

Iowa and Missouri Dots.

After our meeting at Kirksville on the second Lord's day in May, when we had one confession, we went south, and stopping at Atlanta, Macan Co., Mo., we preached one discourse for Bro. C. T. Hollis, and formed the acquaintance of several brethren.

Leaving Bro. Hollis and these good people, we proceeded to Meberly. After a few hours sleep and breakfast at the "Gillis House," we took a stroll through the city. Calling at the store of Bro. Goodfellow we learned that Bro. Reynolds, of Ill., is laboring for the church at Moberly, which is prosperous, and has, among other things, a model Sunday school.

We arrived at Renick in the afternoon of Saturday, where we preached to a fair audience till Wednesday night. There are many substantial brethren in this congregation. Bro. W. B. Andersen is one of the elders, and is a man of good ability and greatly loved by the church; he preaches for some of the neighboring churches also.

The chapel here is a minor house, is occupied alternately by the Disciples, South Methodists, and Baptists. They are repairing the chapel which presents a neat appearance.

We were much pleased to meet Mr. Golden B. Sanders of Montana Territory, who was, for a short time, our school mate in our boyhood days; he is a member of the M. E. church. Mr. Sanders is a cousin to Mr. Garlan Jones, who, we learned lately graduated from Monmouth college, and now resides in Polk county, Oregon. Mr. Sanders returns to his western home next week, taking with him a Monroe county, Mo., lady—Miss Sallie Dixon—for a help meet. We join with those many friends, both east and west, in wishing them a happy life.

The fruit crop in this part of Mo. will be very light, and all crops now needs rain very badly. Southern Iowa had good rains about the 13th of May, and the farmers are happy; but the happiest man in Iowa is Bro. D. R. Ellis, of Rising Sun; he is in ecstasies over a young daughter who he calls "the nine weeks' old beauty of the county," and he seriously threatens to purchase "a plug hat and gold-headed cane." Now if Divinity did not always enjoy good health, we would vote to make Bro. E. A. D. D.

Bro. Ellis' letter has other good news. He says that since our visit there in December last, the good work has gained rapidly, about 75 additions, and still they come at almost every meeting, and the sisters have taken the lead in one matter, and the result is, the chapel has undergone a general renovating, paint and paper has been freely used, and the house is protected by a good fence and sidewalk. Score one for the sisters; the church and everything else that is good would soon fail without them.

Dr. Fuller, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, Atlanta, Ga., says some sharp things in regard to Senator Hill, and a New York paper which represented the senator as a member of the M. E. church. Dr. Fuller says, "There is a vast difference between the M. E. church and the Methodist church south of God." Doubtless there is a wide difference, and if Dr. Fuller will tell just how far "south of God" one must travel to find the M. E. church to which Senator Hill belongs, we could easily determine how far north "of God", one must travel to find the M. E. church with which Dr. Fuller lives.

Bro. J. A. Meng, of Moberly, Mo., is in Fort Worth, Texas, and may soon remove to that State.

Bro. S. A. Hooren, of Humeston, Iowa, will soon remove from the State. He is a good man and a promising young preacher. Iowa's loss will be Mo.'s gain.

The Sunday School Convention of Missouri was in session at Paris last

week. We were unable to attend on account of a sick wife at home who needed our attention. Bro. Garrison wrote a short editorial on the way up the river, but complained of interruption from Bro. Berry's continual quotations of poetry.

Bro. T. P. Haley is expected, and may now be in Princeton, Mo., holding a meeting. We shall expect to hear good news from Princeton.

On the train near Moulton, Iowa, Saturday, May 10th, we met "Rev." Dake, of the "Free Methodist church," who informed us that he expected "to remain at Mo. over this Sabbath." Looking out at the sun far down in the west we could not resist the temptation to tell him he would not have to tarry long, whereupon the passengers laughed heartily, and the more so as the gentleman's confusion became apparent, indicating his ignorance of the use of Bible terms. Custom establishes many things, but does not literally change and establish divine things, and no amount of human custom can ever make it Scripturally right to call the first day of the week "Sabbath." As we hear many people say Sabbath the question always comes up in our mind, are they ignorant of the Bible or do they respect modern custom more than Bible usage?

S. H. HEDRIX.

Fairfield, Iowa, May 26, 1879.

Notes and Observations by the Way.

I left Harrisburg on Monday, and traveled in the settlement along the Willamette, enjoying scenery of much interest to anyone that had read and heard much of Oregon. I stopped over night with Bro. Roberts, one of our wide awake evangelists, and was amply paid for the time so pleasantly spent under his roof. Also I called on Bro. Churchill and Mr. Houck and his faithful wife, who is one of the leading members of Oak creek congregation.

On Friday evening I visited the camp-ground for the Linn county annual meeting. The meeting commenced on Saturday with a good attendance and fine order. The attendance on Sunday was large, the preaching able and attention profound. Two additions on Sunday, one by confession and one by letter. On Monday fair attendance and one more addition by confession and baptism.

To-day I leave for Scio, with considerable reluctance, hoping this meeting will close with happy results. The brethren here are kind, obliging and hospitable, sparing no pains to make the preacher and every one else comfortable.

To-day we had an excellent discourse by Bro. Waller on "Justification," at the close of which a pleasing incident occurred while we were singing. Bro. Waller was calling for soldiers for Jesus, to enlist under the blood-stained banner, when none but a brave hearted sweet little boy came forward and confessed his faith in the Lord Jesus.

On Lord's day an old gentleman above four score years came forward and confessed the Christ.

T. M. MORGAN.

Tangent, Or., June 17, 1879.

The National Complaint.

Dyspepsia is the national complaint. Almost every other man or woman you meet has it, and the result is that the number of pseudo-remedies for it is as numerous as Pharaoh's host. They are for the most part worthless. There is, however, a searching eradicator of this distressing and obdurate malady, one whose genuine merits long since raised it to a foremost place among the staple medicines of America. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters extirpates dyspepsia with greater certainty and promptitude than any known remedy, and is a most genial invigorant, appetizer and aid to secretion. These are not empty assertions, as thousands of our countrymen and women, who have experienced its effects, are aware, but are backed up by irrefragable proofs repeatedly laid before the public. The bitters also promote a regular habit of body and give a healthful stimulus to the urinary organs.

He is not Here.

Christians are ever going back to their dead experiences for a living Christ. They search for Him in their memories. They look for Him in the hopes of yesterday whom they should look for in the hopes of to-day and of to-morrow. They know not the meaning of the declaration, His mercies new every morning. They mourn over the withered flowers gathered last week instead of going out to pluck those that have the dew upon them. They try to keep the manna of yesterday, and know not that manna fresh fallen from heaven sparkles on the ground to-day. Many a Cowper seeks thus the living among the dead. "What peaceful hours I once enjoyed, How sweet their memory still."

Sorrowing disciples why seek ye the living among the dead? He is no there. He is risen. Go into Galilee. Go to your daily tasks; to your accustomed work. He eludes your seeking; He will come when you seek Him not. Rather, He will come when you seek Him in the way which He has appointed. Walking on your mission, whatever it may be, He shall appear to you; Perhaps unrecognized, save as He makes your heart burn within you, you know not why. offering your humble hospitality to a stranger, He shall suddenly be revealed to you in the moment in which you give of your own to another's need. After the long night of seemingly fruitless toil He shall suddenly reward you by his appearance and His invitation, Come and dine.

"He that hath my Commandments and keeps them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."—*Christian Union*.

How We Hate to Rest.

Our seasons of rest so are short that many hard workers have forgotten how to enjoy them. Some men, who have long worked hard, must go on working. There is no other chance for them. To sit down is to break down; to rest is to die. Indulgence is in one respect like indulgence in strong drink. Having got into it you must go on, otherwise there come manifold morbid and painful experiences. There are those who tell you that once they could be moderately happy when resting; now they dare rest no more. They may try to make work less urgent, less feverish, but it will not stand still. They are kept sane and serviceable only by giving the mind perpetual occupation. Every one remembers how Luther said: "I rush out among my pigs rather than sit still and do nothing." It is sad, but it is true, that human beings, not much like Luther in any characteristics are like him in this: that they dare not have a quiet think. Hence the sorrowful resort to alcohol, opium, chloral; hence the craving for unconsciousness, which is temporary annihilation. If pigs can help you, as they helped Luther, be thankful. Some folks, clever and good, need more than a pig can do—even such an animal, a poetic breeder, proud of his age and dimensions, called his Auld Lang Swine. In any case few minds are self-sufficing. All human beings who have attained middle age must be buttressed from within. It may be sacred nature, green grass, green trees, gardening, pigs, horses, human companions, worry or quiet occupation; but the longer I live, the more assured I am that most men live in mortal terror of themselves. Years ago, short years, but a good many, when this hand was young, it wrote a discourse of Michael Scott's Familiar Spirit, which (as the legend goes) demanded that its master should provide it with constant work or it would tear him to pieces. Thus in parable is set forth the educated man's relation to his own mind. You must find it ceaseless occupation, or it will make you miserable. The

little girl of seven years had found this out who cried, "Oh, read me a story to make the time pass quick." People find it out waiting three-quarters of an hour at country rail-road stations. They will diligently read all the advertisements stuck about the squalid street rather than sit down idle.—*Ex.*

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