

GOSPEL SUCCESS.

Reported by our correspondents and gleaned from our exchanges.

ARKANSAS.

HOPE, June 9.—1 more penitent believer has obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine once delivered to the saints, since our last report, making 4 in all as the result of our meeting.—H. A. Smith.

ALABAMA.

SELMA, June 5.—1 baptism here last night—a young man.—J. S. Kendrick.

GREENWOOD.—I will again report our work here. The field is ripe to the harvest; the reaping is all we could ask. On the third Lord's day in May three were baptized; on the fourth Lord's day one more, and last Lord's day three more were baptized, making seven in all.—W. H. Hardman.

KENTUCKY.

TOLLESBORO, June 9.—Two more are to be baptized in the meeting here to day. The interest has grown to unusual proportions.—T. M. Myers.

VERMONT.

WEST RUPERT, June 5.—We had 1 more addition to the church here yesterday by confession and baptism. Our audiences are large and attentive, and we think good results from our meetings.—W. W. Witmer.

PENNSYLVANIA.

LOCK HAVEN, June 9.—2 persons, husband and wife, were added to the congregation here on last Lord's day, June 4th—1 by commendation and 1 from the Baptists.—Chas. S. Long.

PLYMOUTH, June 5.—The beginning of our work in this place has been as favorable as we could expect. Our meetings have been well attended, and the Sunday-school is prospering, numbering 175 scholars. 3 persons have united with us from the Baptists by letter since our arrival.—J. H. Gordnier.

OHIO.

BEALSVILLE.—We have just closed a most excellent meeting. Throughout the meeting the very best of feeling prevailed among the brethren. Bro. DeVore, of Meigs County, assisted by Bro. Linkletter, our preacher in charge conducted the meeting. There were fifteen baptisms, and one restored, making in all sixteen members added to the congregation worshipping in this place.

MCARTHUR, June 5.—Closed a short meeting here last night. 2 baptisms. Good interest.—G. L. Harney.

NEW BALTIMORE, June 5.—Last Thursday we organized a Christian church at North Industry, Stark Co., of 50 members. A little over two years ago I succeeded in getting the use of the school-house of this village for two weeks, of evenings, which resulted in 27 baptisms.—J. H. Harrier.

LYNCHBURG, June 10.—4 additions last Lord's day at my regular appointment.—T. J. Giddens.

MALTA, June 11.—At my regular appointment at White Oak Grove, Hocking Co., 3 confessed their faith in Christ, and were baptized.—J. F. Moody.

TOLEDO, June 11.—Since beginning my work as pastor here, in April last, 9 have been added to the church—2 by confession and baptism, 7 by letter. The church is united, and zealously at work. With God's help, we hope for greater results. Excellent prayer-meetings.—T. B. Knowles.

IOWA.

DE SOTO, June 8.—1 young lady baptized on May 28, and 2 received by letter on June 4th.—A. M. Taggard.

CEDAR RAPIDS, June 5.—Am glad to report 3 additions at our morning service yesterday, by baptism.—R. E. S.

WHAT CHEER, June 5.—We had 1 addition by relation one week ago yesterday, and on yesterday 2 young men by confession. The latter, the fruits of a father's careful teaching. Why have we not more such Christian training? Why is this not the rule, instead of the exception?—Wm. M. Semmes.

NEBRASKA.

NORTH BEND, June 6.—Began a meeting at Dry Creek, in Madison county, with the congregation lately organized by our efficient State Evangelist, Bro. Barrow, and continued until the evening of the 2nd inst. Next preached three discourses at Stanton. 2 by letter.—J. H. Stark.

NICKERSON—Bro. R. C. Barrow has just closed a meeting of nine days at Nickerson, and also a meeting at Fontenville, near this place, of seven days. Result—2 by confession, a man and his wife.—J. A. Garner.

BETHEL, June 6.—We have just closed an interesting meeting of ten days at this place. 4 made the good confession and were baptized. 12 whom I had baptized a month previous at Moorfield took membership.—G. S. Kimberley.

HENDERSON, June 13.—Since my last report we have had 4 more additions to the congregation, making 76 since the 15th of January last.—J. C. Creel.

OWENTON, June 12.—Have just enjoyed a pleasant meeting at New Liberty. We had good audiences, fine attention and the hearty co-operation of the church. The result was that 11 confessed Christ, 3 returned from their wanderings, and 1 added by letter.—H. W. Elliot.

INDIANA.

CLOVER HILL, June 5.—The brethren of Ossian, Wells Co., closed a meeting May 28, which had been kept from the 15th. 1 immersed and 1 restored.—S. B. Teagarden.

CARLISLE, June 5.—I closed a meeting at this place last evening, resulting in 16 confessions and one reclaimed. It is one of the oldest and best congregations in the county.—P. C. Canble.

ILLINOIS.

CAMPBELL, June 6.—1 addition last Lord's day by confession and baptism at East Union, Crawford county. There is a noble band of brothers and sisters there.—J. T. G. Brandenburg.

GREENVILLE, June 8.—Have been here in a meeting for two weeks. 8 additions to date, and interest increasing. Quite a number are almost persuaded and we hope for good results yet. Much prejudice exists, but the truth will prevail.—Kirk Baxter.

GRAYVILLE, June 7.—1 restored last Sunday evening, making 7 since last report—3 baptisms and 3 by relation before. Our prayer-meetings have continued the interest with members; from about 40 to 60 at every meeting. We find special blessing in studying the topic, "The joy of doing good."—Blaney.

TOLEDO, June 9.—Our meeting, after three weeks, has come to a close. 66 additions during the meeting, making us about 100 strong. We take great courage, and press on.—F. G. Roberts.

GREENVILLE, June 12.—Our meeting still continues here with fine prospects. 5 additions last night; 15 in all to date. Much interest; will continue this week; audiences large and attentive; many deeply concerned. We hope for good results.—Kirk Baxter.

CUDA.—I am engaged in a good meeting with the church here. Seven confessions, and three restored to date. The interest is fine. We hope to do a good work in our new field.—H. C. Littleton.

Cling to Your Old Friends.

The friends of your childhood—those who have been friends to your father and mother. There is something for you in them which you cannot find in new friends, however dear.

Here and there is one, who long ago used to visit you at the dear old home—whom father and mother loved and respected; whose kind looks and Christian sympathy seemed to be to them an inspiration; whose earnest prayers always called down a benediction on the household; whose kind hand on your young head seemed like the weight of the blessing already descending, as he gave you good words of counsel and comfort. And you grew all the more careless, thinking that all would surely be right with you, since God had given you such a friend.

Then, when the heedless, pleasure-loving years of youth arrived, you almost ceased to appreciate this dear, saint-like friend. Gay companions, more worldly, like yourself, were more attractive; for you wearied of being pointed so constantly to heaven, when you loved this earth so well.

But the years glide on. The happy home circle is broken. Never again will you hear the dear voice of that loving father petitioning heaven's guidance for your life journey, which is now far on its way, and already growing perplexing and wearisome. Mother's hair is whitening, and the sight of her without her earthly prop makes you feel what dreadful things may and must occur before you and yours

shall be reunited in the home above. You shiver and feel cold and lonely like a helpless orphaned child who is left to make its way in the world among strangers. But you have friends left. Oh, very many! All full of sympathy and expressions of kindness. But you turn from them all—the grave and the gay—to this dear old friend of your childhood—the friend of the family. You say he is the one I want. He has known us always. We need not tell him anything of our feelings; he will ask us no questions; he will sit beside us and take our hand in his, and we shall know that he knows our thoughts, and that his every heart-beat is full of genuine sympathy. He knew him and loved him—not as strangers love, or as new friends, who admire the good traits most prominent, but with all his faults and all his virtues, as old and tried friends can love, with a love full of old memories, old associations which time cannot destroy; and he will love us—all who remain—and pray for us, especially pleading for our straying ones; and there is such a sense of rest and safety in the thought. Thank God! for our dear old friends; and make us worthy of and true to them.—Sel.

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