

such a fight against the word in their hearts? Because Satan knows more than many modern theologians, for he knows that "the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes." Rom. 1: 16. Yes, "he taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved." Luke 8: 12. The word in the heart, if it remain, will produce a belief, and belief will produce salvation or recovery from the snare of the devil. This Gospel shines unto men by preaching, "For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord." 2 Cor. 4: 5. Satan, then, to prevent the entrance of the light of the Gospel to the hearts of men, does all he can to prevent the preaching of the word; therefore, we continually hear the most unreasonable and disreputable stories about ministers and professors of religion. Why is this, if it be not to blind the minds of them that believe not "lest the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ should shine unto them."

Another phase of our subject now presents itself to our notice, viz: How shall these persons be able to pass from the death in sin to life and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost? "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." They are enabled to pass from death unto life by hearing the words of Jesus and believing on God who sent him. The words of Jesus Christ, or the Gospel then is the power of God to save men from this death, this snare of the devil, this sleep in sin. The light from Christ is the will of God. "Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Eph. 5: 17. "That servant which knew his lord's will and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." Luke 12: 47.

But now we reach the concluding part of this essay, and have seen that the sinner is dead. Oh! what a wreck is a ruined soul. We may wander in solemn wonder over the ruins of cities, towers and mouldering urns piled by human hands, but what are these to compare with a ruined soul. These are the works of man, but man is the grandest work of God, for whom all others were wrought. Yes, sun, moon

and stars—all created things—were formed for his good, and yet he, with all this heritage, may ruin his soul and blight his eternal destiny. Oh! how sad to think that he for whom the earth was made and carpeted with verdure, for whom the grand old ocean rolls her waves, and rivers majestic wander through fields of delight, for whom the heavens were spread out in beauty and garnished in light, for whom the hand of God hath strown the sky with stars as innumerable as the sand upon the sea shore; that even he whom God has destined to a dazzling throne eternal, even he may become the companion of devils and fallen angels, and his final receptacle the outer darkness and the eternal fires.

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GOSPEL SUCCESS.

Reported by our correspondents and gleaned from our exchanges.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Have made one visit to Seattle, preached three sermons, found fourteen members of the church. Twelve are willing to organize and go to work. We have a lot to build upon now. I will go back there this week and organize the congregation next Lord's day. More next week. Yours in hope—S. C. Espy.

MISSOURI.

HANNIBAL, July 18.—Second Lord's day in this month I preached at Crooked Creek, Shelby county; 8 were added from the Baptists. The colored people have a good church there. Sunday last 5 were added at Union Hill, and 3 here, in the city, at night; these will be baptized next Sunday.—Wm. Hancock.

CHAMMOIS, July 24.—Four additions to the church at Pleasant Hill, Franklin county, July 23: 3 by letter and 1 from the Adventists.—John M. Claypool.

HANNIBAL, July 24.—The cause is still going on here: 5 made the good confession last night, and we will baptize next Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. May God bless the work here. The people are very much interested. We are erecting our church edifice now, and expect to be in it soon.—Wm. Hancock.

FREDERICKTOWN, July 22. I had 1 addition at Brunot, Iron county; 1 at Green Chapel, Madison county; 1 at Ebenezer school-house, Madison county. In Arkansas, where I have been nearly a year, I had 42 additions. Will hold a meeting at White Water, Perry county, this month. I am still traveling and preaching all the time as usual. Bro. Wright is living near Ebenezer school-house, in Madison county, six miles from Fredericktown, and preaches occasionally.—H. W. Morris.

ILLINOIS.

HOOPESTON, July 17.—One baptized at Bethany, Champaign county, yesterday, making 10 additions since Jan. 1, and 45 additions here; total since, Jan.

1, 55.—T. L. Stipp.
CLINTON, July 24.—The church here is prospering. We had 5 additions yesterday: 3 by commendation and 2 by confession.—H. Frank Tandy.

PARIS, July 10.—Bro. Flower's meeting closed here one week ago last Tuesday with five confessions and good results to church otherwise.—J. B. Mayfield.

PLUMFIELD, July 11.—At Lake Creek Church, at our June meeting, three young ladies confessed their Savior and were baptized; one Lord's day, and one yesterday morning—5 in all. The prospects are good at this point.—M. J. Williams.

BLUE MOUND, July 17.—At our regular service yesterday there were 8 additions by letter and commendation. We have increased our number in fellowship by 40 or more since Feb. 1st, when I did my first work here. I owe much to the untiring energies of my elders, Bros. Fuller and Ellis. They are pure, grand men, and dignify the church in the minds of outsiders.—W. B. Foster.

MICHIGAN.

CASCADE, July 22.—July 9, at evening service, 2 confessions. July 16, the largest Sunday school ever held in this place—125 in attendance. 2 baptisms—husband and wife, made confession last Lord's day. Also, 1 took membership, coming from the M. E. Church. Outlook encouraging and all hopeful.—E. Sias.

BROCKWAY CENTER, July 18.—Bro. D. B. McKellar, of Brockway Center, an earnest laborer in Christ, asked this church, if possible, to send our evangelist, Bro. Keifer, to assist him in his field of labor, which we consented to at once; and Bro. Keifer returned after four weeks' labor there, with many thanks, to this church in South Dorchester; and the result of his labors in Speaker township was 14 baptisms and 6 who were formerly baptized, making in all 20 added to the church there, with deep impressions made on a great many more.—Peter McNeill, Lyon Ontario.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, No. 42 Fletcher Ave.—The Sixth Christian Church of this city still prospers. Six exemplary and influential adults have joined us since the close of Bro. Pier's reports.—W. F. Parker.

MT. TABOR, Del. Co., July 23.—5 accessions—4 by primary obedience, 1 by former relation.—E. B. Seofield, Connersville.

ALABAMA.

SELMA, July 14.—I have just closed a meeting at Plantersville, about 20 miles north of this place, resulting in 5 additions to the church. They were all young men.—J. S. Kendrick.

GEORGIA.

NEWMAN, July 20.—I closed a four days' meeting at Bethany, Pike Co., last Tuesday night, with 8 additions—3 from the Baptists, 1 from the Methodists, 3 by confession and 1 by letter.—Harrison Jones.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

WALTERBORO, July 20.—We are in a very interesting meeting here near Walterboro. Have had 6 confessions

up to date and 4 Baptists, one of them a preacher of good ability and excellent character. The interest of the meeting is just fairly getting up. Crowded houses and marked attention. We expect several more additions. This is a lively church, doing a good work.—W. H. Goodloe.

NEBRASKA.

GREENWOOD, July 20.—Four have been added since the debate. One by commendation, three by baptism. Two of these were from the Methodists. The cause of the Master is onward throughout this part of the State.—W. H. Hardman.

OHIO.

BUCYRUS, July 18.—At our last meeting, 2 confessed Christ and were baptized. On last Lord's day these and 2 others from the Adventists took membership with us.—Solomon Metzler.

WELLSVILLE, July 24.—We had 3 more additions at our regular meeting here yesterday. There is a healthy growing interest.—P. H. Jones.

MINNESOTA.

BROWNSVILLE, July 17.—Went to Otranto, Iowa, on the 23d of June, preached seventeen nights, with ten additions to the church. Received 1 by letter, 2 from the Methodists, 2 from the Free Will Baptist, 3 reclaimed, 1 restored, 1 baptized.—C. S. Beaulieu.

Upon being spoken to concerning St. Jacobs Oil, our fellow townsman Mr. Theodore Wakelee, said: I had been suffering with rheumatism, and obtained the greatest relief from the use of St. Jacobs Oil. It has also been used in my family for some time, and has never been found to fail in giving prompt relief.—Battle Creek, (Mich.) Daily Journal.

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