

and hospitals. That church that has found the way to send a religious teacher to China or India has learned therein how to dispatch workers to the Freedmen and the Mormons.

Missionary activity helps tone up a church to doctrinal soundness. An idle church may have a formal orthodoxy, but hardly a living faith. But men who bear or send the Gospel to the heathen have a practical belief in human depravity; they realize that the world is lost without Christ; that Jesus is mighty to save; that he is our Lord and our God, and they recognize the spiritual power of the Scriptures. Doubting and false liberalism is scant in a church imbued with the missionary spirit.

A missionary church has the advantage of being prevailingly aggressive rather than defensive. The best reply to those who deny the faith is to push it forward, and so prove the truth of the Gospel by evangelizing efforts. When these "advanced thinkers" see us advancing in work for Christ, instead of halting to answer their every quibble, they will see that the presumption is for Christianity. Better even than "Paley's evidences" and "Butler's Analogy" are missionary enthusiasm and success.

The missionary spirit tends to break down the caste spirit. If you pray for the native African, you can not hate his cousin in our south. When you send a missionary to China, you therein bind yourself to pray for those of the same race on our Pacific slope, instead of ostracising them. From study of missions you learn the brotherhood of man. "There can be neither Jew nor Greek; there can be neither bond nor free; for in one spirit were all baptized into one body."—*Missionary Herald*.

Ex-President Hopkins, says the *A. C. Review*, presents an incisive argument, in a few words, against the theory of man's evolution from the savage state. "Those who hold," as he expresses it, "that man was developed from below, also hold that primeval man was a savage, and that as we recede towards the point of his origin, his savage characteristics became more pronounced. But since the anomalous and destructive practices mentioned above are most prevalent among savages, and not at all among the animals from which man is supposed to have been developed, it will follow that the more nearly he should approach them the more free he would be from such practices. Since, then, man is by these practices degraded below the brutes, it will follow, even on the supposition of his animal origin, that he could not have been originally a savage." Thus he believes with the Duke of Argyll, Archbishops Whately and Trench, with Dr. Mitchell and many others, that man in his primitive condition, was not a low, cruel, brutalized, vicious, unprincipled

savage, but that the savage estate in which many tribes are now found is the last result of a development downward. The animals are better than man, the savage. They do not practice cruelty upon the females as savages do upon their women, nor do they rejoice in cannibalism and infanticide, and many other iniquities, of which the savage is proud. In other words, man, the savage, is far worse than the animal, his ancestors—all which show evolution downward instead of upward, i. e., if civilization be true at all.

Lane County Meeting.

TAY, LANE COUNTY, OR.

Oct. 28, 1882.

D. T. Stanley:

Please announce through the *HERALD*, that the annual Cooperation of the church of Christ will convene at Junction City, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in November, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The churches of Lane county are earnestly requested to send up a full delegation. The brotherhood are also invited as the meeting will continue over Lord's day. Done by order of the Executive Committee.

J. W. PARKS, Sec.

Sabbath School Convention Call for 1882.

The Sabbath School Association of Oregon and Washington will hold its meeting for 1882, in Portland, Oregon, on November 14 16, opening on Tuesday, at 7 o'clock P. M., and continuing until Thursday at mid-day.

All Sabbath Schools in Oregon, Washington and Idaho are invited to send delegates—two from each school numbering fifty in average attendance, or less, and an additional one for each twenty-five in excess of that number. A large attendance is expected, and an interesting session is assured.

AMOS W. BOWER,

Statistical Sec'y. for Oregon.
East Portland, Or., Oct. 11, 1882.

Cultivate cheerfulness, if only for personal profit. You will do and bear every duty and burden better by being cheerful. It will be your consoler in solitude, your passport and recommendation in society. You will be more sought after, more trusted and esteemed for your steady cheerfulness. The bad and vicious may be boisterously gay and vulgarly humorous, but seldom or never truly cheerful. Genuine cheerfulness is an almost certain index of a happy mind and a pure, good heart.

A NEAR SAVIOR.—However early in the morning you seek the gate of access you find it already open; and however deep the midnight hour when you find yourself in the sudden arms of death, the winged prayer can bring an instant Savior near.—*James Hamilton*.

GOSPEL SUCCESS.

Reported by our correspondents and gleaned from our exchanges.

OHIO.

LATHAM, Nov. 6.—Hebron congregation: At the first day, social meeting, yesterday 1 reclaimed.—W. J. White.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN LUIS REY, Oct. 27.—Bro. Stanley: Closed here last night with 8 confessions. A better little meeting I never saw. I go to Downey, home to day. Please say that the number of tents at our late meeting was 17, not 107. Affectionately—C. Kendrick.

VIRGINIA.

PAINVILLE, Oct. 10.—Since my last letter I report from different places visited in the southeastern District, 20 additions to the church of Christ. The work is prospering finely in this district.—Janus Wilkins.

WEST VIRGINIA.

WHEELING, Oct. 16.—We have had 12 more added in our meeting here—9 by baptism, making 21 in all. We will rest a few days, but expect more to follow.—W. B. Thompson.

OHIO.

NORTH EATON, Oct. 9.—Since reporting, have had 19 additions—17 by confessions and 2 restored. 12 of these were during a two weeks' meeting, in which I was assisted by Bro. Dowling, of Marion. The others came out at our regular Lord's day meetings. Had 2 confessions yesterday.—W. H. Scott.

INDIANA.

RUSHVILLE, Oct. 13.—Have just closed a very fine meeting at Little Flat Rock, Rush Co., with 19 additions—16 confessions, 2 by letter and 1 by relation. The church is much strengthened; and we hope the end is not yet. Begin a meeting at Ben Davis Creek next Lord's day.—J. W. Ferrell.

NEW CASTLE, Oct. 16.—At my appointment at Flat Rock, on the 8th, I continued the meeting one week, resulting in 11 additions by baptism. Our meetings were joyful; the audiences large, on several occasions more than could get in the house, and the interest unbounded.—J. B. Ludwig.

IRVINGTON, Oct. 13.—Closed a meeting last night with the following results: 16 baptisms, 3 by relation—several heads of families among the number.—L. C. Wilson.

FRANKTON, Oct. 10.—We continued our regular meeting at Independence, in Grant Co., over two Lord's days, closing on the 9th inst. at the water. Immediate results: added to the congregation, by immersion 26, by relation 2, reclaimed 2; total, 30.—C. Quick.

ILLINOIS.

PITTSFIELD, Oct. 12.—Our meeting of four weeks' continuance, in which Bro. Adams did the preaching, closed Sept. 27. Additions—by baptism, 24; letter and relation, 3; 1 baptized last evening, 2 previously, not reported, making 30 additions since last report.—James McGuire.

BETHEL, Logan Co., Oct. 19.—We just closed a meeting of 18 days at Bethel. There were 20 additions—15 by

confession, 1 from the Baptists, and 4 reclaimed. Bro. John Lindsey preaches regularly for the church.—Simpson Ely, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

EDINBURG, Oct. 12.—We began a series of meetings at this place Sept. 24, which closed last night with 17 additions—11 by obedience, 1 reclaimed and 5 by commendation. We had the assistance of Bro. S. C. Pruitt, of Lincoln, who is an earnest worker in the Master's vineyard. We have had in all 44 additions to this church since we began our work, Feb. 1.—W. W. Weedon.

TENNESSEE.

HENDERSON, Oct. 14.—Bro. R. P. Meeks (evangelist) held a meeting at Refuge, McNairy Co., embracing first Lord's day in Oct. 31 additions. Meeting of three days at Bancroft's Chapel, 8 additions. 2 have been added at our prayer meetings (Henderson) during this month. 1 added at Jackson, first Lord's day, at Bro. Inman's regular appointment.—A. D. B.

KENTUCKY.

MORTON'S GAP, Oct. 14.—Since our last report God has blessed our work with the following results: While in Texas, presenting the claims of South Kentucky College to the Disciples of the Lone Star State, we halted a few days at McKimney, preaching each night. 12 were added to the saved. On our return home, we held a meeting of ten days at this place, resulting in 5 souls obeying Christ, and expending about \$100 on our house of worship. Last night we closed a two week's meeting at Bethlehem, four miles east of Madisonville. 13 added by confession and baptism, one household, "the farmer and his household," but none too young to hear and believe.—Jno. W. Hardy.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—Just closed a meeting of a few days at Madison, with 5 additions to the congregation. Bro. W. M. Featherstone is pastor of Madison congregation, and is doing a good work for the cause of Christianity in that town.—H. B. Davis.

To-Day.

Are you well? Enjoy your health and use it to the best advantage. Are you ill? Then to-day is a day in which to be patient and endure cheerfully. Are you free from trouble? Then it is a thanksgiving day. Are you carrying heavy burdens for yourself or others? Then it is a day for special looking to God, and the rolling off of your burdens, at the foot of the cross. Whatever the day brings to you, God comes with all its gifts in the person of his Son and in the office of the Holy Spirit. In the presence of Jesus the darkest day will be sanctified; and using each day well, improving every moment to some good end, how rich we may become as the days go on, and what fruit we may bear to the glory and honor of our Heavenly Father, who fills the measure of our days to completeness so that we need not trespass upon to-morrow.—*Rural Home*.