

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.

Responsibilities.

Few men realize the weight of responsibilities which devolves on them. Especially do ignorant and unlearned men fail to exercise themselves properly when they are promoted to places of honor and trust. This is a most important matter, as upon it depends largely their success for real good. Men with much energy and "cheek" push themselves forward and at times get into places for which they are neither by nature or accomplishment, fitted. Men of coarse natures, raised in a rude way and set afloat in the world without education enough to write or speak a correct sentence, and who continue in this condition, are certainly not capable of filling places which require refinement, good breeding and education. A man is not to blame for being raised without an education, but he is sinful in no small degree if he continues without education, and at the same time trying to fill places which requires the highest and best that knowledge can afford. For a man to so do and spend his time in lounging around, is criminal.

Such men make sad havoc of their work. They have no respect for others only as it suits their own convenience and furthers their own selfish schemes. They trample upon the most sacred feelings of others with their slimy vandal feet. To them nothing is correct that is above their own coarse and rude logic. For the praise of men they live, and a little earthly glory they are exalted above measure. From such, good Lord, evermore deliver us.

Controversies.

There are one or two unpleasant and unprofitless controversies waged between some of our papers which indicate a low state of spirituality and a gross misconception of the high vocation of religious journalism.

The worst features are slanderous personal attacks on men whose fair names are household words wher-

ever our plea is known.

There can be no excuse for all this. The cause of justice, truth and righteousness does not demand it. Such language can come only from hearts filled with cravings for self glory, and heads void of education. There perverseness, ignorance and malice somewhere, and a discriminating and intelligent brotherhood will not be slow in locating it. It pains us to refer to these ugly affairs, but we wish to express the sentiments of a large number of brethren, that these should cease forever.

Missionary.

THE KOLS OF CHOTA NAGPORE.—Pastor Gossner's Mission in Chota Nagpore was begun in 1845. The missionaries saw no fruit for five years. In 1850 the first four converts were baptized, and ever since the blessing of God has rested upon work among the Kols. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is also at work among them. We have now 32,000 church members, living in about 1,000 different villages, in some of which there are but few converts, while in others nearly all are Christians. These villages are divided into 120 parishes, each comprising from five to ten villages and presided over by a ruling elder, aided by catechists and teachers to instruct young and old and preach on Sundays. The pastors and teachers get half their support from the congregation, and one is entirely supported in this way. At Ranchi, our head-quarters, we have a seminary for training pastors, a normal school for teachers and catechists, and a training school to prepare for both. At each of our seven missionary stations is a boarding-school, partly supported by native Christians. The native pastors are excellent preachers, of excellent character, and give great satisfaction to the missionaries. The converts are wonderfully simple and powerful in prayer, and have a very encouraging missionary spirit, so that their lives tell powerfully on their heathen neighbors. All the Kols as heathen are great drunkards, but when converted they abandon drinking habits.—H. Lorbeer.

The *Gospel Advocate*, Nashville, Tenn., has swallowed up the *Christian at Work*, Bells, Tenn. This is wise. We read several other consolidations.

Notes and Comments.

Vanceburg, July 25, 7 confessions.—A. Falle.

R. V. Omar, a Ky. boy, is preaching at Monroe, Ga.

Three additions at Gilead, July 24.—J. T. Hawkins.

Thirty additions at Richmond, July 24.—H. T. Wilson.

Pendleton county has a coöperation for home mission work.

J. C. Creele wants all the unbound volumes of the *Millennial Harbinger*. Address him at Henderson, Ky.

H. S. Howell, (colored) of Dallas, Tex., and editor of the *Star* has recently held a series of meetings in Louisville.

Our State S. S. Evangelist was married July 25, to Miss Sallie Orr, of Columbia, by C. C. Cline. They have our best wishes.

Bro. F. G. Allen is improving. We thank God for these indications of health, and pray Him to yet spare Bro. Allen to us a long time.

Bro. J. W. Foster, of Ep., writes, "Organized at New Columbus, with 27 additions." This makes the second congregation organized by Bro. F. since April 1st.

We are yet in our twenties. We feel the boyish spirit of the "teens." Our body is frail, but our spirit is youthful. While man's works grow old and pass away, the immortal soul lives on and has eternal youth.

Bro. Munnell proposes that we organize "Minister's Meetings" in every district or county, for the purpose of more efficient work. This would doubtless be good. They could be held in connection with our county meetings.

In his salutary, Bro. McPherson, in reference to what he admits to his department, says, "I never intend to admit anything like offensive personalities, church troubles or grumbling." To this let all our editors say amen.

On Bro. Sryglie's promotion to the regular staff of the *Guide*, C. McPherson, of Waxahachie, becomes editor of the Texas department. We extend to Bro. McP. our best wishes, and hope that he may be as successful as his worthy predecessor.

Our indefatigable Bro. Neal has been prostrated for some weeks. But he is about again, and up to the mark in the temperance fight. The *Standard* proposes for him to go to the sea side, but thinks it necessary to watch him, in order that he do not organize the sea waves into mission bands. Bro. N. is a good organizer and a great worker. By the way, he wants the name and address of every preacher in Ky. Send them in at once.

The typical Canadian editor is provoked to display his humor over the celebration of our "glorious Fourth," by any "Yankees" who dance to be in the Dominion on that eventful day. The editor of the *Callingwood*, tries his hand, but makes a lamentable failure. It is hard to find so poor an attempt as he makes. For example, he speaks of "our planet smash-eagle," etc., etc. If our brethren in Canada make as poor an "out" at celebrating the Fourth as Bro. Hands does of being witty, they certainly failed lamentably.

To-day we were working in the hay harvest. Whilst some of the halo of the poet is destroyed by the vigorous use of the fork and rake and mower, yet the "sweet scented hay," the lark, the bee, the brook, flower, and over reaching blue, conspire to make a sweet picture. We can draw several useful lessons from the meadows. When we first begun work in the meadows, the scythe and wooden fork were in use. "These hillsides are too steep for machinery," said the wise farmer. But the mower is come, and the rake, and he who holds to the old way of working, is counted silly, to say the least. Let us learn wisdom from this. Let us learn that our way of preaching and teaching may not be the best; let us improve our preaching. While we should not fail to declare the whole truth, let us do this in the most effective way. The scythe and the mower both do the same work; but the latter is the most effective. We sowed only grass-seed in our meadows; but to-day we find a few briars, bushes and weeds. What are we to do about it? Abandon the harvest and lose an excellent crop of grass because of a few weeds? This would be the height of folly. Or shall we aver that our meadows are all weeds? No. This would be a plain prevariation. But this is