

## 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.

## Spiritualism.

Spiritualism seems to trouble many. Such persons as Dr. Collis, Mrs. Mix, Mrs. Moseman, Mr. Simpson, Dr. Monck, J. R. Newton and Dr. Bryant, have had their day. Many profess to have been cured by them miraculously. There are many such persons now, and they cause no little trouble.

Dr. Newton, who recently died in New York, was one of the most successful miracle (?) workers in modern times. He traveled both in this country and Europe and exhibited many crutches and canes as evidence that he had healed the lame and the halt. At one time Dr. Newton was performing in Boston; a highly cultured lady, living at Dover, N. H., had been sorely afflicted for many years; she saw many accounts of the doctor's cures; she mentioned the matter to her pastor, Dr. Buckley, for she had some thought of trying the doctor's powers. Dr. Buckley asked her the following questions: "Is the grace of God sufficient to sustain you in your afflictions?" Answer, "It is." "Do you believe that God has sent this affliction upon you?" Answer, "I do." "Do you believe it will be right to go to a professed Spiritualist, whose teachings you believe to be ruinous, to undo God's doings?" "No," she replied, and never went to Dr. Newton.

Dr. Bryant, one of Newton's subjects, also had a somewhat wonderful career. But Dr. Newton denounced Bryant as an imposter, when they both professed the same thing, and gave the same evidence precisely, of the truthfulness of their claims. But here is the way in which Dr. Newton accounts for the success of Dr. Bryant, and it is a complete exposure of the entire affair. Dr. Buckley asked "If Bryant is an unmitigated fraud, how do you account for the cures he makes?" "O," replied Dr. Newton, "It is all accomplished by the faith of the people, and the concentration of their minds upon his operations with the expectation of being cured. Now, nobody would go to see Bryant unless they had some faith that he might cure them

and the moment he begins his operations with great positiveness of manner, and when they see the crutches he has there, and hear other people testify that they have been cured, it produces a tremendous influence upon them. Then he gets them started in the way of exercising, and they do a good many things that they thought they could not do, their appetites and spirits revive, and, if toning them up can possibly overcome the diseased tendency, they improve, and many of them get well." Replied Dr. Buckley, "Is not that a correct account of the manner in which you perform cures?"

This readily accounts for the success of these modern miracle workers. Those who claim to be mediums, like the "healers" are deceivers. Capt. Carter, of the Pennsylvania Military Academy, recently witnessed the performances of a medium, and discovered his trickery and exposed it. There is no real foundation for all this parade of supernatural (?) power. These deceivers live only for gain and a little cheap notoriety. It is time that sensible people had done with giving heed to "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

## Notes and Comments.

Speak evil of no man, let brotherly love continue.

Bro. Robert Noel, of this county (Owen) has recently entered the ministry. He has fine natural ability, and will doubtless succeed well.

Bro. J. N. Beck, of Owenton, recently held a meeting at Corinth, Scott county, with 36 additions. Here is the home of Elder Whitton, who united with the Reformation in its earlier days. He is now 83 years old.

Prof. Graham and R. B. Neal commend the HERALD. Can you not assist in its circulation? It deserves your support. Gladden some home with it, and thus enlarge your work for God and humanity.

We have a problem for the P. M. General Gresham. Is it constitutional to have wooden headed post masters? or is a man eligible to the office who cannot see or read? Some of our mail comes a month behind time, worn, ragged and dirty. There is no excuse for this.

We propose to start a school (free) for illiterate and careless post masters.

There is a proposition to unite the State and Sunday-school work. This will, if consummated work well. A much larger territory could be gone over. When holding Institutes, our Sunday-school evangelist could set things in order, in the churches. The State Evangelist when setting things in order in the churches, could work up the Sunday-schools. By all means, let the work be united.

Faith is a gift from God which enables me a sinner to lay hold on Jesus Christ as my Savior.—W. S. Crouch.

Can any of the theologians give a better definition than that—*Central Baptist*.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.—Paul. Heb. 11:1.

Here is a clearly defined issue. Choose which you will. If W. S. Crouch and the *Central Baptist* are right, Paul is wrong.

A good brother, writing us from Ohio, about holding a meeting, says: "There seems to be no good material here." Yet he complains of the abundance of sectarianism. Our brother is an excellent man but takes a confined view of the situation. Wherever there are men and women, there is material. We need not fear to preach the truth anywhere. It is ours to go and preach, leaving the consequence with God. Paul says: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."

Our State Meeting was a success, so we learn from the *Times*. Thos. Munnell, State Evangelist, made a good and encouraging report. Harmony prevailed throughout all the sittings. There is a general desire to do a larger work, to put more men into the field. This will require a larger sum of money to be raised. Our churches are able to sustain many more men. We trust that their liberality be will equal to their opportunity.

The C. W. B. M. held its session at same place (Cynthiana). The work is increasing. It is hoped that all the sisters in the State will cooperate, and thus do an effective work for God.

The *Outlook*, a Sabbatarian organ, is filled with enthusiasm, at

the many utterances on Sabbath reform. This is merely catching at straws. The *Outlook*, of course, contends for the Saturday Sabbath of the Law of Moses. While nine-tenths of his quotations from other papers refer to Sunday Sabbath. This is strange confusion. We should call the day, the Lord's, and thus not have such confusion. But to quote such journals as the *Princeton Review* as favoring the observance of the Seventh day Sabbath, is the height of folly. All its utterances refer to Sunday.

We do not like to complain, nor will we. But the proof reader might brush the dust off his glasses, and we must write plainer and be at more pains to correct our MSS. This will explain some errors that have crept into our department.

The *Greek Student*, Vol. 1, No. 3, has been sent to us. It is "a quarterly journal, designed to aid students of New Testament Greek, especially such as are wholly unacquainted with the language, and to furnish students of the Boston Correspondence School of N. T. Greek, and others interested in this subject, a medium of communication with one another." The school of N. T. Greek is a timely and splendid institution, offering at comparatively nominal cost the advantages of a first-class college in the study of Greek. The student is replete with suggestions, lessons, and other valuable information. It is now a quarterly. When a sufficient number of subscribers have been secured it will become a monthly. We have no better Greek scholar than the editor. We bespeak for the *Student* a large patronage. Subscription price 25 cts. a year. Alfred A. Wright, Editor and Publisher, Boston, Mass.

The hope of the temperance cause lies largely in the rising generation. If those who will become voters in the next ten years are instructed in a knowledge of the physiological effects of alcohol, its immoral and ruinous results, necessary prohibitory legislation will be placed in our statutes and enforced. Each State should include this branch of study in the common school course. It is evident that within a decade this will largely prevail. Preparatory to this, as States move slowly, let all of the Sunday-school lesson and paper publishers devote frequent lessons to the question. At least, one lesson per month, if not more, should be in the study of this ques-