

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.

Missionary Catechism.

How many inhabitants are there on the earth? About 1,400,000,000.

How many of these are idolaters? About 850,000,000.

How many does this make who either know nothing of Jesus or are opposed to him? About 1,020,000,000, being two-thirds of the population of the earth.

Of the remaining 385,000,000, how many belong to the Papal church? About 195,000,000.

How many belong to the Greek church? About 78,000,000.

How many belong to the Copt, Armenian, and other Oriental churches? About 7,000,000.

How many are nominally Protestants? About 100,000,000.

How many are members of the Protestant churches? About 20,000,000.

How do the professed followers of Jesus compare in number with the others? They are about one in seventy-five.

How many Protestant missionary societies were there at the commencement of this century? Seven.

How many now? Over eighty.

How many Protestant missionaries were there in the year 1800? About seventy.

How many now? About 2,500 ordained European and American missionaries, over 7,000 ordained native preachers, assisted by female missionaries, native assistants, etc., making a total of about 5,800 missionaries, and nearly 14,000 native helpers.

How many of these were received during 1881? About 24,000.

How many native Protestant communicants in mission lands the first of this year? About 540,000. —*Ex.*

It would be profitable for Sunday-school pupils to memorize these figures. Also, let the adult Christians study them and be constrained to pray and give for the high and holy work. What an army of sinners to convert. Every government is open to the reception of the gospel. "The fields are white already to the harvest. Pray ye that the Lord of the harvest send more

laborers in to the harvest." Let us go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Notes and Comments.

Bro. Munnell's meeting at Rucherville resulted in 10 additions.

Let us lay up treasures in heaven daily. Let all our highest and best be given to our Father.

Morgan Morgans is editing a Missouri department in the *Standard* with ability. We wish him much success.

Prest. C. P. Williamson, of the Female College, at Richmond, recently held a meeting at Chaplin, resulting in 14 additions.

Men who stand before the people to preach should use plain language. They should be careful about their figures of speech. Not long ago we heard a brother speak of the howling *desert* of sin.

A Washington (D. C.) lady is reported as saying that eastern people stand a great deal of *thin* preaching. Well, is not this natural? But we know of several western preachers, who would be quite successful in the east, if *thin* preaching will insure success.

Sisters, do you read the *Christian Monitor*? If not, why not? It is the paper you need. Get it for your daughters. It is worth more than the sensational story papers. Send your name and address with \$1.50 to Christian Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

The church at Frankfort has a new spire and a chime of bells. The fashion thereof is like St. Paul's church spire in Richmond, Va. It is 132 feet high. St. Paul's is said to be the handsomest spire in this country. But what about the soundness of this thing? Well, the chime of bells will account for that. At least it is an innovation. Let us have a fusillade all along the line.

The Harper high license law of Illinois and the Downing high license law of Missouri are enforced in many places. The saloon keepers of St. Louis and Chicago organized to oppose them, which shows that whisky men, as a class, have no regard for law. He who disre-

gards his country's laws is a dangerous citizen, and deserves the contempt of all true men.

Bro. Creele says in the *Christian Evangelist*: "Six additions to the congregation at Henderson recently. We now number 180 members and everything is now in good shape. Have just closed a most interesting meeting at Murray, Calloway Co., with twenty-three additions; 10 confessions and baptisms, two restored and one by letter of commendation." The good work goes on. Bro. Creele says that he once opposed the general evangelists work, but the good that is being done by this system, has converted him. Amen and amen.

Bro. Munnell, our State Evangelist, takes the position that the evangelists are church officers, and have authority over the elders of the church. The authority, of course, comes from the Word of God. We are inclined to this view of the subject; and think if it were acted upon we could do a more efficient work for Christ. We are certainly deficient in organization.

We cannot utilize our forces and means as we should. Our spiritual liberty amounts to licentiousness. We need a fuller development of these essential matters, for they lie at the very root of our success. We will investigate this question fully, when the nights lengthen, and we can burn more midnight oil. We suggest that Bro. Munnell give us a tract on the office of an Evangelist, &c.

Of the ordination of the Japan missionaries at Island Park the *Review* says: "We shall wait and see what these 'interesting and impressive services' are to be. The whole business is intensely sectarian from top to bottom, and is intended to catch the popular breeze." This constant judging of the motives of good brethren is certainly unworthy of any creature, much less one who professes to be a Christian minister and journalist. Can the *Review* give a "thus saith the Lord" for judging men's motives in this wholesale way? Or can he prove that these ordination services are "intended to catch the popular breeze?" We call for the evidence, and unless it is forthcoming, we caution our brother to be more cautious, as the Book condemns "evil speakings," "accusers of the brethren," "false accusers," &c.

Christian liberty is liberty to "live and let live," religiously; to develop noble Christian natures and permit others to do likewise; to work on broad planes of life and teach others to do likewise. He who sees in the commands and ordinances of Christ a loving service to him and a means of becoming like him, becomes broad and liberal even in the strictest obedience; and in turn he labors to make others broad and liberal in the same way. The boy who loves home will return to it—no need to lock him in. He who loves God will keep near him—no need to hedge him there by forms. Hence, our best friends are those who are seeking to make men tread and true and liberal. If they have not the *true means* and we have, they will accept our means *when we prove it to be true and effective*. We and our friends can overthrow Babylon. This is only a hint—a riddle. So you may think is all I have said of Babylon. But, if you think it all a riddle, can you guess the riddle?—G. S. HARNEY, in N. Y. *Evangelist*.

The *Pulpit Treasury*, Vol. I. No. 2; J. Sanderson, D.D., Managing Editor; E. B. Treat, publisher, 757 Broadway, N. Y. Yearly, in advance, \$2.50; to clergymen, \$2.00; single copy, 25 cts. This is an excellent number. The frontispiece is a portrait of R. S. Stores, D.D., with a condensed, but quite interesting sketch of his life, and a sermon by him, "The Transient Making Room for the Permanent." These alone are worth the yearly subscription of the magazine. We find the following eminent men represented, each one discussing interesting things in an able manner: H. C. Patter, D.D., O. H. Tiffeny, D.D., C. S. Robinson, D.D., Bishop Simpson, Morgan Dix, D.D., G. W. Blaikie, M. B. Riddle, Canon Liddon, London, J. M. Buckley, R. D. H. Hitchcock, Canon Lightfoot, Canon Wynne, C. H. Spurgeon, &c. Among the many interesting topics we find, "The Successful Church," "The Rest for God," "The True Home," "The Deathless Christ," "God's Provision for the Believer," "Progress of Theology and other Sciences," "Temperance and Sunday Closing," "Praying and Working," "Light from the Orient on Bible Texts," &c. There are over forty subjects treated by nearly as many authors. We heartily recommend the *Treasury* to our readers. It can not be surpassed. So far as we have seen, it has no equal in its field. The price is in reach of all.