

From Bro. Wm. N. Boots.

DRAIN, OR, Nov. 6, 1882.

Bro. D. T. Stanley:

I thought a word from Drain might not be out of place.

On Sept. 21, 1878, under the labor of Elders D. D. Weddle and C. W. M. Smith, we organized ourselves into a congregation of Christians, numbering nine. Since then we have added till we now number some 26 that yet remain with us and are in full fellowship, two of this number live near Elkhorn, fifteen miles away, three live near Yoncalla, six miles away; the balance in or near Drain. Bro. I. N. Mulkey, of Pleasant Hill, met with us on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, and preached four or five able discourses; but owing to the Methodist brethren having a protracted meeting that had been running some two weeks, and as they still saw fit to continue we thought it best to close till some future time.

On Saturday before the first Lord's day in this month Bro. L. N. Mulkey met with us again, and preached some four or five discourses to a large and attentive audience. Two were added by confession and baptism and one by relation.

Bro. Mulkey is an earnest worker, and one that needeth not be ashamed. He handles the word of the Lord clearly and forcibly, and that, too, without gloves. He left us Tuesday morning with a splendid feeling and interest, and, we think, has opened the way for much and lasting good. Bro. Mulkey meets with us again on Saturday before the first Lord's day in December, and we expect him to come prepared to stay with us this time as long as the interest demands.

Now, Bro. Stanley, I want to say something to the readers of the HERALD in regard to our situation here as a brotherhood. First I wish to speak as regards a house for worship. We have no house to meet in, only as we have the town hall rented. There are three lodges that have the use of the hall when they want it. We can only have it when not in use by the lodges, and it costs us \$3.33 per month rent. Now, we certainly need a meeting house, the good of the cause demands it, and we expect to try to build one the coming season. We already have pledged over two hundred dollars for a commencement with but little effort. Though our brotherhood here are

poor yet they are willing to do all they can to build a Christian meeting house.

Now, dear brethren, should you feel willing to lend us a helping hand, it will be thankfully received. The prayer of your humble writer is that the good work begun may go on till completed, and the word of the Lord may have its power in Drain as well as elsewhere.

Yours in the one hope,
WM. N. BOOTS.

From Bro. J. B. Franklin.

Bro. D. T. Stanley:

Since I wrote you from Zena I have moved into the Nestachee country, with my family. I have much to do in both manual and mental labor. This is a new country, and lacks development in almost everything, especially religion. Bro. H. Faulconer and family live here, with a few other faithful pioneers, who have been for many years without a meeting.

And, indeed, there has been no preaching here, except some one who gave them a few discourses while they were in the country looking for a good place to locate; but as there could not be much salary, and a very few people here at present, they passed on to more inviting fields of labor.

We have had a few good meetings here, under very adverse circumstances; but by the help of a few good and faithful brethren, we are still "contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints;" and we believe the Lord is with us in every good word and work. At our last meeting, which was rather an inclement day, and not many being addicted to the ministering of the saints, and not being in the habit of meeting at the house of God, our gathering was small; but, by the grace of our dear Savior, having some good singing by Mrs. Bazley and a few others, we made a few remarks on the beginning of the reign of Christ. "Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures; and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

We addressed the audience as best we could on this theme, showing the topic as it is revealed in the Scriptures. We have one noble

young man, who made the confession, before the small audience, and is to be baptized. We hope and pray for the good work of the Lord among these people. The truth is powerful and will prevail. "This is the condemnation, that light has come into the world and men love darkness rather than light; because their deeds were evil."

Yours in the hope of heaven,
J. B. FRANKLIN.

GOSPEL SUCCESS.

Reported by our correspondents and gleaned from our exchanges.

MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, Oct. 24.—5 added to the Worcester church inside of the last month. 2 by letter and 3 by baptism.—F. N. Calvin.

NEBRASKA.

DOUGLAS GROVE, Oct. 20.—I have just closed a few days meeting at Wood's Park, Valley county. The result of which was 3 confessions and baptisms, 1 from the Baptists and a congregation of 15 members organized.—E. D. Eubank.

ENGLAND.

CHESTER, Oct. 12.—Last Thursday afternoon we had the pleasure of welcoming to Chester, four of the party of eight missionaries, who, a short time since, left America for India. As Mr. Norton and his wife were detained in London by the illness of their little child, only Mr. and Mrs. Wharton, Miss Greybiel and Miss Boyd, were with us. In the evening a special service was held. Mr. Wharton, by means of a most interesting discourse, succeeded, not only in holding the attention of the large audience, but even aroused in them a feeling of enthusiasm with regard to mission work. Indeed, one good sister, had she possessed the necessary training, would have been willing to go with the party to India. The visit of these missionaries has had a most healthful effect upon our people here, strengthening their desire to aid in building up the Master's cause and kingdom, in all lands and among all people. To-night special services will be held in memory of those who are now far out upon the ocean. Our work in Chester is progressing beyond our expectations. The new building which we supposed would be amply large for our congregations, was crowded last Sunday evening, and our Sunday school numbered two hundred and ninety pupils. All this without the making of any special effort. Our Tuesday evening Bible class, and Thursday evening prayer meetings, are also largely attended, and almost every week find some one willing to obey the Gospel.—Mrs. J. M. Van Horn.

IOWA.

I had just closed a meeting at Mt. Ayr, which has been reported, I suppose. The effort resulted in completing an organization of 31 members: 4 by confession and baptism, 2 from the New Lights.—Wm. Gadd.

INDIANA.

STENNETT, Oct. 20.—Bro. J. P. Lucas, of Harlan has been with us for about two weeks, preaching the Gospel, and as a result 9 have united: 6 by baptism and 3 by commendation. I am just ready to commence a meeting at Pappillion, Nebraska. Yours,—E. J. Stanley.

FARMINGTON, Oct. 25.—Bishop Brown of Emporia has just closed a two weeks' meeting here with 7 accessions, 3 by confession and 4 reclaimed.—Z. S. Hastings.

MISSOURI.

FULTON, Oct. 22.—We had a good country meeting at New Bloomfield, on the 11th of this month. We continued the meeting several days after the county meeting; had a good time, resulting in 4 additions: 2 confessions and 2 by letter. Our county work is doing well. Yours in hope,—Wm Jarrott.

SEDALIA, Oct. 24.—We have a meeting in progress assisted by Bro. Lucas, of Lexington. 2 have made the good confession and our house is filled to overflowing every night. Oct. 26.—Our meeting is going forward grandly, 12 additions to date.—J. H. Duncan.

MONTEVALLO, Oct. 26.—The congregation at this place is still moving on by gathering in members to the church. At a meeting conducted by Eld. Thomas Terry, 8 were added to the congregation by letter and commendation. Yours,—J. W. Riley.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—Our work is progressing nicely in Paris, 2 accessions yesterday (Sunday), 1 by letter and 1 confession. 5 accessions at Madison a few days ago. Pray for us.—H. B. Davis.

PARIS, Oct. 28.—A few weeks ago I held a meeting in Jacksonville, Ill., the Lord added 40 to the church; a Methodist preacher made the good confession; his wife and daughter I baptized the same hour of the night.—W. M. Hancock, (Col.)

NEW HARMONY, Oct. 30.—I closed a nine days' meeting to day with the Hematite congregation, Jefferson Co., with 10 confessions and baptisms, all members of good families. We praise the Lord and take courage.—H. A. Branstetter.

ILLINOIS.

ROCK ISLAND, Oct. 16.—1 reinstated two weeks ago, and 1 confession yesterday.—Pastor.

SHILOH, Oct. 25.—Bro. W. L. Crim, closed a meeting of nine days at this place the 23d of Oct. The immediate result was 9 accessions to the church, 5 by confession and baptism, and 4 otherwise, and the brethren much strengthened and encouraged to go on in the cause of the Master.—T. A. Hill.

PITTSFIELD, Oct. 28.—We had 2 more baptisms at our prayer-meeting this week. One a lady 43 years old, and a member of the U. B. Church for many years. The other a lady 59 years old, and a life long Presbyterian, both excellent women. Our prayer meetings are good.—James McGuire.

ALEDO, Oct. 24.—Have just closed a five days meeting at Keichburg, resulting in 2 confessions and baptisms. We have here a good house and ten or twelve sisters, the remnant of a once strong and prosperous church.—J. H. Thomas.