

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.

Our Future Home.

Dr. Riley, of Indiana, has published a book on Revelations, in which he claims to unravel the mysteries of this strange vision. If we remember rightly, he holds that this earth renewed, will be the home eternal of the redeemed. Dr. Reed, in the "Hand of God in History," holds to the same idea. *Zion's Day Star* and *Zion's Watchtower* advocate the same also. In addition the *Day Star* claims that the good or redeemed shall rule over the wicked. That the blessing promised to Abraham, viz.: "In thee and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed," applies to those who die in sin as well as to those who die in righteousness. Paul is quoted also, in confirmation of this, Gal. 3: 14, "That upon the Gentiles (heathens, tribes) might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jesus." It is further claimed that the wicked will not be banished from God and the glory of his power; but will be with the righteous, and be their servants. That men will be punished they affirm, but that they will be punished forever, they deny. One paper that advocates this doctrine has a circulation of one half million, which shows that this doctrine is held by a large class of people. This is a compromise between Restoration Universalists and the orthodox theory of punishment, final and eternal.

That there is a radical and general change in reference to the eternal punishment, in fire and brimstone, no one will deny. Moses E. Lard's sentiments have doubtless been received by many, and will yet be received by many more. We have not embraced either theory; all the theories yet advanced are unsatisfactory to many deep and earnest inquirers. That many preachers and writers do not express their ideas on these questions, no one will deny. That others make them hobbies is certain. For example the Christadelphians. We have many and serious objections to these teachings which will be offered at some future time. It is not a profitless inquiry, and

he who follows the investigation, intelligently and prayerfully, will be richly rewarded for his pains.

Notes and Comments.

S. Kentucky M. A. will put three general evangelists in the field.

Bro. J. D. Pickett is again elected Supt. of Public Instructions. He is filling the office well.

Do we realize the importance of "walking with God?" How strong he would make us. He is our strength if we will trust him.

D. Lepscomb, senior editor of the *Gospel Advocate*, has had an attack of the chills. It is hoped that it is only the "outward man" that was effected.

B. B. Tyler and family, of Louisville, spends the summer at Swampscott, Mass., and then goes to New York City to engage in regular pastoral work.

St. Louis has about 1700 saloon keepers, most of them disregard the Sunday closing law. They are apt to disregard anything that interferes with their money making.

Yes, let "on the wing" go. But now and again the heading is quite appropriate. We know several species of the feathered tribe that go crookedly and unevenly when on the wing, and only make a discordant noise.

Prof. McGarvey recently held a Bible school at Fort Scott, Kansas, which was well attended, about 60 preachers being present. Arrangements are made for him to visit Kansas every year and deliver a course of lectures. This is a wise provision, and will be highly profitable to the Kansas ministry.

The New England *Evangelist* for July is neat and well filled with good things. It contains a church directory for New England, from which we learn that we have four churches in Massachusetts; seven in Maine; two in Connecticut, and one each in Rhode Island and Vermont, aggregating fifteen. We wish the *Evangelist* success, and recommend it to our readers. Monthly, 50 cents a year. Address Frank O. Ellis, Editor, No. 88 Munroe St., Lynn, Mass.

One of our exchanges tells of a man in Kentucky who has been preaching for 30 years, baptized more than two thousand converts, and never rode a mile on a railroad train. This man is surely not progressive, at least. We know one who has travelled over 200 miles in six months, preached over 30 sermons and has not received a cent for it.

At Lusbie's Mills, the people voted for local option the 1st Monday in August. The whisky partisans discovered in the afternoon that the local option would carry so they forcibly got possession of the poll books and destroyed them.

This is another of many evidences of the utter disregard of the whisky party for law and order. Neither have they any respect for truth and righteousness.

A. G. Tebbs, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., writes under date of Aug. 6th: "Commenced work on our new house to-day; promise to have it finished by Nov. 1st." This is encouraging. There was an appeal made in these columns for this church, and if any one responded to it, he or she will be gratified at this news. Bro. Francis, their preacher, has accepted a call to labor at Newport. He reports additions at his first meeting.

The *Faithful Witness* for August is full of good things. How a lonely bachelor, like Dr. Shepherd, the editor, can get up so lively and readable a sheet, can only be accounted for by remembering his excellent mental and moral powers. The *Witness* has as assistant editors, A. H. Mulkey and B. H. Smith and as contributing editors, R. L. Lotz, J. E. Cain, F. M. Rains and H. E. Ballou. All who want to know more about Kansas and our people there should take the *Witness*. One dollar per year. Address Dr. J. M. Shepherd, Topeka, Kansas.

The *Southern Broadaxe* comes well laden with prohibition facts. The editor concludes that the liquor party have little faith in the Republicans and that the Democrats are looked to for support. He quotes the New York *Retailer*, which is a good authority, to prove his assertions. After a careful review of the situation, we conclude that with Horace Waters, that a new party is needed, with only one plank—prohibition. The *Broad-*

axe "hews to the line." We bespeak for it a hearty support. Address Editor *Broadaxe*, Nashville, Tenn. Subscription \$2.00 per year.

The following concerning our Missionary Society will be interesting to our readers: Since the organization of this Society, in 1875, nine missions have been established. Two more will be established in a few months. The present membership is about 1,300. Its property is worth \$79,000. Two or three of the nine will be self-supporting very soon. The receipts for the past year were \$15,000. We started out this year to raise \$50,000. This would be less than 10 cents apiece. We can do this easy with the cooperation of all. Thus far, however, we have not raised half of this sum. Our treasury is now empty. We have special funds, but nothing that we can use for our general work. We will need at least \$10,000 in addition to what is pledged, to carry us through the year out of debt.—*Ex.*

W. L. Butler, editor of the *Apostolic Church*, published at Mayfield, Graves Co., Ky., is doing a grand word work for the Master with his paper, and in proclaiming with an eloquent tongue primitive Christianity in many localities. Bro. B. is a living monument of what the religion of Jesus can do for a man. Some 12 years since he came to Western Kentucky on foot from North Carolina with two navy pistols buckled around him, two hound pups and a fiddle and not a dollar in the world, bearing all the appearance of a "hard party." He frequently slept in the woods on his way to Kentucky. Shortly after his arrival in Kentucky he obeyed the gospel at Murray and then returned to his native home, after which he walked from North Carolina to the Bible College in Lexington, Ky. He is now visiting the home of his birth and calling his former wicked associates to the great gospel feast. Oh, what the religion of Christ can do for a man!—*Ex.*

We are personally acquainted with Bro. Butler, and know him to be an earnest worker in the vineyard. His clear head and good heart endear him to all who know him. To any of our readers who want an excellent monthly, devoted to the propagation of apostolic Christianity, we heartily recommend the *Apostolic Church*. One dollar per year. Address as above.