

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT

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We wish to correspond with every preacher in Kentucky in reference to the circulation of the HERALD, and contributions to its columns. Send for terms.

The Herald.

We wish to call the special attention of the brethren of Kentucky to the HERALD. We have arranged to edit a department in its columns specially relating to the work in Kentucky.

We desire to put the HERALD into as many homes as possible. In doing this we do not antagonize other papers, but wish to work with them in promoting Christian growth. You cannot patronize too many religious papers. They are the great conservators of peace and righteousness, and should be largely circulated.

Again, as the "star of empire" takes its way westward, we should watch its course. The great west is of special interest to us, especially as it is a promising and wide field for domestic missions. As we should take an active hand in this work, we should patronize the HERALD, in order to be "posted" about our western work.

The HERALD has a temperance department, which adds special value to its usefulness. It has no hobbies to ride and no side issues to advocate. In no way is there any sour, bitter, or bigoted writers heard in its columns. It is in harmony and cooperating with all the laudable enterprises among us.

Bro. Floyd, the editor and publisher, is a graduate of the College of the Bible, Lexington, which gives the HERALD another special claim on the people of Ky.

We ask all who receive sample copies in Ky. to communicate with us in reference to clubs, contributions and reports.

Notes and Comments.

Fifteen at Mayslick.—A. N. Gilbert.

One at Vanceburg.—J. T. F. Cornly.

Two at Lancaster.—J. W. Lowber.

Twelve additions at Frankfort.—Geo. Darsie.

J. H. Harding recently closed a meeting at Jeffersontown, with 36 additions.

W. J. Howe, of Richmond, Ind, recently closed a two weeks meeting at New Liberty with no visible results.

Bro. J. D. Picket, recently re-nominated for Superintendent of Public Instructions is one of our leading preachers.

The successor of Raum, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Walter Evans of Louisville, is a member of the Church of Christ.

Bro. A. I. Hobbs closed a meeting at Midway, April 21st with 21 additions. He speaks quite favorably of the Orphan School. The proprietors contemplate erecting new and more commodious buildings. We hope that the Kentucky brethren will rally to the support of this school.

To say that we are happy does not express it. The first day of June has come with its balmy breezes and we have not written a line of spring poetry. By continuous effort we have arrived at this height of self-discipline. Let all poetizers go and do likewise, for the sake of millions of suffering readers.

Paying the pastor Unscriptural and Papistical, by Jas. Beaty, Jr., M. P. Q. C. & D. C. L., pp. 79. The title fully explains the object of the book. It is a clear presentation of the author's position and should be read especially by our pastors. Bound with this is "The Scriptural Plan of Spreading the Gospel," 24 pp., by same, which is clear and concise. No price is given. Address, Editor Bible Index, Toronto, Canada.

The Hymn-Book Committee propose to issue as soon as practicable, a Sunday-School Hymnal. It is to be seen whether they will make a better book than Popular Hymns, published by C. C. Cline & Co., Louisville, Ky. So far as having only one book, either for churches or S. S., we need not expect it. There are several now published, and each has special features and seems to be having a large sale. There is room for all, and no laudable excuse for controversy. The new hymnal will be published by the Christian Pub. Co., St. Louis.

From pity for others, springs ardent, courageous benevolence; from pity for ourselves, feble, cowardly sentimentality.—Marie Eschenbach.

The Shrine of Sidi Ab Dullah.

Here for nearly twelve hundred years has slumbered a personal friend of the founder of the faith of Islam, who lived, died, and was buried, wearing always as a symbol of devotion a portion of the Prophet's beard on his breast. The chamber is about twenty-one feet square and lofty. Its walls are covered with a geometrical pattern worked out in black and white marble. Four lengthy inscriptions are imbedded in them, and the room is dimly lighted by four small windows of rose-colored and blue glass. From the cupola of fret-work hangs a grand old chandelier of twisted Venetian glass. Below this is the tomb itself, surrounded by a high grating of bronze, shut in by four marble columns about seven feet high. From a rod on a line with the grating, hang festons of ostrich eggs and golden balls. The catafalque above the grave is covered by two elaborately embroidered palls; the first, of black and white velvet, adorned with Arabic inscriptions in silver, was the gift of the late Ahmed Bey; the second of pink and blue brocade, was a votive offering from Muhamed os Sadek. Over these hung thirteen banners, rich in gold, silver and needlework—the tribute of the successors of Hussein Ben Ali to the sanctuary of the Sidi Bou Awib. Our visit was certainly unexpected, for at least a dozen fine Arabic manuscripts rested on as many lecterns of mother-of-pearl and tortoise-shell in front of the screen. The guardian of the *zaouia* could hardly realize the fact of Christians desecrating by their presence such holy ground. Running his amber chaplet through his hand with feverish haste he suddenly threw himself upon his face and probably prayed to be forgiven. Some Algerian soldiers who had followed us prostrated themselves before the tomb and eagerly kissed the edge of the pall through the megal lattice-work. Fooking at the bright white pillars of the cloister my eye fell on one remarkable capital; at either corner a bird supported a Greek cross in the centre. The spoils of some fair Byzantine had evidently been brought to honor the resting place of the "Friend of the Prophet."—*Tunis Past and Present*—Broadley.

I would rather dwell in the dim joy of superstition than in the air rarefied to nothing by the air-pump of unbelief.—Richter.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the President's address, before the General Convention at Indianapolis, in October last, pertaining to the systematizing of our evangelistic work, begs leave to respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, God originally gave evangelists, as well as pastors and teachers, to the Church (Eph. 4: 11); and,

WHEREAS, The apostles and the primitive Church did continuously, by the authority of the Holy Spirit, send out evangelists to "preach the word," (2 Tim. 4: 2; Acts 13: 2); to "ordain elders" (Acts 14: 23), and afterward to visit them to "see how they do" (Acts 15: 36); to "set in order the things that are wanting" (Titus 1: 5); to guard the truth (1 Tim. 1: 3); to assist the elders (Acts 20: 18-35); to secure discipline (1 Tim. 5: 25; Titus 3: 10, 11); to promote benevolent giving for home and foreign uses (1 Cor. 8: 1-24; Titus 3: 13, 14); and,

WHEREAS, The fields of labor of these itinerant evangelists were generally marked out by those who sent them (Acts 8: 14; 11: 22; 16: 22; 2 Tim. 4: 10, 12-20; Titus 1: 5; 1 Tim. 1: 3); and,

WHEREAS, It is well known that Peter and Paul were general evangelists (Gal. 2: 9), and reported their work to the churches at Jerusalem and Antioch (Acts 11: 1-4; 14: 27), and that Silas and Mark assisted Peter (1 Peter 5: 12, 13), and that Erastus, Timothy, Tychicus, Titus, Silas, and many others, assisted Paul in various districts in Asia and Europe; and,

WHEREAS, All the elements of a thorough system of evangelistic labor are thus plainly marked out in the New Testament; your Committee submit the following, as in their judgment, a judicious and Scriptural way of cooperating, as the Churches of Christ, in this part of our work, and ask that this Convention recommend;

1. That each State Convention authorize its Board to engage a State evangelist, and, with his advice, as many district evangelists as may be needed in the State, or as their means will allow, and that their special business shall be to preach the gospel to the world, and to assist the elders in "setting in order the things that are wanting," as to their financial policy, disciplinary interests and the pastoral care of the flock, whenever such assist,