

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.

Fashionable Lying.

There is a kind of lying by no means uncommon among preachers. This a grave charge, but if true, it should be exposed, and if false, it can harm no one. Knowing whereof we speak, we are fearless of the consequences. Preachers are quite fond of each others society, and when together, have many "preacher's secrets" to relate to each other. Many of these relate to absent preachers, especially to their defects and weaknesses. They if they were to confront these men of whom they speak, they would be all smiles and compliments.

Again they speak to each other of their own work. They state its slow progress, &c., &c., but if you were to put their statements of their own work, or paper and they would deny it.

It is quite a fashion to report everything a success, when there are many failures. Few men love the truth at all times. Especially if it relates themselves and their work. These things ought not to be.

If a young man is free to speak, and deals wholly in truth concerning these matters, he is apt to become quite unpopular in certain circles. He will lose the friendship of those about whom he makes true statements.

Another abomination is the many eulogies we read in the papers, some of them are true—from the heart. But many are written only to further the writer's schemes; and while he is writing, he hates the man he is praising. This is hypocrisy of the meanest sort, and no man can continue to practice it without being corrupt. "Speak the truth at all times," is the unerring rule, and when we swerve in the least from its severe simplicity we start the downward road to degradation. Our Father is called "the God of truth," and Satan, "the father of lies." When we lie, we are of the evil one. Let us speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

The best thing in the world is to be a Christian.

Notes and Comments.

Faith cures. In our county is a faith-cure woman physician. A certain man who is a member of a church, and a lover of obscene stories, is trying to have a tumor on his neck removed by faith. It would perhaps be profitable if he would first try and remove the immoral tumor by faith in God, remembering this verse, "Let not filthy communications proceed out of your mouth."

It is quite probable that there will be a Bible college established at Lexington, Ky., for our colored brethren, to be taught by the students of the Bible College. We trust that all of our colored brethren will unite in sustaining this enterprise. In addition to this they should liberally sustain the only paper published among them, the *Christian Star*, Dallas, Texas, edited by S. H. Howell, 50 cents a year. The colored people need educating, and there is no better educator than a well edited religious paper.

While we should give special attention to the elevation of the colored people, we should not forget the extreme indigent whites. They are suffering for light and refinement in thousands of fields.

Will those who oppose missionary societies, give us a "thus saith the Lord," for their opposition? To be consistent they must do this or be silent.

Every man's calling or profession should be consecrated to God. We should pray to him every day to prosper our crops, trades and business, as well as our preaching and church work. If our lives are rightly ordered, every thing we do will show for his praise. We must learn to plow, sow, and reap, wield the hammer, shove the plain, control machinery, all in the name of Christ.

Among Our Exchanges.

The *Christian Standard* is certainly the largest paper we have, and its quality and character are first-class. Bro. Errett's editorials are alone worth twice the subscription price. To regular subscribers \$2. In clubs of 10, \$1.25. Address Editor *Standard*, 180 Elm St., Cincinnati, O.

The *A. C. Review* is always out-

spoken and fearless in its positions. J. T. Rowe, editor, and G. W. Rice, co-editor and publisher. \$2.00 per year. In clubs of 10, \$1.50. Address, Editor *Review*, Cincinnati, or Akron, O.

The *Christian-Evangelist* is an excellent paper. Every issue contains a variety of useful and interesting reading. Its editors are J. H. Garrison, B. W. Johnson and J. H. Smart. Editorial contributors, N. S. Haynes, S. Ely, J. W. Monser, J. W. McGarvey, B. L. Radford, and Thos. Munnell. \$2.00 per year in advance. In clubs of 10 or more, \$1.25. Address, *Christian-Evangelist*, St. Louis, Mo.

The *Apostolic Times* with its 4-page supplement, presents a fine array of articles. The editors are Dr. J. W. Cox, Prof. H. Turner, and Thos. Munnell. We greatly admire the lovely spirit of the *Times*. \$2.00 per year. Address, B. H. Cozine, publisher *Times*, Lexington, Ky.

The *Gospel Advocate* well says, "There is a contest in the human heart between a disposition to obey God, and a desire to go in some other way. As the one or the other gains the supremacy and will be the perfectness of impress made on our hearts." In the same paper E. G. S. says: "Christians put themselves in an unenviable light when they prove plainly that they love neither God nor a good brother. And they do this, as certainly as the word of the Lord is true when they force an organ, into the church, and thereby wound and drive out a good brother." There seems to be a lack of brotherly love on both sides, and he who wants an organ, or he who does not want one should be considerably treated. It is worse than foolish to say that one side is entirely right and the other entirely wrong. We have not yet on either side reached the golden mean. But if we exercise due forbearance for one other, we can soon adjust the question to the satisfaction of all. Dogmatism should be laid aside.

The *Christian Foundation* ably reviews Prof. B. Hobbs on baptism. He is the Friends' champion, and adopts the views of Dr. Dale. Bro. Walker publishes a series of Fort-night lectures, which are good. Their spirit is excellent and their scope sufficient to make them profitable for self-improvement.

The *Review* says:

"In view of the pressing call in the far West for mission help, we suggest that our wealthy churches send their pastors West for the space of about three months, the salaries of said pastors to be continued, during which time of three months, more or less, the pastors can "recuperate their wasted energies and recover their nervous prostration." Change of scenery, change of faces, and change of work, will do them and the home churches more good, and give the cause far more strength, than if they were to remain at home, preaching to empty benches, or seeking recreation at the seaside, or in the mountains. We say plainly and decidedly, with apostolic practice as our guide and our model, that wealthy churches, as well as those in moderate circumstances, that will not send their preachers out to evangelize among the poor and the helpless, and take care of themselves several months during the year, are not the churches of Christ."

Our churches everywhere should heed this advice. We are not in as full sympathy with the wants of the West as we should be. As it is only a matter of distance (nothing more) we should arouse to greater activity in sending the gospel to the heathen. We ought to support ten men to every one we now have in the field. Let the good work go increasingly on. Let no time or pains or means be spared, till all the earth rejoice in the hope of the gospel.

We endorse Bro. Harney's words fully as they indicate a good heart. If the spirit pervaded our ranks we would be far more effective for good:

"But let none mistake his part in this matter, calling upon God as in extremity when no extremity exists, and before he has used his own means to further the ends of the gospel. Wherever God has a people and a work, he has provided the ability to accomplish that work, or he will not hold that people responsible for it; and when they have done all they can, and God does not give the needed aid, be assured he does not deem the work necessary.—*N. E. Evangelist*."

We can not call on God too often, nor can we depend on him with too much confidence. The only trouble, as the quotation indicates, is a failure on our part to do what we can.