

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 Best Meeting of My Life.

Such were the words of a pious mother who has two sons, 10 and 12 years old respectively. She said, "The rest of the family had retired for the night, and myself and two boys were in the sitting room. One of them, of his own accord got a Testament and read, and then the other read. Then both sang a hymn, I joined with them, and each rose up and made remarks on what they had read. Then the oldest prayed; and a better meeting I never enjoyed."

This illustrates a practical and important feature of Christianity. Its power is not in eloquence or knowledge alone. These may be made important auxiliaries, but we must not consider them the real powers. They are only means. These were plain farmers' boys their mother a highly developed spiritual woman. She has heard some of the most eloquent men among us. Yet at her own fireside with only her two boys, she has a "season of refreshing from the Lord."

We may learn several useful lessons from this. 1. The enjoyment or success of a meeting does not depend on numbers. 2. Nor on learning. 3. Nor on eloquence. 4. Nor on worldly wisdom. 5. Nor on fine music. 6. Nor on fine house of worship. 7. Nor on conformity to the world.

This much negatively. But the success of a meeting does, in a greater or less degree, depend on 1. Simplicity of dress and surroundings. 2. The absence of any attempts at display or entertainment. 3. The sincerity of the participants. 4. The Word was read, and hymns sung "from the heart." 5. The absence of any thing to detract from the worship. 6. The unfeigned love of the one for the other. This last contributed no little to the meeting. And this would make any meeting a happy one. "Let brotherly love continue." This is the great secret of church success. May we learn to love in word and deed, to love one another, as Christ also loved us.

Biography.

There is no more interesting subject than biography. Pope well said, "The proper study of mankind is man," or we might say, "The proper study of man is mankind." Our most useful lessons are derived from the examples of our fellows. Especially are the lives of those conspicuous characters, who ordered their lives after the appointments of Jehovah, fit examples for our study and imitation. The Old Testament furnishes us with the lives of many exalted men—men who walked and lived with God. Hence the O. T. is largely a biography of God and man, revealing the wisdom, mercy and power of the one, and the weakness, struggles, defeats, and triumphs of the other. According to Paul, these things were written for our admonition and instruction. We are prone to neglect these matters. In the hurry of life we are not enough prone to turn aside and calmly consider these men and women, to recount their dealings with God and to draw useful lessons therefrom.

We study the Old Testament less than any other people. We should free ourselves from this neglect and thoughtfully read its grand pages every day.

We will write a series of Old Testament biographies, in order to stimulate inquiry and diffuse a more general knowledge of this part of God's Revelation.

Notes and Comments.

The Richmond Convention was quite a success.

There is no love like God's, and no hatred like man's.

Geo. E. Walk reports an enthusiastic reception at the Third Church, Louisville.

J. G. Perkins recently held a meeting of 7 days Pine Grove with 7 confessions.

The *Advocate* is increasing in circulation and appearance. Published at Nashville, Tenn., at \$2 per year.

The Indians of California were called Diggers by Gen. Fremont, because they dig in winter for roots and grubs.

J. A. Harding, who conducts a Ky. department in the *Gospel Advocate*, recently held a meeting at Kalsythe, Ontario.

The second annual meeting of the General Christian S. S. Association will begin at Island Park, Ind., Aug. 18, and continue 3 days.

A backward correspondent calls the *Christian Union* Beecher's paper. He has no connection with the *C. U.*, nor has he for some time.

Bro Robt. Beaty, of the *Index*, says that dancing is an untaught question in the N. T. Bro. Floyd, you should send him one of your tracts.

The *Bible Index*, box 213, Toronto, Canada, edited and published monthly by B. and J. Beaty, comes regularly. They are forcible and clear writers, 32 p., at one dollar per year.

A Ky. brother sent our venerable brother Creath five dollars to help pay his expenses in writing, and following his example, a brother in Texas sends Bro. Harding 5. This may not be apostolic, but it is expedient.

Gladstone is writing a book on the Evidences of Christianity. The evidences we need is the devoted lives of all disciples. These the world reads. "Ye are living epistles, known and read of all men."

Bro. Munnell, our State evangelist, and one of the editors of the *Apostolic Times*, held a meeting at West Liberty, in June, with 21 additions. Besides, \$500 were raised to pay off the church debt. J. W. Downing is the regular preacher.

Mt. Sterling has local option; but some of the rum fiends continue to sell. The people have employed an attorney to prosecute the law-breakers. Four indictments have been found against one man.

The brethren of Ontario recently formed a coöperation meeting in order to more successfully evangelize their province. A general evangelist will be put in the field as soon as suitable arrangements can be made. The editor of the *Bible Index*, Toronto, calls the coöperation "a new sect."

Bro. Kevorkian, an Armenian, recently took the degree of M. D. at Louisville, and will be sent to Tontus, in Asia, as a missionary, after the General Convention in October. This is a promising field. Now let us send up our prayers to God, and our dollars to the Society, for the success of this meeting.

Some sour or foolish old men have been upbraiding the editors of the *A. Times* for admitting young preachers to its columns. It certainly shows an evil spirit to thus condemn those who are laboring night and day to advance the cause of truth. By the way, do you take the *Times*? It is an excellent paper. The spirit of its editorials is good. We will send the *Times* (regular price for \$2.00) and the *HERALD*, both for \$3.00 per year.

The *Christian Foundation* for July has the following table of contents: 1. Evolution, Dr. Talmage; 2. Queries, Editor; 3. What is it to preach Christ? G. E. Ireland; 4. Political Religionism, D. Israeli; 5. Our Motto, an Intelligent Religion, Editor; 6. Cosmogony, Thos. Mitchell; 7. The Contrast Between the Bible and Adventists, Editor; 8. The Augusta Comptists, Editor; Poetry, Flowers of Jerusalem, H. C. Fellow. 48 pages. \$1.50 per year. This is an excellent journal and deserves a general reading. We will send the *Foundation* and *HERALD* one year for \$2.75.

The *Pulpit Treasury*, a new publication, conducted by a corps of eminent clergymen, J. Sanderson, D.D., managing editor, is a first-class magazine for any thinker. Among its contributors are John Hall, D.D., Thos. Armitage, D.D., C. F. Deems, W. M. Taylor, T. L. Cuyler, T. DeWitt Talmage, Bishop Warren, C. H. Spurgeon, J. P. Newman, Joseph Parker, Canon Farar, Bishop Follows, M. B. Riddle, D. L. Moody, Newman Hall, and J. H. Vincent. 64 p., \$2.50 per year. To clergymen \$2.00. We have seen nothing superior to this publication. Address E. B. Treat, 757 Broadway, N. Y.

Some sharp criticisms have been made about Union meetings. About the most objectionable affair is the bad spirit manifested in the criticisms. It is presumable that those brethren who took part in these meetings are capable of conducting themselves and their ministerial work to their own satisfaction at least. When they need advice or dictation they will likely call on some one to give it. Conducting meetings is largely an individual affair, and we should have brotherly love enough not to hastily accuse one another. In being ministers, let us not cease to be men. In the enjoyment of religious freedom let us not domineer over others.