

example as a guiding star in their own efforts, and cautions them to "watch," but he added also the only remedy known in heaven or earth for such things. Would that the faithful could always remember to use it fully in the days that the imposter begins his work. It is worthy to be engrafted in the hearts of all: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified."

Reader, have you left the church because of some evil man in it, or because of a wolf in the eldership? Think you that in so doing you are taking the above wise counsel? My dear brother or sister, the above with its context is a full refutation and condemnation of all the excuses that I ever heard made by any one for ceasing to attend the gatherings of the brethren in Christ. It as fully forbids us leaving the church because of the evils that may spring up in it, as it condemns the evil itself. When carnality gets into the church, those who trust in "God and the word of his grace," and go forward in faith, hope and love, with patience and forbearance will be built up. Those who leave are sure to cease to grow, and finally die in their own sins.

**What Began It?**

The following lesson on church lotteries, is from the *Tribune and Farmer*:

As the heavy prison bolts turned on the minister, he looked sadly on the prisoners in their strange garments, and thought with more and more anxiety of his errand. He had come to see a young man of his congregation convicted of forgery. The heart-broken parents had begged him to visit the prison, hoping the peace of the Gospel might reach even his gloomy cell. As the minister kindly greeted him, the youth scarcely replied, but gazed with a sort of defiance. He began giving the mother's tender message, with the interest all the church felt in his welfare. At last the prisoner broke out, "Do you know you was what done it?" "What have I done?" replied the pastor, striving to understand his strange language. "I began the business," returned the youth, speaking very loud, "in your Sunday-school. Don't you remember the Sunday-school fair, when they first set up raffling and hid a gold

ring in a loaf of cake? Just for twenty-five cents, too, I got a whole box of little books. I was pleased with my luck, and went in afterward for chances. Sometimes I gained, and sometimes I lost. Money I must have for lotteries. I was half mad with excitement; so I used other folk's names, and here I am; Don't let the church come blubbering around me. They may thank themselves! Their raffling was what done it! It ruined me.

**GOSPEL SUCCESS.**

Reported by our correspondents and gleaned from our exchanges.

**OREGON.**

**HALSBY, Linn Co.**—Dear Bro. Stanley: There was two baptisms at my last meeting at Clear Lake, Lane county, on the fourth Lord's day in May. Brother R. L. Shelley was with me and preached a splendid discourse. I am in hope we will build up a strong congregation at that point. Your brother in hope.—J. E. Roberts.

**KANSAS.**

**Bro. T. E. Shepherd**, for many years of Fredericktown, Mo., has lately moved to Cherrydale, where he has organized a congregation of 43 additions in all: 5 by confession, 3 from the Baptists, 2 from Old Christian connection and 1 from the Winbrennians, the balance were, or had been members of the church.

**NEODESHA, June 19.**—Bro. McKinney held a meeting of nine days at this place, resulting in thirteen additions by letter and two by confession; one more by letter last night. Also, two at my last appointment at Fredonia. We feel that the cause is prospering.—E. F. Taylor.

**MILAN, June 24.**—Bro. Crenshaw held a meeting recently at Caldwell. Stirred things up. Had 11 additions in all. Bro. Shick held a meeting at Milan some time ago. 11 were added mostly by relation.—J. J. Williams.

**CARBONDALE, June 19.**—We had two confessions and baptisms at Waveland yesterday; the result of Bro. Johnson's training.—D. H. Patterson.

**BURLINGTON, June 19.**—I have removed from Leadville, Colorado, to this place. The outlook here is good. The church has been without regular preaching for several months. Three additions by letter Sunday morning.—Wayland Johnson.

**McPHERSON, June 9.**—One addition (from German Baptist) at Groveland, third Lord's day in June. The cause is looking up in this part of the country.—Levi McCash.

**WARELAND, June 19.**—2 confessions and baptisms here yesterday.—D. H. Patterson.

**SQONRA, June 19.**—At my regular appointment on May 28th, 11 came forward—6 from the Baptists, and 5 that were formerly members of the one body, but had become cold and lukewarm, renewed their obligation, and 1 more returned at my last appointment;

and with the above number we organized at Pleasant Hill school-house.—A. Calbertson.

**OHIO.**

**AUGUSTA, June 19.**—3 were added since last report—1 reclaimed, 1 by relation, from the Methodists and 1 baptized.—C. H. Strawn.

**PORTSMOUTH, June 9.**—Closed a meeting here with 3 additions—2 baptisms and 1 by letter.—D. O. T.

Our last day at Ballaire (June 18th), was a sad one, in its parting from so many and so dear friends. Yet it was a glad day in its fruits. 3 persons were added to the congregation there—1 by letter, 1 from the Baptists and 1 by baptism. My work at Hiram opened yesterday auspiciously, with the baptism of a man and wife, who had come eleven miles to obey the Gospel.—B. S. Dean.

**CLEVELAND, June 26.**—My meeting at Middleport closed June 11th, with 8 baptisms and 2 other accessions to the church.—R. M.

**MICHIGAN.**

**GREENWOOD, Wexford Co., June 19.**—We have just closed a meeting of five evenings at this place, conducted by Elder M. J. Hodson, of Frankfort, Ind., who speaks the word with power to break in pieces the stony hearts. 6 made the good confession and were baptized—one mother whose locks have been whitened by 63 years spent in the service of the adversary; she has four sons at this place who have obeyed the Gospel, and welcomed their mother to the house of God; all the additions were members of the Sunday-school. Our little society was established here four years ago, with 8 members; there has been a gradual, steady increase; our number at present is 23. There have been 5 dismissed by letters of commendation, and 2 fallen asleep in Jesus. Thus we press on, running with patience, the race set before us. We are few in number, we are poor, we are strongly persecuted by the sects; but our hope is in heaven, our trust in him who has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee."—Jno. J. Stackus.

**CANADA.**

**STAYNER, June 16.**—I closed my first meeting at Stayner, Ont., on the eve of the 15th inst., with the following visible results: 3 additions by baptism; a Sunday-school organized, with a good man as superintendent; money enough to secure singing-books from Bro. Fillmore, of Cincinnati, to supply the school; also to supply the children in attendance with Sunday-school papers. From here we go to Priceville, Ont. Our address in the future will be Stayner, Ont., instead of Collingwood, as heretofore.—W. M. Gard.

**ARKANSAS.**

**DAYTON, Sebastian Co., June 14.**—Just closed a meeting at this place. 3 baptized 2nd Lord's day and 1 addition by letter. The Disciples number 52 at this place. Prospects good, I think. I have received 52 into the church since Christmas.—H. C. Collier.

**PERRYVILLE, Perry Co., June 23.**—We have a small band of the brethren at this place, Aplin P. O. Ark., Bro. McDonald pastor. 7 additions 4th

Lord's day in May—5 by immersion the other 2 by "relation," "connection" or recognition.—J. E. B.

**GEORGIA.**

**ATLANTA, June 19.**—5 added to the church at Red Oak, Sunday—3 by baptism, 1 from the Baptists and 1 restored. Bro. J. M. Ratliff will hold the annual meeting for the church this year, commencing the third Lord's day in July.—T. W. Foster.

**ILLINOIS.**

**BADERS, June 13.**—I have just closed a week's meeting at Camden, my former place of labor, with 8 additions to the church. This makes 40 additions to the different churches since I came to this (Schuyler county, about one year ago.—M. D. Sharples.

For several years a few members of the Church of Christ have lived in Watseka. Last November efforts were made to organize a church. The effort proved successful, a protracted meeting was held in the Opera House and in three weeks there were 70 members. Regular Lord's day meetings were held during the winter. Last February a building committee was appointed and the result is, we own property valued at \$3,500. The building was purchased from the Baptists, \$500 was expended in the way of improvements, consisting of a nice lecture room and a large stable that will accommodate forty horses. We are very proud of the latter, for kindness should be shown to the animals that bring the congregation to church. The building will seat 600, and is papered and carpeted in the latest style.—Charles Sumner Ebey.

**GREENVILLE, June 19.**—Eld. Kirk Baxter, of Springfield Mo., has just closed a protracted meeting at this place, resulting in 16 additions to the church. This was Bro. Baxter's first visit here, not one in this community having known him previously.—R. C. Sprague.

**MARYLAND.**

**HAGERSTOWN.**—Had good audiences yesterday, and two additions by immersion; one a man of nearly three-score years, the other a boy of about thirteen summers.—S. B. Moore.

It is the habitual thought that frames itself into our life. It affects us even more than our intimate social relations do. Our confidential friends have not as much to do in shaping our lives as the thoughts have which we harbor.—*J. W. Teal.*

'Twill cure your cold.

Everybody that has tried Ammen's Cough Syrup continues its use: besides they tell their neighbors of it. We were in a drug store the other day when a customer asked for a bottle of Ammen's Cough Syrup, saying "I do not know anything about it myself, but my neighbor advised me to buy it for my cold, and tells me that the use of three bottles has entirely cured his cough of two years standing, in fact he says 'It is the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds and lung complaints,' and that a one dollar bottle did him more good than all the prescriptions he had from the doctors."