize with them in their trouble. There is always wrong on both sides of a difficult case has been expected many of the miners have a just cause of complaint, but when they resort to violence to prevent their employers from engaging new men to take their places, public sympathy usually turns against them. The disgraceful and deplorable affair that occurred at Hazeltown, Pa., a few days ago, when a band of unarmed miners was fired upon by officers of the law, was not altogether one sided. The miners, though unarmed, were threatening and contemplating violence, and on Thursday before the fight took place, one man was beaten to death by them. Excitement, of course, ran high; and while the officers who led the fight against the miners were to be blamed, the miners themselves were also in the wrong. They had a perfect right to quit work, if they desired to do so; but they had no legal or moral right to declare that no other men should take their places. We feel deep sympathy for the foreigners who are suffering in this great strike. Many of them, no doubt, came to our shores intending to lead quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty, but unfortunately fell under the influence of designing leaders who are responsible for their present distress condition. The Hazeltown trouble has been expected for several weeks. It is bad, but could have been worse, and we sincerely hope that the worst is past. The inflammatory speeches made by the labor leaders had no served to create sympathy for the strikers. The great mass of the American people believe in law and order and will not enter into sympathy with any movements intended to abolish law and order. The question of capital and labor will never be solved by strikes. They never result in anything permanent. There is only one way for this question to be settled, and that is by each party acting according to the Golden Rule. Let the employer consider the welfare of his employees, and the employees consider the good of their employer and all will go well. Here is scripture for it: "And Boaz came from Bethlehem and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee." Ruth 2:4. Kind treatment of each other is what is needed now between capital and labor.

After any man, party, or army is defeated, there is always some friend of the unfortunate who kindly assumes the office of telling the world why the defeat was brought about. We have a good illustration of this truth in recent developments in the Cuban war. General Weyler has kept himself safely secluded in Havana ever since he assumed the direction of Spanish affairs in the island. Sometimes he would boldly sail forth and bravely burn a few dwellings over the heads of women and children whose husbands and fathers were in the insurgent army, and then return to his hiding place, looked upon as a great conqueror, by the over-awed inhabitants. He did not have the faintest dream that an enemy would enter the province where he was. His presence was too formidable and august, as he doubtless thought, for an insurgent to come near. But in this he was mistaken; for the patriots entered the forbidden province and captured a fortified post near the city of Havana. It is a very important stroke in the cause of Cuban liberty. Gradually but surely Weyler's field of action grows smaller, and it may not be long before he will find it necessary to return to Spain for lack of room. Since this victory was gained by the insurgents, the Spanish authorities have been put to it for a respectable reason to give to the world for Cuban success.

Even the Prime Minister of Spain has written a letter telling how it happened, and saying that the Spanish cause in Cuba is in a flourishing condition. Of course this is all for effect. Cuban liberty is only a matter of time, but the chain of agony may be dragged through several bloody years yet; on the other hand, her liberty may come at an early date. Near or far, the day is coming when oppressed people will breathe the air of freedom.

The Car of Russia is proving himself a true political reformer, and his great empire is a good field for him to exercise his gifts in the art of reformation. Heretofore the government has been an antity. The Chart will have been and is still the law. But, while that is the case, the Emperor has made quite an advance upon the policy of his predecessors on the imperial throne. Siberia, comprising an area larger than Europe has been without courts, and the people here have been ruled by officials appointed by the Czar. On August 1 a well organized system of courts was instituted. Courts have been created in all the provincial capitals. This makes it convenient for all who have causes to be heard. A supreme court has been established at Irkutsk. There is no provision yet for trial by jury, but the tendency now is in that direction.

Stonewall Jackson was noted for his temperate habits and deeply religious life. On one occasion during the war he took a long walk with a brother officer who was also a temperate and religious man. When the walk ended, they were both fatigued, and the companion of Jackson proposed that they should each take a glass of brandy for refreshment. "No," said Jackson; "I am much obliged, but I never use it. I am more afraid of it than Federal bullets."

"Charity doth not behave itself unseemly." A Christian never grows so important in this world that he can afford to lay aside courtesy. Yet we have all seen Christian workers who were as unapproachable as porcupines—too busy in the Lord's work to show common politeness to the Lord's children.

Remember our club of 25 for $1.00
MOB LAW.

JOHN A. STEVENS.

"Rev. Williams, the man supposed to have been murdered at Wilson's ferry on Sulphur river some time ago, now turns up in Texas.

The negro ferryman who was arrested on suspicion soon after the supposed killing, made a complete confession, telling how three negroes had killed the white man with a large broad ax, while he (the ferryman) watched the road. He also told how and where the body was thrown into the river.

Now the question arises: was this negro scared into making this confession or did they really kill some man and throw him into the river as described. If they did it was not Williams, as Judge T. Orr of this place received a telegram yesterday from Leggett, Pope county, Texas, stating that Preacher Williams was there."—Texarkana Courier.

The above mention Rev. (?) Williams is an all round fraud. He bought a horse, harness, etc. on a credit and pretended that he was going to fill an appointment down in Sulphur township in Miller county, Ark., and instead of filling said appointment he skipped the country with horse, buggy and all. On being missed the farmers turned out to hunt him. On failing to find him, they at once suspicioned foul play; and began a rade among the negroes. They arrested one negro and scared the poor wretch to the point of "confessing" that he watched the road while three other negroes killed the preacher with a broad axe with which they were hewing cross ties. The frightened ferryman also stated that these negroes also chopped the preacher into pieces and put him in a tow sack and sank him in Sulphur river. It is said that these infuriated white men hunged several good negroes till they were almost dead in order to make them point out the place where said preacher was thrown into the river. The ferryman told two tales, else the negroes would have all been hanged peremptorily.

The lesson we get from this instance is that a negro can be scared into confessing anything if he is made to believe that by his confession he may get out of the hands of the mob. In my humble opinion many of the reported outrages are being perpetrated by low down white men, and blamed off on negroes who are scared into confessing the crime. It is time for this mob law to call a halt.

A guilty negro is just as dead when hanged by a jury and sheriff as by a mob. I am no northern man, but a Texas born and reared Democrat, but for God's sake let our people stop this mob violence. I am at Texarkana near the scene. No body was murdered by negroes or any body else.

"Movements of the World."

"Saul has killed his thousands; but David his tens of thousand." Now let the brethren sing:

"I have reached the land of corn and wine, And all its riches freely wine; Here shines undimmed, one blissful day, For all the night has passed away."

"Good literature is very helpful to both preachers and people; and for the cause in the South, I regard the Gospel Messenger as of first importance. The Messenger gives us the news of the churches in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Kentucky; and on the first page, we get the news from "every nation under heaven." We read of wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes in divers places, famines, pestilence and the sword. We are kept informed in regard to the kings, queens, popes, czars and assassins. "Verily, the world do move!"

I read with considerable interest the discussion between brethren Minton and Elam. Bro. Elam reminded me of a young horse, in harness, on a frosty morning. He started out, snorting, and prancing from one side of the road to the other, striking rough places, flying back, kicking the single-tree, and jumping against a cold collar. His effort was an explosion of wrath. He undertook to prove that the Tennessce Missionary Society violates some principle or command of the New Testament; but, in the language of Tallman; "He undertook too much, and spattered himself on the wall." His folly is made known unto all men.

"The use of an organ to give the key-note of a song would be an expedient to help the song, and allowable."

The above is from the Gospel Advocate, of July 22nd, 1897. Let it be understood henceforth.
that the Gospel Advocate is not opposed to the use of an organ, to give the key-note of the song; for it declares, for such use, it is "allowable." We should be thankful to the Advocate for allowing this much liberty. But I am constrained to ask: Who says it is "allowable to give the key-note?" Who says it is right to start the tune with an organ and wrong to continue it? The use of an organ has been made a test of fellowship. Those who believe the teaching of the Gospel Advocate are thrown into convulsions at the presence of an organ. One organ can chase a thousand, and two can put ten thousand to flight. Its use is "allowable to give the key-note and help the song."

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, 
The clouds you so much dread, 
Are big with mercy and shall break, 
With blessings on your hand."

The Advocate's position reminds me of the Dutchman's advice, to the man to whom he loaned his horse. He counseled him, that, instead of using a whip, to use a tin can, with a few nails in it; and, when he desired the horse to start, to "sorty rattle the can, and sorty not rattle it;" saying, "if you rattle it too much, he will run like the devil and kick." The Advocate will sorty allow the organ and sorty not allow it. It allows it like the darkey got the squirrel out of his trap, "a little by degrees."

Earlington, Ky.

W. H. Moore.

Florida Notes.

The writer closed at Bronson, August the 30th. Continued only eight days. Closed entirely too soon. The tide of interest was rapidly rising when we closed. The brethren have much prejudice to overcome there. But godly living and gospel preaching will overcome it. The faithful, earnest life of one of the brethren is doing much to disarm the foe.

Before the meeting closed at Bronson, we received two other calls to hold protracted meetings, but could not respond just then, on account of my wife's health. Still, we hope to answer those "Macedonian cries" soon. The demands for evangelistic work are constantly increasing. This department of our work in Florida is growing. The possibilities and opportunities for primitive Christianity in this state are simply wonderful. The brethren are beginning to wake up to the possibilities within their reach too. I am so glad. Hard work, united with firm faith, will accomplish much in this needy field now. It has been moneyless men of toil, with toughened hands and hearts of faith, that have, mainly, brought the work in this state to where it is. And such are the hope of the cause here for many years to come.

Florida is never troubled, long at a time, with professional place-hunting preachers. They soon seek territory elsewhere. This is the wrong state for preachers, who want to wear Sunday clothes every day in the week, and pad from parlor to parlor, talking pretty nothings, and waste their precious time in meaningless courtesies, while so many sin-sick souls are to be healed; and so many broken hearts to be anointed with the oil of gladness. Nothing but theological nonsense would call such a waste of time "pastoral work."

Well, I have read Sister Young's article on the "Endeavor Pledge." I was much pleased with its spirit and tone. It had a silent voice, like ripe strawberries. If everybody who differs with others, would write in the spirit of Sister Young, and that prince of preachers, Bro. Larimore; what a happy world this would be. Speaking of Sister Young's reply, reminds me that one of the brethren here remarked the other day, "Bro. Spiegel skinned you in his reply. He handled you different to Sister Young." Bro. S. may, sure enough, have "skin ed" me. But I must confess, I was not at the "skinning," since, for some reason, I failed to see his article. I will ask Bro. O. P. S., or the senior editor to please send me a copy containing his article.

God knows that if I am wrong on any point, I want, above all things to get right. Wishing the Messenger unbounded success, I close.

Yours in the Work,

W. E. Daugherty.

My Mississippi Visit.

My "summer vacation" has been spent in a two weeks' visit among the brethren in Mississippi. I took in the convention at Amory. The three days spent with the saints there were days of pleasure and much profit in many ways.

Spent one Lord's day with the congregation at West Point, preaching for them twice and delivering one address. Brother Harbin has been secured to serve the W. P. brethren, and will devote his entire time to that important point.

In Columbus I found some of the Lord's most faithful servants. The membership there is small in number, and the work to be done is great. They are pastorless at present.

I found the devout women and a few zealous men at Okolona. This is a very important place for our work, and now is the tide of time in the affairs of the disciples in this city on the plains. Bro. Reynolds is preaching some for them. Now is an opportune time for our people to build a house, and to enlarge their tents. It was a pleasure to meet again the friends of other years, see them face to face, and talk over the joys that we had while I was a citizen of their town, and the instructor of many of their children. I preached for them.

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Evangelistic Department

Steven’s Paragraphs.


The next day after we wrote our last batch of paragraphs we were taken with a violent fever, which at first was diagnosed with some degree of apprehension on account of our recent visit to New Orleans and the Louisiana convention. The fever we had flourished a kind of a Denguish—“yellow Jack”—appearance and acted ugly. But we are just out of bed and hope to begin a meeting at Potts’ Camp on Sept. 22nd.

The only wife I have, or ever did have, has been for a number of years, almost an invalid, but thank heaven, she is getting well and stout. Her friends in Mississippi will be glad to hear this good news.

G A. Reynolds, with J. E. Wells and Miss Eva Crowder as musicians, is now “storming the fort” at Eupora, a place where we have never had a congregation. They are supplemented by the state society.

J L. Smart has moved back to Sherman and bought him a home, and is speaking out in no uncertain sound in favor of the GOSPEL MESSENGER. I have been intimately associated with J. L. Smart for a year and if I am not deceived he is one of our very trust and best men. He loves God and the cause with all of his soul and we wish him the very greatest success.

Ashley S. Johnson will please turn loose two of his best boys in this direction. Two scoundrels who attended his school for a little while cursed a few of our pupils a few times, but we “run them in,” as we always do in short order, down in Mississippi. These few “thorns” do not affect the many roses sent out from that school. So we can use two at this time.

James H. Brooks attended our convention at Amory and has his “search light” pointed in this direction. The only trouble is that it takes a little more to support him, than our churches are able to pay.

W. G. Harbin has changed from Columbus to West Point. We hope that both preacher and church will be pleased and that God will be glorified.

KILBY FERGUSON.

My last letter left me in a meeting at Stewart, on G. P. R. R. 101 miles east of Greenville, Miss. The meeting ended Wednesday night, Sept. 8, ’97, having lasted eleven days, number of sermons was 22, number baptized 18; from Missionary Baptist 8; from Primitive Baptists, 2; from the Methodists 1, who had been immersed, and 7 of our own people living near by. We now have 61 members in the Stewart Christian church. This is where the writer held a meeting last April which resulted in an organization of 24 members. The writer went to the water five times in baptizing the 18. One of the trips the writer baptized a sixty year old man and his youngest child, a bright lovely daughter aged 11 years, The mother, brothers and sisters formed part of the large audience that witnessed the baptism.

Elders and deacons were not elected for the following reason, to wit: “The Holy Spirit by the month of Paul described the qualifications of elders and deacons in I Tim. 3: 1–13, and in 4 verse we read, “One that ruleth his own house, having his children in subjection, with all gravity.” And in speaking of deacons in 12 verse, He, the Spirit by Paul said, “Ruling their children and their houses well.

The inspired word of God as written in I Tim. 3: 11–13 verses teaches me that church members
should not be elected elders or deacons, unless they apply the practical principles of Christian life in their families at home, in every day life. Under Eph. 6: 4: "Ye fathers provoke not your children with wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." This requires the fathers to teach and instruct their children in their duty on and among all lives that are right, including the discharge of every religious duty. The father who has not taught his children how to become Christians, and how to perform the duties of a Christian such as offering thanks at table including leading in family prayer does not "have his children in subjection with all gravity;" and hence should not hold the office of an elder, or that of deacon.

The church member who trains all his household, wife and children, so as to bring them into church membership and to offer thanks at meal time and to lead in family prayer, the husband to night, the wife to-morrow night, the next oldest church member in the household the next, and so on, till all have lead in prayer, is family prayer. And thanks at table each meal should be offered some way. Such men may with propriety be elected to the post of elder or deacon. In my opinion no other kind of members should ever be elected or selected.

Read I Tim. 3: 5: "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" Also read I Tim. 5: 22: "Lay hands suddenly on no man," has reference to official position in the church. I did not find one member of the Christian church at Stewart, under the foregoing construction of Paul's writings prepared, or qualified for the office of Elder or deacon. After discoursing on Christian duties in our daily life, and specially as to offering thanks at table and daily family prayer, I asked that each church member do the office of an elder, or that of deacon, or that of a Sunday school teacher and instructor in his own family. I intend to visit Stewart from time to time for I love her people and our brethren and sisters there. Another reason for my love of Stewart is this, twenty one of her people subscribed for the Gospel Messenger during the meeting. Bro. M. F. Harmon, what congregation in Miss. has sent a larger number of cash subscribers during this year?

Bro. Colston of West Point is to go to Greenville, Indiana, Greenwood and Old Union, and try to average with them for all his time. Let him go to Greenville first and then see the others in detail. If whoever applies for the work at Lamont, Friar's Point, Coahoma and Davis' Chapel, thinks he needs more elbow room let him take in Lula in Coahoma Co. where we own and have a nice house of worship and put a Lord's day there each month. We have no members there. But I am willing to be one of fifteen persons to pay $1.00 each every month during next 12 months to have regular services held there. What say our brethren to my Lula proposition?

We have the house, it is paid for, it is well located. A shrewd, talented young man of good address in course of a year could begin to get a foothold in Lula. Perhaps no minister of ours could go there and succeed without outside aid; I never have placed a Lord's day there; because of lack of financial strength. Any well educated young preacher, properly recommended, and unmarried, can in my opinion take the second group of work and leave Lula out, and get the pay heretofore stated, and one week's boarding and lodging at each place each month, dress well, meet every expense and have at end of year $75. to $100. left.

From Stewart, Miss., I am to go to Plantersville, Ala., and some other points and pass the coming 40 days, and will re-enter the Delta about Oct. 15 and visit Lost Lake, Buckskin Lake, Shotwell, Mattson, Sumner, Shelby and Jones town.

Brethren at Webb and Sumner, please remember the protracted meeting that Elder G. A. Reynolds, one of our able preachers is to hold for you beginning Tuesday night after second Lord's day in October and extend over third Lord's day till Friday after, Gideon Harris should meet him in Charleston on Tuesday A. M. after second Lord's day in October and take Bro. Reynolds' home with him.

Alabama Notes.

On the first Lord's day in September I began a meeting with the church here, preaching day and night. On Thursday I was joined by O. P. Spiegel, whom all delighted in hearing. We continued the meeting until Saturday, the time appointed for our Greene county mass meeting. At this time we were joined by Bros. S. P. Spiegel and David R. Piper. On Saturday morning representations from Union, Mt. Hebron and Eutaw, assembled in an interesting service led by Bros. O. P. and S. P. Spiegel, and David K. Piper. At night we were all delighted
with an earnest, soul stirring sermon from O. P. Spiegel. On Sunday we accepted a generous invitation from the Presbyterian friends to occupy their house of worship as ours was too small to accommodate the crowds we expected. Their neat commodious house, situated in a beautiful grove, made a pleasant place for the days' services. Brother Spiegel's sermon on "the history and development of the disciples of Christ" opened the eyes of many who heard him. After the sermon the congregation partook of a bountiful dinner, served by the ladies in the shady grove. At 2 o'clock we again come together to listen to a sermon on "the character of preaching that makes our pleasure plan sible."

This service closed the meeting and every one irrespective of church relations united in pronouncing it one of the most instructive and enjoyable occasions ever held here. Thus the disciples of Greene county have again evidenced that zeal with which their deeds have ever been characterized. The music of the occasion was furnished by Bro. S. P. Spiegel, Miss Annie Harkness, the accomplished organist for the Presbyterian church, and Miss Lida Hagaman, one of our own young ladies, besides those who united in making this feature a success. The sermons, prayers and songs of all these services serve to increase our faith strengthen our hopes, and fire us with zeal for the Master's cause.

Brethren if you have not had one of these meetings you should hasten to do so, for they are generators of enthusiasm and inspiration for the work, and befit a deeper confidence in each other. To have O. P. Spiegel in your midst is to bring confidence, sunshine and gladness. Surely he exemplifies the song "there is sunshine in my soul."

Bros. Piper and S. P. Spiegel are in a meeting this week at Lewiston, this county. We have no church at this place.

Quite a number of young people among Greene county disciples leave this month for different colleges. From Mt. Hebron, Miss Maudie Wilson goes to Hamilton College and her brother Robert to Kentucky University at Lexington. Miss Bella Parham to Judson Institute, and her brother Perry to M. M. Institute at Marion, Ala. From Clinton Miss Kate Eatman goes to the Alabama Normal College at Lexington, and Misses Lida and Mary Hagaman go to Tuskegee, Ala. From Union Miss Alma Smith goes to Judson Institute at Marion. Who can read such an array of names and deny that we need a good college right in our own state?

Clinton, Ala. HOWARD J. BRAZELTON.

Alabam Field Notes.

O. P. SPIEGEL, BIRMINGHAM.

THE TENT.

It will be gratifying to the disciples to learn that a fine new tent has been bought and the cash paid for it. I ordered it shipped to Citronelle, 32 miles north of Mobile. It is there ready for use, but on account of the yellow fever in Mobile and other southern cities it has been thought best to postpone the meeting for a time. The postponement of the Citronelle meeting gave me an opportunity to worship, last Lord's day, with the

BIRMINGHAM CHURCH.

I talked to the brethren a few minutes. We have not succeeded in securing a successor to Bro. Watson yet. And I fear we shall have much trouble in doing so. This entire church loved him for his nobility of soul, sublimity of character, purity of life and consecration to the Lord's service. The

GREENE COUNTY CONVENTION

Was held at Clinton, September 11, 12. The preachers present were H. J. Brazelton, D. R. Piper, S. P. Spiegel and the writer. The disciples came in great numbers from all over the county. Bro. S. P. Spiegel had charge of the song service, and he did his work well. H. J. Brazelton and D. R. Piper, supported by the disciples of the four Greene Co. churches, have done a most excellent work. We all had a great time together. The hospitality of Clinton, irrespective of church relationship, was simply beautiful. On Lord's day, by the kindness of the Presbyterian church, we used their large and beautiful house of worship, had an all day meeting with "dinner on the ground," and such a dinner! It will not soon be forgotten by its many participants. These fraternal mass-meetings unquestionably do good. At the ever hospitable home of Bro. Willie and Sister Laura Head, I had the pleasure of meeting their distinguished brother,

JUDGE JAS. B. HEAD

Of the Supreme Court of Ala. While the Judge lives in Birmingham I had never met him to my regret, for long ago I learned to admire him for his bold stand upon the side of morals and good citizenship. He is said, by all who know him, to be a judge for above bribery and impartiality. He has been in bad health for some time, but has now almost completely regained his health. A good judge must have at least four qualities: he must be competent, he must be impartial, he must be above bribery, and he must be on the right side of morals always. These I believe Judge Head possesses, and without committing myself to any political party I intend to vote for his re-election, if I vote at all. While all the southern preachers, especially, regret to lose from the south

BROTHER R. LIN CAVE,

We all rejoice that he is to preside over one of the greatest universities in this country. No young man can get as many advantages for the money in any other university in the world. Kentucky University stands second to none among the great seats of learning in this country. And it is a mystery to me why parents, disciples, send their boys and girls to little "two by four" institutions at a higher
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This growth in Foreign Missionary collections teaches us forcibly the growth of organized missionary work, and is a most hopeful sign. Our missionary workers are getting to be legion, and we trust the day is not far distant when the entire church shall have awakened from her dormant condition. Verily we should be the most enthusiastic missionary people in all the world. We teach that the "Gospel is God's power to save the world," and not the operation of the Holy Spirit, abstractly applied. As the gospel does it, the gospel must be sent; if it is sent, men must do it, and we are the men. Unless we are willing to go or send men into the field, we should cease preaching the Savior's commission. Then, too, the work is too great to stop and fuss about the method of going, when the method was not of sufficient importance to be laid down. Those who take up their time in discussing methods do nothing in the way of giving or going. We anxiously await the announcement of the $100,000 received. But let even those who have already, give again, if necessary, in order to have no failure.

Religious Dyspeptics.

There are such people. Have you not seen them? Have you not heard them talk? They edit papers, sometimes. Have you not read their writings? To such there is no sun so bright that its black spots are not visible; no day so clear that it does not augur evil; no brain so strong that foibles do not shroud it; no life so nobly wrought that it is not disgraced; no efforts so unselfish that they are not inspired by sinister motives; no hearts so clean that treachery does not there lurk, and devilish hopes find deep and lasting anchor.

What if such an one were judge in the "Great Day!" Forgiveness would be the one supreme absurdity; justice would be hanged by the throat; love would be consumed in the eternal fires of hate; men and angels would want to be away, and chaos—supreme, awful and infamous—would reign forever. How sick at heart and weary do we grow reading the long, long columns turned out by this dissection machine—columns seething; unchristianizing, damming, as-signing the whole world, his own little circle excepted, to roomy, sulphurous berths in perdition; and that, it may be, upon a technicality, a theory, a mere matter of opinion, of practice or of method. The slightest dissent from his views is a grievous sin, herculean in proportion, unpardonable and unpardonable.

This religious dyspeptic is larger than any body else. To him all others, men, their pulpits will come no poignant thorns, no eloquent names; when from our editors there will come no poignant thorns, no eloquent names; when from our brethren there will come no poignant thorns, no eloquent names; when from our pulpits will come no poignant thorns, no eloquent names. The day will come when from our writers and editors there will come no bitter, abusive, unchristianizing articles calling names; when from our pulpits will come no poignant thorns, no eloquent names; when from our brethren there will come no poignant thorns, no eloquent names.

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Business and Religion.

Many would divorce these; some, because they make money more readily without their religion; others, because their religion is easier without their business. In point of deficiency, one class is as far below par as the other. The man who leaves his business at home when he goes to church is as much of a hypocrite as the one who leaves his religion when he goes to his business. Paul says, "They that preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel." He asks: "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed, and
how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" This places the evangelization of the whole earth on a business basis. There is a financial responsibility resting upon every disciple of the Lord. Who does not feel this responsibility has not been converted. A religion that is all sentiment is the private property of denominated poets. What a pity that the same is sometimes stolen and appropriated by otherwise decent folk!

Church members who do not feel duty-bound to meet a willingly incurred liability which relates to religious matters—as a promise to pay the minister, to liquidate a church debt, etc.—are religious dead-heads, a menace to the church and a source of no little trouble and inconvenience to other people. A church in which this class prevails is a dangerous place for a young preacher. If he be not very shrewd and have other support, it will likely overwhelm him in debt and disgrace. It is, perhaps, to invite criticism from certain sources, but I counsel young preachers, if they cannot correct the evil, to steer clear of all such churches. A preacher must go where he can find food and clothing, at least, without debt. If such a field cannot be found, he had better hastily decide that there is one preacher too many. But there is not a worthy preacher on the earth, and never will be, who cannot find a field that will afford a support. Therefore, no young preacher need grow discouraged, and no one need stay at any place and starve. While young preachers should trust the Lord, they had better use what sense and foresight the Lord has given them, stay out of debt, and, in the meantime, teach the brethren their supreme obligation to support the ministry.

The Sweeney Family.

Probably no man in the United States is more clearly identified with the ministry than Elder Guerlon Emerson Sweeney, of Paris, Ky. He is now in his ninety-first year and has spent seventy years in the ministry, laboring for the cause of the Master. Besides his individual work he has given four sons to the ministry of the Christian church, and has a grandson who will follow their teachings and become a preacher. Elder Sweeney, who now lives in Paris with his son, Elder John S. Sweeney, is now one of the foremost ministers of the Christian church and has participated in debates from Canada to Texas. For the past twenty-six years Elder J. S. Sweeney has been pastor of the Christian church at Paris, Ky. He was educated for a lawyer, studying at Springfield, Ill., and was a warm friend of Abraham Lincoln. After practicing law three years Elder Sweeney entered the ministry, accepting a church in Chicago. Potter Palmer, whom he baptized and married, was one of his leading members. Elder J. S. Sweeney twice declined a Republican nomination for Congress in Illinois, and was solicited to become a candidate for Congress three years ago in the Ashland (Ky.) District against W. C. Owens, who had just defeated Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge for the Democratic nomination. Elder Sweeney has six children, and his second son, William, is now studying for the ministry.

To Our Evangelists.

A change in the date of mailing the Messenger, will necessitate the earlier reception of our evangelistic matter than heretofore. From this on we must have the State Evangelist's reports in hand not later than Wednesday evening, so as to insure their publication in the week following. We now lock up our first form on Saturday evening, and the last one Wednesday at noon. The evangelist's reports, the Endeavor, first page, and editorial matter all come in together. The Original Contributions, Church Reports, and last two pages of evangelistic come in second run. We make these statements in order that our scribes may prepare their matter accordingly.

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ALABAMA.

THORO HILL: I write a few lines for your many readers. I find some good people here. Have been preaching a good deal, and have met with success. Have made some good friends. Some talk against me. Some say I am on the plan of progress; some say I am fogy; others say I am sectarian. But I intend to preach the word as nearly as I can. As to progress, I confess I believe a preacher should be educated, and intend to educate myself. I am among the advocates of missions, believing the Bible teaches us to do mission work. Am I right? [Yes, my brother, yes.]

J. O. FOUNTAIN.

ATLANTA: I am at home again. Returned from Jefferson Co. on 14th after running the gauntlet of three quarantined officers on the same train and in the same car from Birmingham to Athens, a distance of 100 miles. A little official authority shows so plainly what is in a man, or what the material of his composition is. One came on board at Birmingham and had every passenger to swear that he or she had not been on the Mississippi coast, or in New Orleans within the last ten days. What the conductors and porters of the sleepers said all went for nothing. They had to see and swear every sleeping car passenger, and fill out a blank with his or her sworn statement that they had been in no yellow fever district within the past ten days.

Then at Culman another officer for the protection of Decatur came on board and went through the same with all passengers bound for Decatur or to change cars at Decatur. And then at Decatur another officer for the protection of Palaski came on board, and went through the same routine, the sleeping car passengers were awakened and sworn.

I have been preaching for two weeks at Bessemer, Brighton and Coalburg. These places need work very much. A meeting from two weeks to a month at each one of them would do great good. A preacher who can give six weeks or two months of his time in this field, without compensation, would put the cause of the Master on its feet and make it self-sustaining. I am not able to do it. There have been six baptized on a confession of their faith in Jesus the Christ—five at Bessemer and one at Coalburg. I was spoken to hold meetings at Phoenix City, Opelika, and West Point, Ga., in October and November. But Brother Dale informs me that Phoenix City has concluded that they are not able to support a meeting, and I have concluded that I am not going to hear from the other places. So I am ready to make engagements with any other places that need my services.

O. C. HENRY.

GEORGIA.

STATE LINE: Brothers W. H. Bird and A. P. Finley began a great meeting for us the fifth Lord's day in August, which continued six days with 15 additions, and still more are to follow. Here is where O. P. Spiegel held such a glorious meeting in July; and the good he accomplished, eternally alone can tell. These brethren are all faithful workmen.

O. A. MOORE.

GRIFFIN: The work continues to move on successfully at Griffin; the brethren keep up the regular services while I am out holding meetings. Two weeks ago I closed one of my best meetings of the season. It was held at the Old County Line Church, fifteen miles from Griffin. It lasted six days with 13 additions. Last week I had the pleasure of spending a few days with Brother E. L. Adams in a meeting in Talapoosa. Brother Adams attracted considerable attention as a speaker while there. Several new members were added to the church during the meeting. We are hoping to keep Brother Adams in Georgia. Calls have been extended to him from different places in the state.

I am now in a meeting at Austell—a town 18 miles from Atlanta. I go from here to hold a meeting for a "Congregational Methodist" Church, about twenty miles south of Griffin. The stewards (who are personal friends of mine) asked me to hold them a meeting, and I agreed to do so with the mutual understanding that I conduct the meeting just as I would in one of our own churches. Prof. Broek of Williamson, who has led the singing for me in three meetings, will conduct the song service for us. I hope to give you a fuller report next time.

D. A. BRINDELL.

MISSISSIPPI.

PALO ALTO: My work at this place is still in good condition; also the work at Griffith, our mission point. Brother R. D. Shultz began a meeting at Montpelier, Miss., 8 miles west of here, on the night of Aug. 31, and closed on the night of Sept. 8, with 20 additions. This was a glorious meeting. Brother Shultz is one of our best young preachers, and a bright future is before him. May God bless his work in Mississippi is my earnest prayer.

J. N. TALLEY.

COLUMBUS: Brother W. Grady Harbin, who has been pastor of the church here for the past year, preached his farewell sermon Aug. 29. He goes from here to take charge of the church at West Point. We were sorry to let him go, and cannot refrain from congratulating West Point. We do not intend to be long without a preacher, and are now corresponding with a young man who desires to locate in Mississippi. Miss Mand Jac, our organist, who h a s been in the country for several weeks has returned home, and we are sure of good music once again. Brother Ira M. Bowsl, son of our senior elder, is expected to visit his parents this month, and we hope to have the pleasure of again hearing him preach. Brother Ira has been in Kentucky holding meetings for two months, and has done much good. In that time he preached 76 sermons and 102 were added to the three churches for which he held meetings.

SOUTH KENTUCKY.

PRINCETON: Brother H. D. Smith, of Hopkinsville, is with me for a few days meeting. Some excellent preaching is being done. On Sept. 28 we have arranged to have a meeting of the churches of this, Caldwell county, at Taylor's Springs. The program is to have H. D. Smith deliver the principal address. On the program will be J. C. Gaies and E. M. Johnson, of Princeton; C. W. Rucker, of Cross Roads; J. B. Davis, of Lewis town, and others—possibly Brothers Gant and McCarroll. We are making a great effort to have all members of the Christian Church in the county present, and to make it a fellowship meeting, and a helpful one to every disciple of Christ.

W. S. PAYNS.

BOWLING GREEN: Our Warren Co. Rally has come and gone. We met in the first Christian Church on the morning of Sept. 15. Brother M. E. Webb, of Trenton, was elected Chair-
man of the meeting, and did his part well. The following brethren made speeches during the two days: M. E. Webb, subject, "Business in Religion." J. W. Gann, "The Field." M. F. Harmon, "The Y. P. S. C. E.; What is it, and What Advantage is it to the Church?" R. L. Clark, "Benefits of Co-operation." J. D. Cochran, "Our Ability and our Responsibility! Several of our congregations...

Good seeds were sown that will help us much in the future. We now have a permanent organization in Warren county, and you may expect to hear from us again. J. Cochran, Chairman; Alex Lawton, Clerk, and a Committee on Time and Place. We must have another Rally before Christmas and two of them in 1888. Many thanks to the brethren who attended our Rally. You helped with your speeches and good counsel Come again, brethren. Our motto is: "Warren County for Christ." Yours for the truth, D. J. Cochran.

WELCOME TO THE SOUTH KY. CONVENTION.—My Dear Brethren: Paducah is preparing to receive you in convention. We extend you a cordial welcome in advance, and hope for a large attendance of missionary, Sunday School, and C. W. B. M. workers. Let every one expecting to attend this convention send their names to me not later than Oct. 1. Hoping for and looking toward to a good, if not the best convention we have ever had. I am truly yours,

W. H. PINKERTON.

SOUTH KY. CONVENTION: The annual gathering of the South Ky. Association is only a few days off, and yet there remains much to be done. We don't want to enter upon next year's campaign with a debt hanging over us. Brethren and sisters, please send in your pledges at once, so we can settle up in full at the convention.

For the past two or three years this Association has kept our colored brother, S. R. Cutrer, in this field, preaching regularly at Paducah, Hamlin, and Roaring Springs, and much good has been accomplished through his efforts. There ought to be congregations at Madisonville, Hopkinsville and Mayfield, and the Association would be glad to keep two or three other good colored men in the field, if the money could be raised for it.

Don't fail to send your name to J. E. Bondurant or W. H. Pinkerton at Paducah, if you expect to attend the convention. This is important, and should be attended to at once.

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ROCKWOOD: The Messenger is improving. Enclosed is a list of fifteen new subscribers. Preached at Post Oak Springs Friday night on Missions. The church there is making an effort to raise $50 for State Missions. The church at Rockwood is asked for $100 for the State work, and we believe it will be given. Two additions since last report—one at Cardiff and one by letter at Rockwood.

W. J. SHELBURNE:

WEEKLEY: Closed a splendid meeting with the Rural Hill Congregation last night. Brother J. H. Morton, of Berlin, Tenn., began the meeting and continued 9 days, when he had to leave. There were 13 additions—5 before and 8 after Brother Morton left. One confession who was not baptized, making 14 in all. This is the largest ingathering this congregation has had in 15 years. Praise the Lord.

R. F. CARTER.

OSTELLA: Two years ago Brother J. L. Haddock held a two-week's tent meeting at this place, and at that time there were only a few members here. Much good was accomplished. Last year he returned and held us another two-weeks' meeting, and 16 were added, at the close of which subscription was taken for the purpose of building a house of worship. Through liberal aid of some of our neighboring brethren, we have a fifteen hundred dollar house completed. Brother Haddock preached the dedicatory sermon the second Lord's day in September, and almost money enough was raised to free the house from debt. He is now conducting a series of meetings here.

JESSIE BILLINGSLEY.

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Sept. 28. A fatal will. Ex. 10: 1-5.


To say "thy will be done," in all sincerity, needs the deepest love and the loveliest faith. Most of us can say it when sorrow has brought the soul face to face with God; when we feel our need, and bow utterly helpless we are without him; then we feel, even through the pain, that he does know best, and that his love is boundless.

But it is not enough to be submissive only when sorrow makes us so, if at other times we set up our own will as the standard of action. Paul gives the better way; "whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men." Let every day be an offering to God; then can be little danger of going against his will. After all, it is to God that the final account must be given: It is strange that any man can go through life without considering first what God wants him to do. To make our will conform to God's is the happiest way, for then shall we be in harmony with him: that is the first promise in our pledge; "it will strive to do whatever he would like to have me do." The Bible does not give exact directions for every act, but it does give broad principles so plainly that no one who honestly tries to follow need fail for lack of knowledge.

Every prayer meeting will be more helpful if it is prepared for in advance. There are few who can speak well on any subject without giving it previous thought: while the majority must study carefully before they can put into words what they have gotten from the topic. It would be a wonderful aid to these young workers if the prayer-meeting committee would give out before hand some points for the next meeting. On the present topic, the committee might give to different members suggestions, or questions, as to the lives of Moses, and Joshua, and David, and how they did God's will. Another good point is in tracing the Jews' history; so long as they kept God's commandments, they prospered; but punishment invariably followed disobedience or neglect. Again, it is God's will that every knee shall bow to Jesus, that every tongue shall confess him: there is a bit of a missionary lesson here, for the heathen nations can never know of Jesus till we have done our duty in sending the Bible to them; and finally, God wants all men to do his will, not through fear of punishment, but because they love him, and wish to please him.

"Every intermediate and junior Endeanor Society and Mission Circle should assist our missionary work by making at least one offering before Sept. 30th, the close of the missionary year. Many of these organizations are doing nobly, and have sent frequent contributions during the year. But we greatly desire that all shall have part in this good work. If we can secure the active cooperation now of the boys and girls who are in these organizations, in the future our missionary enterprise will be generously supported. The correct training of the young people is a work second to none in importance. Their training in missionary activity has been introduced to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions by the common consent of our various missionary organizations. We need the hearty cooperation of all the superintendents in this work. That as many as possible of the organizations shall be brought into co-operation with our work this year, at the National Convention we will award a banner to the state which has the greatest number of societies, bands and circles, which contribute to our work this year for the first time. We have also instituted a roll of honor on which will be inscribed the name of every contributing organization, together with the whole amount of its contribution. The need that boys and girls should be taught to do missionary work is only excelled by the crying need of the fields where this work should be done. This is from a circular letter sent to Junior Superintendents by Miss Mattie Pounds, our National Supt. of Junior Christian Endeavor. Every Y. P. S. O. E. ought to be actively interested in the children's work: and if there is no such organization, they should be organized by all means to do work and form either a Junior society, or a mission band. The above extract deserves careful thought; and we hope that the older Endeavorers will bring it to the attention of the Junior Superintendents, in case any should not have received such a letter. Get the children to work.

Forefathers' Day.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of our church are making special preparations to observe Forefathers' Day. A special issue of "The American Home Missionary" has been prepared for this day, and copies can be had by writing Benj. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, O.

We commend to all our Endeavor Societies the plan recommended by the National Convention at Springfield for the observance of this day. It will remind them of the beginnings of our movement, and teach them the real principles that underlie our ideals for Christian Union.

We hope every society will observe Forefathers' Day, and suggest to our ministers that they cultivate its observance among the young people. The day fixed is the 10th of October.

PROGRAM.

I. Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."


III. Prayer.

Short Addresses.

(a) Meaning of Forefathers' Day.

(b) Sacrifices of the fathers.

(c) Prayer. That we may have the spirit of sacrifice.

(d) How our movement began.

Hymn—Triumphant Zion.

(e) Our present numbers and influence.

(f) There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.

Hymn—My Country 'tis of Thee.

(g) Offering for Home Missions.

Closing Hymn. Benediction.

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What inheritance was given the Levites?
Give the laws of murder.
Could satisfaction be taken for the life of murderer? Why?
Why were the daughters to marry in their own tribes?
What did the daughters of Zelophehad do?
Where were these commandments given?
(Continued from page 3.)
I dropped off at Tupelo, and saw some of the saints, and was glad to find that the prospect for building up a Christian church is favorable at this time. Bro. Smart lives at Tupelo, and preaches some for them, I understand from him.
At Corinth I found a good congregation, preached three sermons, and much from house to house. An effort is on foot to raise sufficient funds to employ a preacher. From this city the light of the gospel should shine out into all the regions round about. The brethren received me cordially at all these places, and heard the word with gladness where I preached. I should be greatly pleased to make mention of certain ones from whom I received special attention, both at the convention and the other places mentioned. However this may not be necessary. I lived in the state about eight years, and while on this visit, I felt very much at home both with the men acquaintances and the friends of old standing. One need not be a stranger long in his association with Mississippians. I feel this “summering” has refreshened me much more than “dwelling by the sea-shore,” or “whiling away the time” at some insipid “watering-place.” To all I say, “God be with you till we meet again!”
Hickman, Ky.
James H. Brooks.

The yellow fever scare in the South has put a stop to much travel and commerce in that section. It is hoped business will soon revive.
I will relate one more incident that took place at Jackson's Grove. I held a protracted meeting I think in 1891, and we had up quite an interest. Many joined the church—I think somewhere twenty or twenty-five. And one of that number was a young man—married to something they called a man. He looked like a man, had eyes like a man, walked like a man; but he failed to act like a man. That man's name, if he was a man, was Criswell. She was to be baptized next day; he informed her that he was opposed to her joining the Christian Church, and forbade her to be baptized. But she told him that she was going to be baptized, as it was her duty, and resigned with him; but he would not hear to any reasoning of her.

Finally he told her that if she was baptized he would not live with her any longer. But she felt that it was her uncompromising duty, and that he was something that he could not do for her.

But for the want of better sense he did quit her, and had not lived with her the last account I had of them.

Now if any of our preachers can beat that in twenty years preaching they can beat me. We know the Book says: "What God hath joined, let no man put asunder." But I know there are new things in twenty years. This order was published for four weeks in succession in the Gospel Messenger, a newspaper published in Nashville.

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