

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.

Little Things.

We miss the real blessings of the gospel, by despising present and seemingly insignificant duties. Rightly considered, no duty is insignificant. The smallest act in the name of Jesus, brings blessings that we cannot enumerate. The Master said that if one gave but a cup of cold water, he should in no wise lose his reward. It is the constant neglect of these acts of love that lead many to spiritual coldness. No business can succeed without close attention be given to details. The skilfull engineer neglects no line or curve or angle in drawing or surveying. It is by close attention to the minor parts of the work, that success is insured.

The physical world is full of striking and familiar illustrations of this fundamental and vital principle. The great oak grows by constant and minute additions. The hills and mountains are nothing but particles. But why multiply examples? Until we give good heed to the "smaller work" we cannot succeed as we ought.

To-day we can give ten cents to mission work. But if we neglect it, to-morrow we may not be able, or worse still, willing to give a farthing. So, we may fail to give dollars, and thus make the good cause go begging. One neglect opens a gap for a thousand. To-day we may give a cup of cold water, or a meal to a weary brother, or visit the bedside of the sick, or clothe the naked. But if we put it off, to-morrow brings its own duty and we never will have time and opportunity to do to-day's neglected work.

Let us be up and doing for God and for man. Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober. Let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us not despise the day of small things.

There is a company organized to cut a canal across Florida, at a cost of \$30,000,000. It will shorten the distance to other ports from New Orleans about 600 miles. \$26,000,000 is already subscribed.

Notes and Comments.

Two additions at Pembroke, Ky.
—J. W. Hardy.

There were two additions recently at DeMossville.

J. B. Jones succeeds Bro. Oldham as financial agent of the Bible College.

As the rivulet flows ceaseingly toward the sea, so should our lives toward God.

Bro. Raborn, a Bible College Student, will preach for the church at Milford.

The prohibition party of Ohio speak of nominating ex-President Hayes for governor.

Boston would do well to turn her attention from "culchau" to the horrible abuses of Tuksberry Almshouse.

There is a proposition to construct another canal across the Ithmus of Suez, which is favored by the London ship owners.

In New York City \$60,000,000 are spent in intoxicants annually, while the State pays \$11,183,000 to sustain her public schools.

W. F. Cowden, minister of Main St. church, Lexington, is on a visit to his parents at New Castle, Penn. Bros. Loos and Graham fill his pulpit.

J. M. Holms, of Owensboro, is a candidate for representative for Davies Co., on the prohibition law and order ticket. We wish him success.

J. T. Hawkins, now minister of the Commerce Street church, Dallas, Texas, has returned to LaGrande. We gladly welcome him back, as he is a true yoke fellow.

Madison county has a coöperation of churches to send the gospel to the destitute in her borders. There is a membership of about 2000.

The State Charity's Aid Association is one that should have the assistance of every one. For plan of work, objects, &c., address the Association at 6th East 14th St., N. Y.

The Worker is doing a good work, and deserves the united support of all lovers of God and humanity. Bro. Neal is sacrificing

his time and comfort and deserves our coöperation.

There was paid into the treasury of England on alcoholic drinks in 1874 \$155,000,000. In 1881 \$145,000,000. This is an average for every man woman and child (1874) \$29; (1881) \$26.

HEALTH BOOK FOR THE PEOPLE.

—This is a neat pamphlet of 60 pages, by Drs. S. & D. Davidson, 1707 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo. It is filled with valuable suggestions in reference to hygiene. No price is given.

J. H. Beazley recently paid us a visit, and preached one sermon. Since we last met he has preached both in Florida and Southern Kentucky. He is now radiating from New Castle, and as of old "on the wring."

There are few brave enough to act up to their own convictions, especially if such actions will cause pecuniary loss. Those who do not, can never prosper morally. A true moral (spiritual) hero is the noblest work of God.

If one truly loves God there need be no fears as to his devotion. This is the great want of the church. Let us labor with tongue and pen, not to air our opinions, vaunt our soundness, hunt heretics, or accuse our brethren, but encourage the cultivation of spirituality.

Bro. Higbee wants agents to aid him in his tract work. Let some active brother or sister in every congregation assist this important work. We surely do not appreciate Bro. H.'s efforts to assist us in preaching the gospel cheaply and effectively. Address J. W. Higbee, Madisonville, Ky.

B. B. Tyler and A. I. Hobbs are regular contributors to the Southern Herald, Louisville. The Herald is a staunch family paper, "devoted to Temperance, Prohibition, Education and Literature." It is the Good Templar's organ in Ky. \$2.00 a year. Address, Southern Herald, Louisville, Ky.

The editor of the Zion's Day Star has issued a 4-page tract, "The Sodomites shall Return to This Earth and be blessed with a knowledge of the truth." Like many of the editorials of the Day Star, this tract presents a peculiar problem. If you want a curiosity, send for the tract. Address A. D. Jones, 1159 Broway, N. Y.

H. W. Elliott, of New Liberty, was married May 30th to Miss Mollie Turner, daughter of Prof. B. F. Turner, formerly professor of mathematics in Eminence College, and now Principal of Sulpher High School. Pres. W. S. Giltner officiated. They go to Tennessee, the birthplace of the groom. They have our best wishes.

The fear has been expressed that the spirit of liberality, now so prevalent, would soon prevent a man who preached "sound doctrine" from getting a church, as though the getting a church to preach for was a preacher's end and aim. It is to be feared that there is too much "gospel peddling" in the land. When preachers have no higher idea of success than to get churches that will support them, they have not the slightest conception of their mission.

Some one recently made the assertion that when you heard a minister say, "Preach love," you may be sure that he is unsound, and unsafe. This is a very reckless and harmful statement, contrary to the teachings of Christ and the apostles. Love is the great motive power in the church. The Scripture says, "God is love," and he who objects to preaching love objects to preaching God. Is it not alarming when the "most straightest" sect of our religion oppose the preaching of God (love)? O shades of Pharisee and Sadducee!

One of our papers objects to preaching love. How any sane man with the slightest conception of religion can make such an objection is beyond our power of conception. The bare idea of condemning the very practice we most need, is startling. The entire redemptive system is conceived and carried out in love. "God is love." When one preaches love, he preaches God. But our objector wants one to preach his own opinions and make them tests of fellowship.

"The institutions" (Missionary Societies) "are builded up to give the managers of them power."—Gospel Advocate. It seems to us that statements of this class have been repeated often enough without proof. We have no evidence that any man among us, of any prominence loves power. There is no necessity for this continual cutting one another. It is right to discuss all these questions in a brotherly spirit; but when the motives of the best men among us are constantly impugned it is a great evil. Let us study humiliation and brotherly love, subjectively.