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Gospel Messenger.

Devoted to the Cause of Christ in all the South and throughout the World.

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Movements of the World.

J. W. LIGON, TRENTON, KY.

It seems that the Governor of Spain is not well satisfied with the progress of the Spanish cause in Cuba. In fact, Spain is becoming very much dissatisfied with the work of General Weyler. About a year ago, General Martinez Campos, who had charge of the Spanish forces in the Island, was recalled by his government, and Weyler, a man noted for his inhumanity to man, and his almost total disregard of all the established laws of war among civilized nations, was placed in command. Even his semi-savage brutality has not been sufficient to crush the insurrection or subdue the patriotic spirit of the Cubans. The war appears to be no nearer its end now than when Weyler took the direction of affairs, and it is highly probable that he will suffer the same humiliation that befell his predecessor, and be recalled in disgrace to his disgraced country. The spirit of liberty is still alive in Cuba, and the next Spanish general to be sent over will not be likely to meet with any better success. People who are goaded to desperation by oppressive tyranny are hard to overcome. If war is ever justifiable, surely Cuba has a strong case against Spain, and her sword is stained with blood in a righteous cause.

Governor F. M. Drake, of Iowa, recently pleased the devil, outraged public sentiment, disregarded the wish of the good people of his own state, and disgraced the church of Christ by signing a bill legalizing breweries and distilleries. This act upon the part of one who has hitherto held a prominent place in the church, and taken a great interest in her public enterprises, has already received the condemnation of the entire brotherhood, if we are to take what we have seen in print as an exponent of the way in which the church views it. The Christian Standard has come out in a bold editorial denouncing the act of the Governor as "a crime against civilization." We tender our sincere

thanks to the Standard, and may its fearless and godly editor deal many more such blows to those who justly deserve them. The next issue of the Standard contained a large number of letters from prominent brethren from all over the country endorsing the bold stand taken by the editor. Of course, what has been said, written and read about this affair, in our religious journals, has been based upon what has been said in the secular papers, and it is barely possible that there is some legal technicality behind the governor's action that prompted him to do as he did. Still, we cannot see how any political or legal complication, of whatever kind, could arise that would cause a man who is reformed to love righteousness and hate iniquity to give his official signature to such a bill. If there is any explanation to be made by General Drake, exhonoring himself from all blame in this matter, the brethren will gladly hear it. We do not wish to condemn the guiltless; and when we are convinced that we have done that, we will modify our statements to suit the case. But if the explanation does not soon appear, "What I have written, I have written."

It seems that the South is not the only section where mobs sometimes take the law into their own hands. About two years ago Governor Brown, of Kentucky, issued a requisition upon the authorities in Ohio, to return a criminal to this state to be dealt with according to law. The requisition was refused on the ground that the prisoner would not be safe in Kentucky. Wonder what the good people of our neighboring state think now. The boldest mob that we ever heard of raided the jail in Urbana, O., on the morning of June 4, and hanged a Negro to a tree in the jailyard. The criminal had been tried and sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years. The militia became excited and fired into the crowd, killing two men and wounding six others. The sheriff fled to Dayton, and hid himself to escape the fury of the citizens. The whole affair is a disgrace, and all law-abid-

ing people everywhere condemn it. The fair name of the great state of Ohio has suffered because of this action of an excited multitude. After the criminal had been tried and condemned, there was no excuse for hanging him by mob. This case would indicate that such criminals were no safer there than here.

A few weeks ago we mentioned the trouble in the Hawaii Islands caused by the influx of Japanese emigrants. Some thought then that Japan had begun to try to add the islands to her own domain. The uneasiness is greater now, and a Japanese man-of-war is enroute to Honolulu. Another warship will start from Yokohama for Honolulu at an early date. A Japanese cruiser is now lying at Honolulu. The wife of the Japanese Minister sailed for Japan, June 5, and it is believed that the Minister will soon follow her. His departure is expected to sever the existing diplomatic relations between the two countries. Greater trouble may follow.

In a private letter from Brother A. M. Growden, that busy worker informs us that he will soon vacate the pulpit at Clarksville, Tenn. He will either evangelize or take local work after he severs his connection with his present work. Since he located in Clarksville, the church has more than doubled its membership. He is an untiring worker in the Lord's cause, and we should regret to see him leave Tennessee. He preached for the writer in two protracted meetings last summer, and we never enjoyed a man's companionship better. Faithful to the gospel and earnest in his work, he presses the claims of Christ upon his hearers. Any church needing his services should lose no time in addressing him at Clarksville, Tenn."

On June 10, our Sunday school at Energesia held its regular annual picnic. The writer and his family attended and greatly enjoyed the day. About three hundred persons were present, and all had a good time. An excellent dinner and refreshing music contributed to the day's enjoyment.

Correspondence = =

Alabama Field Notes.

O. P. SPIEGEL, BIRMINGHAM.

For ten days I have been among South-west Alabama disciples. Two days, including a Lord's day, I spent at

CITRONELLE

Thirty-three miles north of Mobile. I preached in the Baptist church, but on account of their protracted meeting I did not stay longer. My next visit was eleven miles further north at

DEER PARK.

The *Deer Park Voice* has the following to say of our visit: "Elder O. P. Spiegel, of Birmingham, State Evangelist of the Christian church, preached at the M. E. Church Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week. Both discourses were listened to with profound attention and many compliments were quietly dropped by those who heard him. The elder is a native of Alabama but received his education in Kentucky. He is thinking of returning sometime during the season to hold a tent meeting. He will be warmly welcomed by all who heard him at his first visit."

I then went over to

FAIRHOPE

On the east side of the Bay, opposite Mobile. I preached there two nights. This is a colony composed mostly of northern people, and worthy of disciples. The colony practices the "Single Tax" system. We have some 35 members in our organization there, among the member, our dear Sister Gaston, now 76 years old, and full of the spirit of missions. It is a great pleasure to talk with her on the work. Many other excellent disciples are in that church. In fact I did not find the "black sheep" in that flock, and I concluded that they had none. Citronelle and Deer Park have no organizations, but some very excellent disciples. I have been in

MOBILE

Preaching, since last Saturday, to good audiences. We have here an organization of ten members. Already I have found some 25 disciples who do not, for some reason, stand identified with this band. They were set in order by W. H. Mevers in Nov., '94 and though they have had practically no one to preach for them since they have met every Lord's day to break bread, and are faithful to what they believe to be right. I am studying the field for future work. How we do need our tent for these four places. In fact I have promised to hold them each a tent meeting this fall for I believe my brethren will buy a tent for us. We lack only \$75.00. Who will pledge a part of this amount? Do so at once.

Bro. J. A. Branch writes us that "Dr. A. C. Henry has been with us, and he is one of the grandest preachers I ever listened to. He cannot be over estimated." And the *Opelika Industrial News* has the following to say of the same visit:

SHADY GROVE.

Rev. Dr. Henry, the Christian evangelist and great pulpit orator of North Alabama and one of latest divines in this sunny land of ours, filled Dr. Haynes' pulpit at this place on last Saturday and Sunday and preached to an attentive crowded audience. Dr. Henry is pronounced by all as a logician of a very high type and his sermons are as edifying as they are grand. While no additions were made to the church, yet his work has proven a great revival to the membership, with that warmth and good feeling that was so audibly manifested here on Sunday is a bright indication of the outpouring of God's blessings that will surely crown the work and prayers of these noble christian people.

This church has doubtless the largest membership of any Christian church in all this section and the bulk of her members are residents of Beat 13.

Write Dr. A. C. Henry, Athens, Ala. to come and hold you a meeting.

I am now in Mobile, preaching to the destitute. So many have urged me to come here. They wanted to help Mobile. We are now ready for your help, and we surely need it. For three weeks we have received \$3.00, all told. Shall the work go down, brethren?

Send all offerings to me at Birmingham.

THE TENT.

Our dear Sister Wyatt of Mississippi says: "Uncle John Andrews handed me five dollars yesterday and told me to send it to you for the tent fund. We are much interested in the work and pray that the Lord may bless your efforts to build up the cause of Christ in Alabama. I know you have much to contend with." Thank you, Sister Wyatt. Thank you Bro. Andrews. The Lord bless the gift, the giver, and the sender.

We now have \$76.50 promised, or about one half the amount needed. Heretofore, Birmingham, Selma, and the four Greene county churches have given the great bulk of the contributions to every good work. But on the tent fund, two disciples in Birmingham have pledged \$2.00. Eight Selma disciples pledged \$8.00 Five Greene Co. disciples pledged \$7.50. One of them pledged \$5.00 of this amount. So that only \$17.50 have been pledged by Birmingham, Selma and Greene Co. Strange to say, nearly all the money has come from destitute places. This is a sign of interest on their part, but will not the brethren at our stronger churches help the weak? A good tent ought to be used at least eight months every year.

Do you say you are not able? Surely you are able to give one dollar, one dime, or one nickle.

We need the tent now. Winter will soon be here. Tell me how much you will give when a sufficient amount has been pledged. Tell me quick.

Wake up, brethren; the summer is here, the harvest will soon be past, and we may not be saved. This is the last solicitation.

OUR BOYS.

E. R. Clarkson, one of Alabama's boys, at home now on his vacation, has chosen J. L. Keevil of Brooklin to sing for him, and they are now engaged at River View, Ala. in a meeting. They intend to spend the summer in the state evangelizing. East Ala. is rather destitute of able disciples to help them. They need your help. Ask them to hold you a meeting and then pay them for it, and thus help them return to school. Address them at Sandy Creek, care J. A. Branch.

Three of our other boys are also home, but I have not heard if they intend to preach this summer. They are D. P. Taylor, Roanoke, J. R. Jolly, 2490-6 Ave., Birmingham, and R. O. Spiegel, Falkville. You might write them.

The work is moving, and by the help of the Lord must move.

MISSISSIPPI.

JOHN A. STEVENS.

We trust that the MESSENGER family will re-read what we said last week about the Jackson church. You will remember that the writer proposed to be one of fifty men to come forward and pay off the \$1000.00 indebtedness, that is so materially retarding the growth and prosperity of Jackson congregation. The MESSENGER containing the article had not been in Mississippi but the fewest days till ten of the fifty men had been found. Remember brethren that it will only cost you \$20.00, and you don't have to pay that until fifty men have been found who will pay that amount. If you can possibly spare the money, drop a postal card to Bro. W. A. Neal, pastor at Jackson, stating that you will be one of the fifty men. The debt is but one thousand dollars, and it does seem to the writer that there are forty men and women in Mississippi, or else where, who will chime it with the other ten, who have accepted this proposition, and declare the Jackson church free that it may go on up to victory. Don't hesitate, but send your name at once.

In our articles last week concerning the prosperity at Jackson, we pulled the trigger before we got the hammer back. Both branches of the state legislature have voted for a seven hundred and fifty thousand dollar capitol, and we did not dream of the governor getting on his ear about some side issue, and vetoing the whole business.

Fortunately, however, this aspiring governor has squirted a hyperdemic of political death into

himself, and after four years, will be relegated to the low lands of innocuous desuetude. And while the capitol will not be built just now, it is bound to come shortly, and will no doubt be a million dollar capitol."

We recently held a short meeting for Bro. Lewis D. Riddell, Springfield, Tenn. We had but four additions. If you wish to know why we did not have more than four accessions, I will answer, just because we couldn't.

Brethren spoke to us for another meeting, which is an evidence of what they thought of this one. Bro. Riddell, as a pastor, is to the *manor born*. I never knew a more popular man in the eyes of his people. He is young, kind-hearted, scholarly and strong, and his people know it. His wife is one of those neat housekeepers, steady church goers and all round helpers. My home was with Bro. Riddell while at Springfield, and I was indelibly impressed with the spiritual regularity and Christ like sturdiness, with which this new made household is conducted. I shall never forget to appreciate what I saw and heard and felt at Springfield. Circumstances were much in favor of a big meeting, from some angles of vision, but against it from others. To say the least, I didn't have but four additions, and couldn't help it. Don't know if I could do better next time or not. The last four weeks I have been in the "valley" as far as meetings are concerned—only having about eighteen additions in that time. But we must have some valleys or we would never have any "mountains."

We are now in Port Gibson with the tent meeting just started. This church has been a victim of the "boys" from the "Nashville Bible School," which, of course, means a church torn in to shreds before we came here. It is hoped, however that we will be able to repair damages done by their destructive work.

Tupelo is to have a meeting this year and it is to be hoped a church will be established, as J. L. Smart has moved his family to that point.

Baldwyn is building a new baptistery which means that the church will at once "spring a boom." The good Lord deliver us from the notion that a church can do as well without one. We learn that Ackerman will also build one without delay, as they are now out of debt and can do so. Fifty dollars will cover the expense of a simple and yet practical baptistery, and no church with as many as thirty members should hesitate to expend this amount for this wonderful contrivance, which has become a great factor in the success of our churches. I believe that fifty additions could have been had at Springfield, Tenn. but for the fact, that no baptistery had been built.

We have said nothing of late about finances, to amount to anything, and it is because our people have been so thoughtful of the needs of our work,

that "money paragraphs" were not necessary. But the shortage in the last month, in the way of incomes with the expense of the tent added, makes it necessary for me to call the attention, especially those who have not pledged to this work, to our present needs. As a matter of course, all those who have made pledges will pay them. There is a great number among us in Mississippi who have neither paid anything, nor pledged anything to the support of this work; and it is to this class that we especially appeal. For the life of me, I cannot see how a man who has money, can send up a prayer to God, when he knows there are tens of thousands in his own state who have never heard the gospel in its simplicity. Send your contribution to John A. Stevens, Jackson, Miss., or Miss M. Hallie Cozine, Meridian Miss.

Mississippi Delta News.

KILBY FERGUSON.

On Saturday before the fifth Lord's in May your correspondent reached Shelby, Bolivar Co., on the Y. & M. V. R. R. Preached on said last day at 11 A. M. and at night. Here reside A. M. Wooten and John and Wm. Murrell, members of the Christian church. They are Christians by practice, and I feel at home at their homes. The two Murrells and their wives made the good confession last year.

The first Lord's day in June was passed with our brethren at Shotwell Christian church James N. Stiffis elder, P. O. Dublin, Quitman Co. The services were held in their new church building. The building when finished will be very neat, is a frame the lumber was sawed out of cypress logs, quality the best.

Attendance fair, and the interest manifested indicates that many precious souls will be added to the church this season. This is one of my new points where I began work last August. Brother Stevens Miller being then the only member. I had previously baptized him at Davis Chapel. They have Sunday-school each Lord's day.

I reached Jonestown, Coahoma Co., Monday after first Lord's day and preached to a good audience same night in M. E. Church, and had the pleasure of having two ministers present, to wit, the regular pastor of the M. E. Church, of Jonestown, and J. W. Harris of Rich, Miss. of Christian church.

Since my last visit to Jonestown (on Monday and Tuesday after first Lord's day in March) owing to the high waters, breaking of the Mississippi levees, and other causes, Sister C. L. Jones, Capt. J. R. Hill and family and his son-in-law and family have all moved to Dallas, Texas, leaving me only three members, to wit, Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, Mrs. Dr. Harris and Sister Green. All are devoted Christians. Think of it only the flock left in

Jonestown. I did not preach in Jonestown on Tuesday night because of

THE BLOODY TRAGEDY

which occurred about noon time on the public street in front of the Mayor's office, resulting in the death of G. B. Moseley at the hands of Mr. Wise, the Mayor of the town. Both were well-known citizens, none any more prominent. Both were my friends. As I know of my own knowledge the causes leading to Moseley's death, I forbear any remarks on that line.

I am now at Friar's Point, preached last night, and am to preach to-night. Our State Evangelist, John A. Stevens began the work here in March, 1895. I find that the high waters have partially paralyzed the spirituality of the churches generally in the Delta. I left the Delta in good health in March and returned in very poor health May 27, 1897. I am slowly improving, and am filling all my appointments. Let all correspondents address me at Clarksdale, Coahoma Co., Miss., not that my field of labor is changed; but it is more central, and handier.

P. S. I think arrangements are about made under which Elder J. W. Harris of Rich, Miss. will take the work at Coahoma and Davis' Chapel. Bro. H. is a scholar, a minister whose private life is without a blot.

Tennessee Notes.

A. I. MYHR.

The past week we spent attending the commencement at Henderson. The contract for a new college was let. It will cost when completed about \$12,000. Prof. Freed feels very hopeful for the future. W. H. Sheffer preached the commencement sermon—subject: "A storm scene in Galilee." It was an effort worthy of the occasion and the man. We believe the college is on a better basis than ever before. The Board of Trustees is harmonious and united in the effort to make the college worthy as an educational institution and an honor to the new name which it shall wear "Georgie Robertson Christian College." The school will open Oct. 12, when the new building will be complete, heated and furnished. The graduating class was large and enthusiastic. The speeches were creditable. Some especially worthy.

Prof. G. A. Lewellen, ex-Pres. of the college was present. He was warmly welcomed on this field of his past labors, by his many friends. To make the college curriculum such as to demand his services there was a wish expressed by his friends. We hope the time may come when he can return to the college and do the work for which he is now so eminently prepared. We need his services in Tennessee. There is probably no man in the South, of his age, better prepared for the highest college

work than Geo. A. Lewellen now President of Belvue College.

Dr. R. G. Glover, Coopertown, Tennessee, a member of the Christian church in making his will directed that his property should be converted into U. S. Bonds—two-thirds of the interest there from to be used in preaching the gospel in Coopertown and destitute places in Tennessee but at no place where instrumental music is used in the worship, and the elders of the church at Coopertown and their successors in office were appointed executors to carry out the will, and they are directed to aid no preacher in any way who will preach for churches that use an organ. Here is a State Board appointed by one man. The creed of the preacher assisted is determined and the creed of the church assisted by the preacher determined. But the facts speak for themselves. What a glorious heritage is the freedom of the gospel? That, in the church of Christ, which has made it powerful in the past—almost irresistible—and has commended its plea to thoughtful men, is its freedom in the truth. If the church shall continue to enlist the thoughtful minds of the age, she must preserve this freedom. Well did Alexander Campbell say to one of his students—that he feared, after he was gone, little narrow men would make false tests of fellowship such as men's belief in organs in worship and methods of missionary work. His prediction has been sadly realized among us. The Lord will over-rule such follies of man and direct the church to his own glory.

This season for great meetings is upon us. We expect to do the best work of the year during the three months which yet remain of the missionary year. We ask the prayers and help of all interested in the work.

Why the Church?

God indulges in no superfluities. If the world could be saved as well without the church of God as with it, I dare say that Jesus would never have declared "on this rock I will build my church," nor would the transactions of Pentecost have occurred. It must be that the church has some well defined function in the economy of grace. Furthermore, as all the plans of God are characterized by the perfection of order, it follows that the purpose for which it was constituted in the beginning by the Holy Spirit is the same that underlies its existence today, and furnishes a reason for its continuation tomorrow.

The church does not exist *per se*, but as an agent of the word and the will of God. Paul declares that the church is the "Pillar and support of the truth." The steam engine applies and renders the steam effectual. The scythe utilizes the power

locked up in the human body. The sower scatters abroad the seed. So the church is engine, scythe and sower to the gospel of the truth. Philipps Brooks says, wisely, that it is the union of truth and personality that saves men from sin and renders the world better. The truth is our message from heaven—"my word is truth"—the personality is the church of God. The relation is close and vital. It is obvious that if the agent fails to execute the will of the principal the loss will be irremediable. The commission that is given to the agent, the church, is "Go ye, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature * * * teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you. The gospel is perfect, and if there is a failure anywhere in the machinery of God for converting the world it must be traceable to the church.

The church was commissioned and sent out as the world evangelist. Has she been a prodigal to this charge? If the zeal of the church during the first three centuries of the Christian era had continued until now the complexion and prevalence of Christianity would be very different. Gibbon says that there is the strongest reason to believe that before the reign of Constantine the gospel had been preached in all the great cities of Europe.

Since the baptism of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost the church has had opportunity to convert the world time and again. The lack has been in zeal and devotion to the truth. The criticism of Richard Baxter, made two centuries ago, was true then, and is applicable, at least in part to the condition of today. The work of the church is exceedingly retardedness. Christians live like snails in the shell, know not the state of the world or of the church." We need to realize that the salvation of our own souls depends upon saving others. The Quaker poet has expressed this thought in unique verse:

"He findeth not who seeks his own,
That soul is lost that's saved alone."

There are some difficulties lying between the church and the fulfillment of her mission. I can mention here only three:

1. *The Lack of Personal Effort.* God's plan for saving men is the individual plan. The church must convert the world one by one. The walls of the spiritual zion are to be builded stone by stone and not by sections. When Andrew found the Lord he sought his brother, Simon Peter, and "he brought him unto Jesus." Philip seeks Nathaniel and invites him "Come and see." This effort, says ex-Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, is better than making a living, it is making a life. It is a soul magnetized with the Spirit drawing men one by one to the cross. Every member of the church, however humble he be, can preach to an audience of one. The effort for souls must be personal, if highly effectual.

2. *The Lack of Purity.* The church is handicapped by impurity. Satan **knows** that he can

seriously weaken the influence of the church by making her odious in the sight of men. He has accordingly introduced into the ranks of Christendom the hypocrite, the liar, the slanderer, the unclean man, the profane man, the devilish man. "Keep thyself pure" applies to the church as well as to the individual member. To take the world for Christ we must have a religion that entirely possesses the church, as every drop of the ocean is impregnated with salt. The church at Jerusalem succeeded in an extraordinary degree, and this largely because the body was consecrated and pure, and filled with the spirit of God.

3. *The Lack of Union.* Thoughtful and observant men are now considering the baleful influence of a divided church. Even those who advocated these divisions a few years ago are deploring them now. The Independent of January 7, 1897, uses these significant words. "The numerous divisions inevitably suggest vast energy and vast means expended wastefully * * Let the cause of Christian union be taken up with new energy and new zeal as the great problem before the churches in closing years of the nineteenth century." While one is of Paul, another of Apollos, and another of Cephas, the church is sacrificing a great element of power—the union and harmony of her children. Compared to what she might be, the church is but a Samson grinding at a mill. We look forward hopefully to the day when the strength of a divided church shall be greatly augmented by the binding together of the many parts with the strongest ties of Christian love.

Mr. Edison remarked that it made him wild when he saw so much power of wind and wave going to waste. "But one of these days," said he, "we will chain of that—the falls of Niagara as well as the winds—and that will be the millennium of electricity." The church should chain all her power that is going to waste by reason of division, and then will be the millenium of her progress.

R. H. CROSSFIELD.

Owensboro, Kentucky.

The money raised on Children's Day should be promptly forwarded to F. M. Rains, Treasurer, Box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio. On no account should this money be used for any other purpose than for the one for which it was given. It should not be taken to buy an organ, or to buy coal, or to buy supplies for the school, or to pay off an old debt. This money was given for one purpose, and for one only, and it should be used for that purpose. It will help the work very much if the money is sent on at once.

A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.

F. M. RAINS, Treas.

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The indications are that this year more schools will give than ever before, and that they will give more. Last year the average offering was \$10.91. That was a gain of about nine per cent. over the year previous. It is hoped that the gain this year will be not less than twenty per cent. The Society has more workers in the field than it had a year ago. Its obligations are greater therefore.

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Centennial

Will find it to their interest to write to this office and arrange with us for their entertainment while here, and not wait to arrange for it after you come. We have arranged with the *cleanest, nicest, most desirable* boarding house in this city to entertain the friends of the MESSENGER attending our great Centennial exhibition, at rates much less than you can get at a hotel. The house is located on the car line, a beautiful three story brick, owned and controlled by one of our sisters, and no better table was ever set than you would get here. Write us. Address,

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Some sing of the lily and daisy and rose,
And the pansies and pinks that the summertime throws
In the grassy lap of the meadow that lays
Blinkin' up at the skies through the sunshiny days:
But what is the lily and all of the rest
Of the flowers to a man with a heart in his breast
That has dipped brimmin' full of the honey and dew
Of the sweet clover blossoms his babyhood knew?

I never set eyes on a clover field now,
Or fool 'round a stable, or climb in the mow,
But my childhood comes back just as clear and as plain
As the smell of the clover I'm sniffin' again:
And I wander away in a barefooted dream,
Where I tangle my toes in the blossoms that gleam
With the dew of the dawn of the morning of love
Ere it wept o'er the graves that I'm weepin' above.

And so I love clover; it seems like a part
Of the sacreddest sorrows and joys of my heart;
And wherever it blossoms, O there let me bow,
And thank the good God, as I'm thankin' him now!
And I pray to him still for the strength when I die,
To go out in the clover and tell it good-by,
And lovingly nestle my face to its bloom,
While my soul slips away on a breath of perfume.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Revival Services at the Christian Church.

For the past two weeks, revival services of unusual interest have been conducted at the Christian Church by Rev. D. A. Brindle. The congregations have been larger than usual from the beginning, and the interest has gradually increased all the time.

Prof. J. C. Ewing, of Hampton, leads the music. His ability as a music teacher and a leader of song adds much to this feature of the meeting. The main effort so far has been to get all the members together and re-organize the church. This much has already been accomplished.

Last Thursday evening the church was organized with the necessary officers and an enrollment of forty names. More than half of these were persons who, although living in Griffin, had never moved their membership to the church here.

Mr. Brindle has preached the plain, simple truth in the very best spirit. No cause for offence has been given, although he has declared "the whole counsel of God."—Griffin (Ga.) News.

We are very sorry to have to omit a letter by Bro. Jno. M. Tally, of Mississippi addressed to the Endeavorers of Miss. and Tenn. The Endeavor convention of Miss. is now in session at Corinth. Wish the Lord's blessings to rest upon it.

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The Governor Drake Matter.

We have watched with interest the discussion of the General Drake matter which has been going the rounds of our press. The *Standard* was the first to sound the clarion note of warning against Governor Drake for signing the manufacturers bill which had passed the Legislature of Iowa. As we understand this bill, it permits of the manufacture of whisky, beer and brandy, just the same as is done here in Tennessee. In other words, Gov. Drake by his signature to this bill has made it possible for the saloon to again enter Iowa. Gov. Drake has been one of the foremost lights in the Christian church, and this act of his has placed our people in an inevitable attitude toward the saloon business. We approve the main facts of the *Standards* editorial, but there is a principle underlying this whole matter. It must be remembered that Gov. Drake is, was and is likely to remain a *Republican*, and was not a Prohibitionist. It ought to be known by everybody by this time that a man belonging to either of the old parties, especially one who is elected to an office, is bound to stand with his party, whisky or no whisky. I know plenty of preachers who are as strong in the old party faith as is Gov. Drake, and were they placed in his position would in all probability have done as he did. Now as to disciplining Governor Drake for this action, in my mind amounts to this: Shall we discipline every man who belongs to the Democratic or Republican party? If so, it would present a picture similar to the tail wagging the dog. Now I can't see how even an every day Christian, to say nothing of a preacher, can even belong to either of the old parties, knowing how corrupt they are, and knowing to, that he has to endorse their practice, if he is a loyal member. I could not consistent with my Christianity belong to a party that in any sense sanctions the whisky business, to make no mention of giving it life, and making it respectable. There are plenty of good people though who see the matter in a different light. The only thing for us to do, is to be-

long only to the party pledged to destroy the liquor traffic, then work to see that this party comes into power. Not belong to it nominally, never vote, never talk it, let the devil put in whisky men, and then rise up in our wrath and vilify every one who don't do to our liking. I am in favor now of letting up on Governor Drake. It was right for us to denounce this thing; us Prohibitionists. Old party Christians have no right to say anything. I believe he is a good man, as good now as he was before—only he has made a serious mistake—a mistake first of all in belonging to a party pledged to the whisky interests. There are millions of generous Christian men making the same mistake. I look for good to come of this matter. It will show our people what tyrants, and whisky-soaked tyrants, at that, the old parties are, and I trust will have a tendency to put our preachers to work, and all our members to thinking along this line, and result in a purifying of the ballot box, and that will enable us to have purer churches.

The Mourners' Bench.

Not long since, when holding a meeting in Cullman, Ala., a query was put into our "Query Box" as follows: Brother Spiegel, why is it that you do not have a mourners' bench, and ask sinners to come and be talked to and prayed for?" My answer was that all true Christians were constantly praying and working for the salvation of sinners, and that I had never seen any good reason for calling them forward into a particular place to do this. Then I remarked that most of the denominations who once used the "anxious seat" were doing away with it as civilization and Christian culture advance. Old Dr. Philip Musgroves, who has, I suppose, been preaching for the Baptist Church since long before I was born, spoke out and said: "Yes, and I can remember very well when the Baptists through this country did not use the 'mourners' bench,' and only the most ignorant of them use it now. Why should Christians fool away time with the mourners' bench? Why not tell inquirers what they must do to be saved, as the apostles did, let them obey the Lord and be saved?"

There is no question but that the old-time "proposition" schedule and "anxious seat" theory are rapidly passing away. Why keep an audience two hours after the sermon to go through with the same performances night after night? "All who will do all they can to bring sinners to Christ come and give me your hand." All who want the prayers of the church

come and let us pray for you." "All who are willing to pray for the Holy Ghost to come upon these sinners and baptize them with fire come and kneel in the altar." "All who want to go to heaven when they die stand up," etc. This is a slow process.

In the New Testament times, when the gospel was preached and sinners were convicted of sin, they were told, if unbelievers, to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 16:31. If believers, but impenitents, they were told to "Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. If penitent believers were addressed, they were told to "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16. In other words the inspired teachers taught a "complete gospel and a full salvation," if you please.

Now, many newspapers and preachers are spending much time trying to explain away the meaning of these passages, by telling many things these inspired teachers might have meant. While they are trying to explain what the apostles might have meant, and carrying terrible loads of denominational machinery, we disciples are spending our time in telling what the apostles said in the sweet simplicity of the New Testament methods. And why not? for when these papers and preachers exhaust all of their energy in telling the people what the apostles might have meant, what the apostles really said will still stare them in the face. Acts 2:38; 16:31, and 22:16 will be in the New Testament when denominationalism is forgotten and God's people are united.

My brethren are the happiest people on earth, for they have nothing but the Bible to preach, letting it interpret itself. Nor do we need a "mourners' bench." O. P. S.

Editorial Notes.

At the latest report from Brother J. L. Haddock's meeting in Knoxville, there were 53 additions. There was no time set to stop the meeting.

Our office was favored last week with calls from Bros. Terry of Lewisburg, Prof. Ham, of Decatur, Ala., and Bro. Myhr from Tennessee.

Our office is at 208 N. College Street, with the University Press Publishing Co., on second floor of their building, where we will be pleased to have visiting brethren and friends call and see us while taking in the great Centennial.

A private letter from James H. Brooks tells of a good meeting he and T. F. Owens are holding in Arlington, Ky. under a tent. Number of additions not stated.

The Kentucky State Missionary Convention meets next week with the Broadway church, 23, 24 inst. If we are not in a meeting at this time we hope to take in this convention. The brethren are expecting a fine time.

The editor of this paper begins a protracted meeting at the Church of Christ at Fulton, Ky., on Monday night after the third Sunday in this month. The church is making preparations for a good meeting and we expect a grand time.

Homer T. Wilson, of Texas, was in Nashville last week, and delivered a fine address to the T. P. A. body which met here. Brother Martin and his family from Athens, Ala., and Brother Minor and wife from Erin, Tenn., took in the Centennial last week.

Brother R. P. Meeks, of Henderson, Tenn., gave our office a pleasant call last week. From him we learn that there is to be a fine, new brick college erected in Henderson instead of the old frame structure used hitherto. The contract for the new house is let, and work will begin on it at once.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis R. R. has made a great reduction on all of its lines to the Confederate Reunion in this city, which convenes on the 20 to 22nd, inst. This will be a great time for the old veterans.

The Children's Day exercises at the Christian church in Clarksville, were very fine and resulted in collecting \$34.30, half of which was given to state missions and the other half to foreign missions. They had a printed program, a copy of which was sent us by Sister Ethel Streater.

The editor was in Franklin, Tenn., last Thursday, and by invitation of some of the brethren, we remained over for prayer meeting and made a little talk for the brethren. We were received kindly and generously entertained by Brother Hugh Todd and his excellent mother. A list of subscribers for the GOSPEL MESSENGER was secured. There are two colleges belonging to the Disciples in Franklin, a male and female school.

Nashville, June 15.

Welcome the biography of our beloved editor-in-chief. We have long

been waiting and watching for it; and while it brought some real surprises, it also brought with it a better understanding of his actual worth. Now who can say he is not a great and good man, and capable of great things? And again, who shall say that he is not one of God's own men, and that the world has not been made better through his efforts? We are glad to have him with us, and hope he will remain with us the rest of his days. Nashville is truly blessed with some good and great men, and we are proud of them.

Now we are anxious to read the biography of our State Evangelist, if some one will favor us with it. He is another of God's chosen ones, and we are glad to say that he also lives in Nashville.

C. L. D.

[We have been trying for some time to get Brother Myhr to furnish us with his biography and cut, but he is too timid a man to do so. There are many who would like to read his sketch, so we make this appeal to him again to furnish it to us.—Ed.]

BOOK REVIEWS.

Sacred Songs: Bigelow and Main Publishers. New York. 208 pp. 35 cents post paid.

This book is a collection of songs for sacred service, compiled by the well known authors, Ira D. Sanky, James McGrannahan, and George Stebbins. The bulk of these songs are fresh and well adapted to church and Sunday school services.

History of Reformatory Movements, Jno. F. Rowe, Editor and Publisher. Cincinnati, O. 515 pages, cloth. \$2.00 post paid.

There is no subject, possibly, upon which the great mass of church people are so ignorant as upon the matter of church history, and no subject is of more importance to the man who wants to know the causes of division in the religious world, and who desires to return completely to the old paths. Brother Rowe has given in a condensed form, the rise and history of denominationalism, dwelling more minutely upon the phases of the reformations since the fifteenth century. The book is a valuable one, especially for preachers, who should be posted on these subjects.

Three of our best preachers in this section of the South have recently resigned, viz, R. Lin Cave, of the Vine Street Church, this city; A. M. Growden, of Clarksville, and James Vernon, of Henderson, Ky. Brother Cave, as has already been announced, will go to Broadway, Louisville, but as yet Bros. Growden and Vernon have made no arrangements for the

future. They are able men, and of course will not be idle. It will be a fortunate thing for the churches that secure them.

The great Tennessee Centennial is now under full headway, and is one of the best exhibitions that has ever been given in the United States. The universal sentiment is it differs from the World's fair only in size, but not in value or attractiveness. We wish to give our readers next week a brief description of this great exhibition.

Brother Granville Jones, of Texas, was in the city this week, and made a call on us, but we were not in the office. Sorry we did not see him. He preaches for the Vine Street church Sunday.

DIED: Wilimay Johnson, infant daughter of R. J. Johnson, of Cheneyville, La. The child was a year and nineteen days old, and died on June 3. May the good Lord bless the sorrowing parents.

"Help Thou Mine Unbelief."

Father, "help thou mine unbelief;"
Let me ever trust in thee;
Help me to feel that thou art near me,
When crossing life's tempestuous sea.

Guide me, Father, and direct me,
Whither thou wouldst have me go:
I am drifting on life's ocean,
As the waters ebb and flow.

I crave a deeper, truer faith—
A faith that will endure the test
Of earth's sorrows and disappointments,
And, murmuring not, say "God knows best."

I long for strength to hide from others
The fact that my own heart is sad,
And straightway forget my sorrows,
In making other hearts more glad.

Then with this real, this boundless faith
In thy never-dying love,
I can, all along life's journey,
Catch glimpses of a home above.

And when life's sun is surely setting—
When I knew the hour has come
To bid farewell to earth and loved ones,

And go to seek my heavenly home—
There will be a Friend beside me,
Who has ever been my guide,
And though so near to death's dark river,
I shall not fear its chilling tide.

Oh, Father, give me in that hour
A vision of that glorious light
That shines from thy eternal throne,
Near which our "faith is changed to sight."

EMMA MORTON.

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Reports from the Churches.

ALABAMA.

ANNISTON: One addition at the service last night. The work moves on nicely.

J. E. SPIEGEL.

RIVER VIEW: Had one addition here yesterday (second Lord's day), and am expecting more. Brothers Clarkson and Keeville will labor a month on the Chattahoochee River at River View, Longdale, and West Point.

J. A. BRANCH.

HATTIE: Brother L. A. Dale filled his regular appointment at Harmony church the first Lord's day and Saturday before. He preached a very forcible sermon on Lord's day from Matt. 5:8.

The never-tiring, consecrated Bro. Branch was with us a short while this week. He reports very favorably concerning his work. He says the people from all quarters are asking for the truth, and that more preachers are needed in this district. Brother Clarkson, from Lexington, Ky., has come over to help Brother Branch in his work. Hope in the near future that others may do likewise.

The brethren at Phoenix City are making rapid progress on their new church house. They hope to have it complete and ready for our next district meeting, which will be held in August with the church at that place. Anyone to contribute anything toward helping these good brethren and sisters can send all contributions to L. A. Dale, Phoenix city Ala., and I am sure it will be very much appreciated.

HATTIE WADKINS.

MOBILE: Thinking you would like to hear from our little band of Disciples, I will now tell you of our meeting that Brother Spiegel held for us, which began last Lord's day and continued until last night. We have been organized since last October a year ago, and have not yet been able to establish a church, but hold meetings every Lord's day, and have prayer meetings Wednesday nights, and are struggling onward and praying that our efforts will be crowned with success. I know they will be if we only trust him who knows the secrets of all hearts. Brother Mevers organized our little band, and is trying to work to be with us to get the work thoroughly established. Brother Spiegel, also, who preached for us the past few days, will assist us in having a church here. He is a dear, good man, and we parted with him with

feelings of great reluctance, and pray that the time will not be long when he will be with us again. Now, brethren, we need help in our little band of disciples, and ask the prayers of you all in our behalf. Your sister in Christ,

ANNA V. LANEY.

MOUNT HEBRON: Children's Day was observed at Mount Hebron Lord's Day, June 6. The day was a beautiful one for an occasion of this kind; so much sunshine accompanied by the gentle breeze, which brought to our church doors the sweet aroma of the ripe plum and the beautiful notes of the mocking bird. I could not help but think of Alabama being the land of fragrance, sweets and melody.

Our church was handsomely decorated with flowers and appropriate words from the sacred volume by the tasty fingers and cheerful hearts of the young people at Mount Hebron. Everything seemed to carry with it the missionary spirit and the words of Christ, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The smiles of young people who are about to sing, recite, and give to the cause of Christ is enough to kindle in hearts not only a spark, but a flame of burning love for their Savior which will spread like a wave and never stop till it carries with it scores of souls, landing them safely into the haven of the soul.

The audience was rather large. People came for miles to hear the exercises of the day. Aged people and young people, and people whom I had never seen before, found ample room in our large church building.

The program was well rendered and showed careful training; the singing was splendid, and the reciting deserves as much credit.

Brother Frank Parham, our wide-awake Sunday school Superintendent, did all in his power to make the day a success. He invited two of West Green's able Sunday School workers to be with us. They were present and delivered two soul-stirring addresses, which were highly appreciated, and enjoyed by all. People in going away from the church were heard to say, "I wish they would have Children's Day five or six times during the year."

Had dear old Sister Wilson been with us, who is now visiting her many friends in the South, her presence and long life of usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord would have been a splendid benediction for the program of the day.

DAVID R. PIPER.

SELMA: Brother W. A. Chastian, of Athens, Ga., who has been holding us a meeting for the last four weeks, left for his home this morning. We had four additions last night and 12 in all. This has been a glorious meeting. Brother Chastian presented the gospel in a clear, forcible manner, and completely won the hearts of the people, and those of other religious beliefs admired him for the boldness with which he presented the old Jerusalem gospel. Often the house was not large enough to accommodate the crowds that came. His theme last night "Christian Unity," was a masterly effort, ably presented to an immense audience, and well received by all. This meeting will long be remembered by our people, and Brother Chastian leaves with the prayers and best wishes of the people of Selma.

Our meeting will continue for a few nights this week, conducted by Bro. Graham Walker, minister Christian Church, Matthews, Va., who is visiting his parents here. He has been attending the Bible college, Lexington, Ky., for the last five years and preached for churches in Kentucky and Virginia with much success. We hope to have several more additions.

Yours for the cause,

E. V. SPICER.

To the Churches of East Ala.

Dear brethren and sisters, let me speak to you of some important matters:

1. Our District Convention will be held with the Phoenix City church, Aug. 24-26. The Phoenix City church is making extensive preparations to make this the best convention ever held in the history of our East Ala. work. Our house will be ready, our homes will be open to all delegates, so you must come and enjoy with us this great convention.

2. Raise the amount you or your church pledged for District work, and send the same at once to our Treasurer, Sister Hattie Wadkins, Hattie, Lee County, Ala. Your pledge should be paid in full for two important reasons, (1) you made the pledge, (2) your preachers—those working in this District—need the money, and should be paid at the convention every cent due them.

We should also remember that the State work must have our heartiest co-operation, and a liberal collection should be taken for the same and sent at once to our State Evangelist. Don't wait till the convention comes off and new pledges are upon us, but pay now and thus give present relief to the Evangelist. Your brother,

L. A. DALE.

SOUTH KENTUCKY.

FRANKLIN: Our work is doing really well in every way. My health is not very good, but I hope to be better soon.

Schochob has a new house of worship now. I am glad to see the improvements being constantly made on the GOSPEL MESSENGER.

BROWN GODWIN.

OWENSBORO: The church in this city, under the devout leadership of our dear brother and pastor R. H. Crossfield, has taken on new life during the past year. Its members are becoming more impressed with the importance of an active Christian spirit. Two protracted meetings have been held by the pastor within the past six months, the last of which closed a few weeks since, and resulted in 38 additions to the church the majority of whom are adults. Throughout this series of meetings, the attendance was unusually large and the interest deep. Our membership is not as large as it might and ought to be, but the church is growing by the addition of members at the regular services and prayer meeting, and has many zealous members who are spending the very best part of their lives in the service of the Master, and it has for its pastor a truly sincere Christian man of splendid ability to point out the way to a life beyond.

J. W. L.

MISSISSIPPI.

JACKSON: Since my last report our work has been moving along gradually and under the circumstances. I believe we have good reasons for being more encouraged than ever. It is true the extreme warm weather we are having just now is keeping some away from the house of God when, really this hot weather, should be taken as a warning and be the means of urging us onward to God and the mansions above.

Last week Mrs. W. A. and I spent several days at Port Gibson with Bro. Stevens and that part of the congregation that is trying to encourage every good word and work. They have the new tent located in a very desirable place in the city and the attendance is growing rapidly. What the result may be no one can tell. We trust that the harm which has recently been done by anti-ism in the way of stirring up schisms and strifes may be greatly overcome, and that saints may be built up and sinners brought in the Way.

"It goes without saying" that those

who visit the home of Bro. Andrews leave because duty calls them away. His home is a paradise of peace, plenty and welcome. May God spare Bro. Andrews many years for he is a man of God and his influence and power would be greatly missed.

Fraternally,

W. A. NEAL.

MERIDIAN: It always does my heart good to read in the MESSENGER the cheering words of old school-mates such as O. P. and J. E. Spiegel, E. V. Spicer, D. R. Piper, Louis Riddell and others. I feel it a duty and pleasure to pen you a few words concerning my own work; not that I am working for the praise of men but simply because relating our experiences in Christian work assists us in overcoming future obstacles. I came to Meridian as a full fledged bridegroom last October. The reason I took the Meridian work was not because the membership was rich, neither was it because the church building was a fine one but because the small congregation seemed to be deeply in earnest. The church has proven itself deeply in earnest for since arriving here in October, there have been about forty additions to the church; the Endeavor Society has taken on new life and the Sunday-school last Sunday was the largest in its history.

The second Sunday in May I began a protracted meeting for the Meridian church. It lasted nearly three weeks and resulted in twenty-five additions to the church and all departments of church work are stimulated to renewed zeal. I was seized with a violent chill and high fever during the meeting and had to cease operations for three nights. The fourth night could hardly walk to the church but after considerable begging on my part the doctor agreed to let me go provided it was to be a calm sermon that would not in any way excite the nervous system. My face was pale, my voice weak but after that night's discourse, an invitation hymn was sung and six persons stepped to the front bench to join our faithful band. Toward the close of our series of meetings four middle-aged persons made the good confession. May the Lord greatly bless those who have enlisted under his banner during this meeting. Brethren, did you know that our church at Meridian is only three years old and that we now number more than one hundred. We have the best city in the state in point of morals, progress and general enterprise. Our church is situated in the central part of the city with fine Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches all around it and there is our little frame building

almost worn out by other religious bodies before we got it. Now I'll tell you what I want you to do. After you give your dollars toward paying the Jackson church out of debt, just send us your spare nickels and put us up as good a building here in the heart of Meridian as Jackson has and we will guarantee that within a very few years this little three-year-old church will become one of the leading congregations in the city. But hark! crowds begin to assemble. A lady has confessed her Lord and is ready to be buried with him in baptism. Excuse me please while I go and administer that holy ordinance so that she may arise like the Ethiopian officer and go on her way rejoicing.

Your Brother in Christ,

S. M. BERNARD.

COLUMBUS: I had the pleasure on last Lord's day, June 6th to be in Columbus, Miss., and attend the church of the Disciples in that place. When I entered the vestibule I saw in large green letters the word "Welcome." Well thought I, this is inviting, and a good thing—but on stepping into the Auditorium, my eye caught sight of two large green mottoes over the Baptistery "Cast thy bread upon the waters," and "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." An arch of beautiful vines adorned the front of the Rostrum—while the sides and rear were decorated with mottoes and vines. Upon inquiry I found the church and especially the Sunday-school in a flourishing condition, and this was especially mentioned to me that the church of Christ is doing more for the poor in Columbus than any other church in the place. I seated myself near the front and was surprised to note the front seats of the Main Isle filled with bright faced happy children. I asked how it was so many children remained to services and was told it was "Children's Day" and the sermon was to be for children. I expected as is usual to hear a prosy discourse not at all suited to little children. But was agreeably surprised when the minister—a young man after reading from 2 chapters Luke 14 to 18 verses laid aside his Bible and taking a "sunbeam" he builded a sermon, in Allegorical style, both beautiful and instructive keeping ever before the young mind the Creator the one God. The Christ who was born in Bethlehem when the cry, "Peace on earth, good will toward men" resounded from Heaven and the angel choir. He carried their young minds into Africa, Japan, India and China. Showing the darkness of heathenism and the necessity of Chris-

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PATIENCE.

- June 21. Wait patiently. Psa. 27:1-11.
 June 22. Patience rewarded. Psa. 10:1-10.
 June 23. Royal patience. I Sam. 10:20-27.
 June 24. Divine patience. Matt. 27:11-14; 27-31.
 June 25. Need of patience. Heb. 10:32-39.
 June 26. Patience and pride. Eccl. 7:5-14.
 June 27. How to get patience, and why? Jas. 5:7-20.

Perhaps it would be more fitting to reverse the topic, and put the why first: it is sometimes hard to convince people that they need a thing; but, once persuaded that it is desirable, they will seek out for themselves how to get it.

Drummond says patience is love passive; calm; ready to do its work when the summons comes. If this be true, it will make all who possess it ready to bear all things, however hard unjust, it will make them courteous, able to endure much provocation, and ready to forgive, even to seventy times seven. Patience is not dullness: it is rather the leash that holds impulse and energy in restraints. Paul speaks much of patience, and ranks it with the things worth striving for, love, faith, meekness, righteousness. So does Peter: and he was not a man to commend patience until he had learned its beauty and value from experience. We need it when trials perplex and worry; in suffering, when we would rebel at the pain: in well doing, even, for me are too apt to relax our efforts when we see no immediate results: that is the time to remember that God takes care of results, and we have only to do what we can. How to get it? "No excellence without great labor" is as true of patience as any thing else; it will not come of itself to win it means to pass through all sorts of troubles, and to bear them bravely, cheerfully, willingly. Sometimes it must come through waiting, when working would be far easier. Nor, how can quick, impulsive people learn this lesson? David says, "trust in the Lord," and where there is entire confidence in God it is not so hard to wait for what he means to send. David had proved this, for he was impetuous; but, remember how long he had to wait, and trust, before he was made

king; and even then, how he was harassed by enemies without and within. In a single flash of impatience, Moses disobeyed God, and so barred the entrance to Canaan against himself, not even a life time of faithful service could blot out that one failure. Is not that a solemn warning? Paul says that all these things, of the men of long ago, were written for our benefit. Shall we not, then, try to profit by their example, and experience?

An appeal to the Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor, and Mission Bands.

The famine in India is causing great distress throughout much of that land. Very many of the inhabitants are dying of starvation. Millions of people are wholly dependent on government aid for food. Some weeks ago a missionary wrote from one of the stations: "there are now many millions of people receiving government aid, and the numbers are increasing by a quarter of a million weekly." While so many are being cared for by the British Government yet many others are dying of want. The children whose parents have died of the famine, or of the plague which has resulted from it, are in especial need of care. They cannot provide for themselves, and do not know how to obtain government aid. They are sent to the missionaries at the various stations. Those who can be housed and fed, can be taught about Jesus Christ, and trained for Christian service. Our missionaries are anxious to keep and care for the children who are sent to them, but the orphanages at Mahoba and Bilaspur are full to overflowing. Because the need of the work is so great, it has been decided to enlarge the orphanage at Mahoba at once. We all sympathize with India in her dire distress. We should all do something to relieve this distress. The best possible opportunity for giving aid will be found in caring for these helpless children. Let every boy and girl in the Societies and Bands do something for this work in the next few weeks. There are a thousand Junior Societies among our churches that do nothing for missions. No society is doing what Jesus would like to have done, excepting when its members are helping to send the gospel to all peoples. There will never be any more worthy cause than the enlargement of this orph:

will enable some of India's helpless children to be cared for and taught about Jesus Christ, and we want every Society and Band to have part in it; yea, every member of every Society and Band. Some of the children cannot do much toward it, but all can do something. There should be at least a thousand boys and girls who can give a dollar each for this work. There are many good ways by which children can obtain money to give to a good cause. Let the money be sent in the name of the Band or Society, which will then be given credit for it upon our books, and upon the Roll of Honor to be shown at the National Convention: but send the name of every boy or girl who raises as much as a dollar to me. May we not have a thousand names in the next few weeks? and will not your name be one of the thousand? This money and all other contributions given by the organizations in our Young People's Department should be sent to Miss Lois A. White, 306 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind.—MATTIE POUNDS, National Supt. of Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor.

This appeal, though addressed to the children, ought to touch the older Endeavorers, and move them to respond also. In many places there is a Y. P. S. C. E., but no Junior Society nor Mission Band. But there are always children, and if the young people would tell them of this appeal, they would be helping to preach in a very practical way. Will you not do this, fellow Endeavorers?

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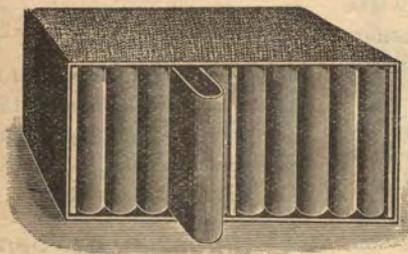
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Children's Day Notes.

Children's Day is past. Many schools observed it. Very many did not. Those that did not should arrange to do so yet. No doubt some postponed it for only a week or two. It may be that some overlooked it altogether.

No Sunday-school should fail to observe Children's Day. The children ought to be enlisted while they are children. If this work is neglected, it may be that they will never feel any concern about the triumph of the gospel in all lands.

Children are always ready to give of their means to spread the gospel. All they need is to be told of the heathen world. Most of them have money of their own to give. Those that have not money can earn some.

The Sunday-school in Toronto, Canada, makes an offering for missions every Sunday in the year. One offering is made for current expenses. The second offering is made for world-wide missions.

The Sunday-school in St. Thomas, Ontario, divides the offering each Sunday, giving one part to pay the current expenses of the school, one part to Foreign Missions and one part to Home Missions. The amounts given are placed upon the blackboard. The attention of the school is called to them. The superintendent asks each Sunday how much has been given, and to whom the moneys are sent, and how they are used. In this school the claims of missions are kept before the school the whole year, and the children are as familiar with the names of the missionary secretaries as they are with the letters of the alphabet.

The indications are that Children's Day has been widely observed. The secretaries expect to receive offerings from a larger number of Sunday-schools than any previous year. More schools ordered the supplies for Children's Day than ever before. There is no school in the land that should not give something. Many schools are small and poor. They hold only through the summer months. Whether a school is large or small, it should contribute something. It ought to have some fellowship with Christ in His efforts to redeem the world. The school will be better for making an offering. Children's Day ought to be the greatest day in the year in all our schools.

Of the sixty-five schools in Mississippi ten contributed to the support of the work last year. The school at Baldwyn gave twenty-five dollars. This is the largest offering received from any school in the state during the year.

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tian light. Cultivating the missionary spirit which he has previously aroused. During the thirty minutes talk he seemed to hold this nursery of his church spell bound, for although there were little tots scarce beyond babyhood, there was no perceptible movement among them, and they listened with their eyes fixed on the ministers face, eager and expectant seeming to feel that on them rested the task of lifting from desolation and darkness these heathen into "eternal day." At the close of the sermon the minister announced that the children would take of the evening service and a beautiful program had been prepared. So thither I went as the evening shadows gathered, and it will ever remain a bright glimpse in my life the memory of that evening June 5, 1897. From the time the opening song—one of welcome sang out from about thirty beautiful little girls and boys to the close, interest never flagged. After this song there was Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, then another beautiful song, and welcome address by Master Edwin Sanders. A recitation by five little tots from two and a half to five years old. One beautiful song by the Sunday-school. "What Can the Children Do?" was responded to by three little girls—"Nothing to Do?" "What the Children Have Done," and "What They Hope to Do." But the crowning number of the program was the "Little Lights," by eleven little girls. The leader, Miss Birdie Jacob, eight years old, entered bearing a lighted candle. Following her came ten little girls—Faith, with her light burning; Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace, ranging themselves on the left of the leader. India, China, Japan, Africa, and Syria, in costume of each country, were ranged on the right of the leader. Then in a beautiful couplet Love lighted her candle at Faith's bright ray, then Hope from Love, then Joy from Hope, and Peace from Joy. After which each benighted country begged for the "Light of Life," and the Virtues responded by carrying to them the light. At the close, when each little tot stood in their beautiful innocence with their candles burning, and all singing a beautiful, appropriate hymn, I thought surely no comparison could have been better chosen than when Christ compared a little child to his kingdom. Too much praise cannot be given the minister and teachers and officers of the school for so beautiful and well conducted a school.

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KNOXVILLE: Up to date (June 14) there have been 53 additions to the congregation in different ways; about twenty from the denominations, three or four reclaimed, and the balance from the world. The audiences have been large throughout; all that the tent could seat and generally more. The people have listened well and patiently.

Brother Haddock preaches with all his heart, mind, soul, and body. His denunciations of all manner of sin are forceful and often terrible. He has won a host of friends outside of the church as well as in it.

We will move the tent to-morrow about a mile east, into East Knoxville, where we have a nucleus for a church; and, as Brother Haddock says, "continue the meeting."

Pray for us. The church organized here last fall has about 130 members now. Yours truly,

R. W. GIDDENS.

East Tennessee Notes.

Brother W. J. Shelburne, the popular minister at Rockwood, closed a meeting at Cardiff last week with 37 additions. Brother Shelburne, by his earnest and clear presentation of the truth, won the hearts of the entire community.

We held a ten days meeting at Walnut Hill, a suburb of Harriman, recently, without any visible results. But from the way they piled questions into the Query Box there were numbers of interested people. We hope for good results.

The churches of Morgan County held their first annual meeting Lord's day at Rufners. On Lord's day we had five hundred people gathered in a great grove, and an all-day meeting. Brother E. W. Gordon, W. J. Shelburne, and myself did the preaching.

The Harriman Northeastern R. R. ran an extra train for us from Harriman and Petros. We have only two congregations in the county, and these organized last year, but they are in earnest. By the help of the Lord we will double the number by next year. We need some one to work in the field all the time. The harvest is great and ready to enter.

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