

CHURCH NEWS.

(Gleaned from our Exchanges.)

ILLINOIS.

Charles Rowe, Lanark, March 20: I closed a meeting a few days ago of two weeks' duration at Thomson, in this county, with nine additions to the congregation at that place.

J. W. Allen, Jacksonville, March 30: Our meeting closed on Sunday last, with forty-five additions—forty by confession and baptism. Bro. J. B. Johnson was with us and did most of the preaching. He greatly endeared himself to the church, and we shall long remember his excellent discourses.

J. Durham, Santa Rosa, Cal., March 26: Bro. B. S. Gardner, our State Sunday school evangelist, closed a very interesting meeting last evening, resulting in eighteen additions. Bro. G. is a bold defender of the faith. Such work in Illinois or Missouri I opine would result in nearer four times that number. But it appears that the people here have become so affected by their association with granite and quartz rocks that their hearts have partaken of the same nature; and the Gospel blade hardly makes a mark.

MARYLAND.

S. Matthews, Beaver Creek, March 31: Another baptism at Downsville recently.

Alfred N. Gilbert, Baltimore, April 9: Eight additions since last report. Two confessions besides, last night.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A. E. Myers, Philadelphia, April 5: Nine persons were added by the Twelfth Street church, by letter and baptism, during last month. We baptized four persons at the Dutch Fork, a little over a week ago; and Bro. J. W. Tate, a student of Bethany College, and a very acceptable preacher, about the same time baptized ten persons at West Middletown, Pa.

OHIO.

W. F. Parker, Mt. Vernon, April 9: At the latest word, there had been twenty-nine additions at this place, closed a meeting of a few days last week at Bend Fork church, in Belmont county, during which immersed two young ladies.

Geo. Vanpeet, Rockville, Meigs Co., March 30: I closed a protracted meeting at this place to night. It is just back of Middleport, Ohio. My meeting resulted in sixteen additions—fourteen by confession and baptism, two reclaimed.

J. C. Irvin, New Holland, April 7: Our meeting closed to-day with fifteen baptisms—twelve since last report. Bro. L. E. Brown will preach to-morrow morning and evening. Bro. Ewing leaves us with the good will of our people. He has done a good work.

E. C. Hanselman, Fowler, March 30: Have just closed a series of meetings at Girard, O. The immediate results were sixteen additions—ten by immersion, three reclaimed, and three from the Baptists. Bro. D. C. Hanselman assisted me in the meeting.

INDIANA.

W. J. Trout, Bruceville, Knox Co.: Closed a meeting at the above-named place on Thursday night, March 22nd. Eleven were added to the church—two by baptism, and ten by relation.

KENTUCKY.

W. T. Moore, Mt. Sterling, April 9: I drop you a line to say that we are having a glorious meeting. Up to last evening fifty-one have been added. The interest is very great, and the prospect excellent for many more.

T. D. Bird, Wardsville, Anderson county, March 30: I have just closed a meeting at this place. Preached five times, and closed with four additions to the church—three by baptism and one restored. We had a good meeting, large crowds and good order. Will preach on-fourth of my time at this place.

R. B. Neal, Louisville, April 9: Closed our meeting Thursday night. In all, we had about thirty-five additions. This month, one year ago we organized with twenty-four members, we now number over one hundred and sixty—fifty odd of these baptisms. One confession, a married gentleman, last night, at our regular meeting.

J. Stafford, Turner's Station, April 5: I began a meeting in this place, March 26, and up to date two have made the good confession. Possibly others, who are almost persuaded, will confess before we conclude the present meeting. This is one of the strongholds of Prodestinarian Baptists. The

people have been instructed by their teachers that they can do nothing, and from what I observe they have believed every word of it.

George Dargis, Frankfort, April 9: The church at this place is prospering. There are many manifestations of spiritual growth among the membership. All is peace and harmony. The prayer meetings constantly increase in size and fervency; the Sunday school flourishes, and Lord's day audiences give evidences of deepening interest in Gospel truth. There have been ten accessions to the church since my coming here—two of whom yesterday made the good confession. As an item of religious news from our city, I would state that yesterday Bro. Martin, pastor of the Colored Baptist church, baptized one hundred and five converts in the Kentucky river, while at Frankfort nearly, of all ages and colors, in spite of the driving rain, lined the shores and covered the bridge, to witness the event. The baptisms were all performed in thirty minutes.

IOWA.

Dixon, April 2: The glorious meeting here which was commenced a month ago is still prospering. Through snow and rain, sleet and mud, the people still come to hear the word of life. Last evening there was one baptism and three more confessions. A goodly number of others are almost persuaded to be Christians. I am much worn down with the labors of this meeting, and also have contracted a severe cold, and must now seek some rest. About sixty-five persons have confessed the Savior, and in all I think eighty have been gained. Bro. John Martindale will probably preach one evening, and Bro. John Engell, who has been my true yoke-fellow during a considerable portion of this meeting, it is hoped will return and labor with the brethren two or three evenings during this week. If additional accessions are gained, I will report again.—Wm. M. Roe.

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