

The Cause in the East.

KENTUCKY.

Since the resuscitation of the *Apostolic Times* in August there have been reported through its columns, additions as follows: Two from the Newlights; two from the Catholics; five from the Presbyterians; 41 from the Methodists; 90 from the Baptists, including two preachers; and 4,127 by confession and baptism.

W. Graham had five additions by confession and baptism; in a five days' meeting with the church at Glen's creek, Washington county.

F. M. Raines had three additions at Republican, Grant county, the last Sunday in September: one by confession and baptism, one by commendation, and one reclaimed.

J. A. Coppage reports a weeks' meeting at Corinth with five additions.

J. G. Perkins held a meeting with the congregation at Little Hickman, Jessamine county, which resulted in 15 additions; eight by confession and baptism, four restored, two by commendation, and one from the Baptists.

W. P. Huston, Demossville, had in his various meetings between Sept. 1st and 19th, 21 confessions and one from the Baptists.

Hiram Ford and Wm. Pinkerton held a meeting at a school house in Franklin county, which resulted in ten additions.

TEXAS.

Bro. Elgan closed a meeting at Savoy, Fannin county, which resulted in five baptisms, 14 added to the church.

Bro. Barnett organized a congregation on Ten Mile Prairie, Jack county, with two from the Baptists, two from the Methodists, six by confession and baptism, and nine by commendation.

Alf. M. Douglass held a meeting at Andubon, Wise county, resulting in 15 additions; ten by confession and baptism, three from the Baptists, two reclaimed.

W. H. Scott reports from Denton, that he has been in several meetings lately, the aggregate result of which is about thirty from the world and seats.

MISSOURI.

E. C. Browning closed a meeting at Antioch, Shelby county, with 15 additions; 14 baptized. Dr. Lucas, of Lewis county, is preaching in Shelbyville.

G. R. Hand had five additions at South Point, Ray county.

Brethren McCune and Barron held a week's meeting at Fairview, Randolph, with ten additions as the result. Bro. Barron also had 17 additions at Higbee.

O. H. Derry closed a two week's meeting at Unionville, with five accessions by confession and two by letter.

T. P. Haley had seven additions—two confessions, one Methodist, one Baptist and three by commendation, while preaching with the colored brethren at the house of Bro. Lewis (colored), 198 South Seventh street. The colored brethren are greatly encouraged, have rented a hall and are meeting every Lord's day afternoon.

J. H. Duncan reports eight additions at Union, twelve miles from St. Joe; seven by confession.

H. Drennan had 20 additions at Jackbin, Dent county; 19 by baptism and one reclaimed.

M. M. Davis closed a meeting at Houstonia, Pettis county, with 21 confessions, one reclaimed and five by commendation—27 in all.

NEBRASKA.

Bro. Barrow, state evangelist, preached at Arborville, five times, baptized six and organized a church of seven, with one elder and one deacon.

INDIANA.

J. B. Ludwig, at his regular appointment at Flat Rock, Henry Co., Sept. 16th, continued the meeting seventeen days, resulting in 57 accessions to the church; 49 by confession

and baptism.

W. N. Littell, in a meeting at Montgomery Chapel, near Quincy, added 15. Seven have been added at Farmersburg; six by immersion and one from the Baptists.

A. Gardner, in a meeting at Richland, Monroe county, added 29, most of them young people.

Brethren Marsh and Channing immersed seven at Wheaton.

Six discourses and 15 accessions at Mud Lake church, Fulton county. M. B. McKinsey, preacher.

ILLINOIS.

Brethren Degge and Haughey closed a two week's meeting with 24 additions, at Mason city.

J. S. Clements had 15 additions to the cause at Hillsborough. The intention is to organize a church there soon.

J. A. Williams baptized four at Baldwin.

A Martin and Morton. Adams have closed a meeting at Sandoval, with 15 additions.

Bluebeard.

Bluebeard was a terrible man but was not as many suppose, a mere creation of the imagination. Neither was he a jealous man, nor had he a room with a particular key in which he kept his horrors. Indeed, he was not a king at all, but merely Marshal of France. He was born 470 years ago, served under Joan of Arc, fought against the English, and after the king was crowned at Rheims was created Marshal. Marshal de Retz was one of the wealthiest of French subjects, and lived like a king in his castle. He had a guard of honor of two hundred horsemen, besides fifty choristers, chaplains and musicians. He was a wild profligate, but with his wildness had a taste for pomp and ceremony. His chapel was hung round with cloth of gold; the priests who officiated were styled deacons and bishops. He even applied to the Pope that a cross might be carried in procession in front of him. But there came an end to all these glories. His expenditures swallowed up some of the richest revenues in France, and then it was that Marshal de Retz sought to obtain by foul means what he had held originally fairly.

An Englishman named Messire Jean, and an Italian named Francisco Ptohum, instructed him in the study of magic and sorcery. The Bluebeard of the pantomime appears in history horrible as the murderer of young children. From the neighboring villages little boys and girls were induced into the strongholds of the monster and there immolated according to his pagan rites.

At last this system of butchery was suppressed. The Marshal and two of his myrmidons were arrested. He was put to the torture, and everything was revealed. His trial lasted for a month, and MS. records of it are still in existence in the Bibliotheque Imperial in Paris. The tortures he used to inflict upon his victims were fully made known, and in one of his castles the bones of forty-six, and in another of eighty children, were discovered. He was condemned to be strangled to death, and the day of his execution was the 2d of December. That this historical personage was the type of the pantomime hero is proved by one strange circumstance. Marshal de Retz was known in his lifetime by the sobriquet of Barbe Blue. The circumstances that led to his death were too horrible to allow the nickname to be forgotten. Barbe Blue became a common word in the French language to express a monster of cruelty and vice. The term took such root among the people that it was transferred to England, and Hollinshead in his "Chronicles," speaks of a popular rising in the reign of Henry VI. on the committal of the Duke of Suffolk, and tells how the people "assembled together in great companies and

chose to them a captain whom they called Bluebeard; but ere they had attempted any enterprise their leaders were apprehended." Not only does the historical Bluebeard come to us from the French, but the pantomime hero is due to the same source. Perrault, a writer in the time of Louis XIV., was the author of that wonderful tale whose incidents are still the terror and delight of children.—*Rural.*

A Planet That Dodges.

It was one of the greatest victories of modern science when two astronomers, one in France and the other in England, having nothing to guide them but the irregularities in the motions of two planets, discovered a new one, the most distant of all, and foretold where it might be found at a set time, before ever it had revealed itself to human vision.

Astronomy, however, has not been so successful in its dealings with another supposed planet, which has been named Vulcan, but which has never been seen.

The data with which science worked were similar to those which led to the discovery of Neptune. Irregular motions have been observed in the two known planets nearest the sun—Mercury and Venus—and the "perturbations," as they are called, have been ascribed to the attractions of a planet nearer the sun than either. Its size, its distance from the sun, and its period of revolution, have all been worked out. The only thing that is lacking is the planet. An important lack, surely!

Early in October, 1876, the astronomers of all the world were requested to watch the for the passage of Vulcan across his face. The request was complied with, but the fiery blacksmith god did not put in an appearance. Some of the best astronomers do not trust the accuracy of the observations existence of Vulcan, and do not believe there is such a planet.—*Good Words.*

Modesty in Ministers.

Zion's Herald says: Modesty shines nowhere more beautifully than in the character of a minister. As an ambassador he stands not for himself, but for his Lord, and he should ever keep his interests in front. A worthy representative of the Master does not need to proclaim himself; his excellency will shine forth as the sun, and the odor of his virtues become diffused like a precious ointment, the fragrance filling the whole house. How unworthy a thing for such a man to be ever on the alert to obtain conspicuity, to impress the public with his ability, to preach himself rather than the Lord who sent him forth! The modest minister will not have much to say of himself or of his doings; they are in his view, too poor to be proclaimed on the housetop or in the newspaper. If he preaches a great sermon, or is blessed with an extensive revival, he is reticent on the matter till the work has been proved, and then no trumpets are needed. His works praise him in the gates. In all his modes of expression, too, he is self-oblivious. Cautious in giving forth his own experience, he recognizes the importance and excellency of those to whom he ministers. He never speaks of "my people," of "my church" or of "my services." His own life is merged in that of the flock; he is only one of our people, only a servant in God's house.

David Hume observed that all devout persons he had ever met with were melancholy. On this Bishop Horne remarked, this might probably be; for, in the first place, it is most likely that he saw very few, his friends and acquaintances being of another sort; and secondly the slight of him would make a devout man look melancholy at any time.

Learning passes for wisdom among those who want both.—*Sir W. Temple.*

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