

What our Brethren in the States are Saying and Doing.

CULLINGS AND CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES.

W. F. Cowden has found fifty members in Salt Lake City, and raised \$1,200 for the support of the gospel there.

Bro. Z. T. Sweeney, of Columbus, Indiana, Consul General to Constantinople, is at home on a leave of absence for two months, and is enjoying his visit as only a man can who has been an exile from his home for a season in a foreign land.

Bro. Fowler returned to Fairfield on last Saturday from his trip to Canada, and filled his accustomed place on Sunday. He was greatly missed, and I am afraid a good many of us were glad that preachers' vacations do not come often, nor last long.—D. V. N. in Oracle

SAN MARCOS, Aug. 18.—Bro. B. B. Saunders' meeting at Martindale closed last night; fifty-eight additions. I spent the greater part of two weeks with him, singing and exhorting for him. He preaches the gospel without doubt, fear or favour—that is his method, and in that lies his success. Bro. Driskill closed a meeting near Buda with sixteen baptisms and organized with fifty-one members. He also began a meeting at Wimberley and left it in my care to continue, but I broke down with sore throat in less than a week. The meeting resulted in thirty additions and organized with eighty members; a great number of the Baptists united with us at all the above named places. The change of place has improved my wife's health, but greatly strained my purse.—J. J. Williamson, in Christian Evangelist.

J. V. Updike began a protracted meeting in Fort Scott, Kansas, July 6th and continued until August 20th. A tent capable of holding about one thousand people was procured and used for the meetings. There were altogether 209 additions. J. N. Smith, the preacher at Fort Scott, says in the Standard, that all in all Bro. Updike is the greatest evangelist he has ever heard.

From the Standard we learn of a number of interesting meetings recently held in Ohio: At Tabor, conducted by S. C. Pierce, there were 14 additions to the church; at Diamond, 28; at Payne, conducted by John W. Kerns and Frank H. Simpson, 48; at Athens, T. A. Hedges, preacher, 88; and at New Holland 25, during special services carried on by J. P. Ewing.

AN IOWA CONVENTION EPISODE.

It was about the noon hour. Bro. Hobbs was speaking to the convention about the Bible Department at Drake University, and especially of its library. He said, among other things: "The library in my Department is much too small for our needs. The work to be done demands a better equipment in this direction than we have. I shall be in Chicago in about two weeks, and I wish I had \$500 to invest in books to put in the library for the use of students in the Bible Department of Drake University." And then with a sort of pleading smile he said: "Brethren can we have it?" and Gen. Drake nodded yes; whereupon there was a storm of applause, clapping of hands, and tearful rejoicing all over the house. Gen. Drake is our big Iowa brother. We love him, and believe his splendid gift will stimulate others to do likewise till Dr. Hobbs'

Department will have a library adequate to its needs.—J. H. Painter, in Christian Evangelist.

MISSISSIPPI NOTES.

The Second Annual Convention of the Southwest District of the M.C.M.O. was held with the church at Utica, Aug. 1-3. It was an interesting and well attended meeting. The reports of churches show the good work is prospering. Evangelist J. B. Cole reported as follows: The work all over the District is moving in the right direction. The co-operative spirit is mainly needed. An earnest, united effort on the part of all the churches will put the work on a solid basis. Honest labor on the part of all, and humble prayer to our God, will secure to us a triumph over all opposition. "More and better work for Jesus" is our motto. Two hundred and seventy-one dollars and eighty-five cents received in pledges for the State work another year. Other pledges yet to receive.

The Convention was followed by a two weeks' meeting by our young and efficient State Evangelist, A. C. Smither. Bro. Smither presents the truth in a clear and forcible manner. The meeting closed on Monday night with 19 additions—6 confessions, 2 from Baptists, and 11 reclaimed. The interest was good to the close, and the indications were that others would have followed soon had the meeting continued longer.—M. S. Dunning, in Standard.

GRISWOLD, IOWA.

The tent meeting at Griswold, Iowa, has been a decided success. Never have I known a more zealous and persistent advocate of the great plea for Restoration than Bro. W. P. Johnson. At a great risk to trade, and certainly of expense, he began to push the work in his community. Few knew anything of our plea and sectarianism was satisfied to continue "darkening counsel." With a love for poor, blind, deluded man that could not be strangled he began the work, strongly believing that "the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation." After some eight months of effort, with various successes, he ordered a large tent from Des Moines and secured the services of Bro. Geo. F. Hall, of Emporia, Kan., to conduct a tent meeting. The sectarian bombshells flew thick and fast; but Bro. Hall wielded the sword of the Spirit with such telling effect that now as the battle is about over there have been a large part of the onomy captured and a vast number enlisted. They build the finest church building in the city soon. To date (September 5) there have been added 101 to the Lord. Their pastor, Bro. Hastings, has ably assisted in the work. May the new church be rooted and grounded in the faith, and may brotherly love abound.—G. M. Weimer, in Oracle.

FORTY YEARS' PROGRESS IN IOWA.

In an address on the above subject delivered by N. A. McConnell at the late State Convention in Iowa, these facts were presented: "In place of eight or ten churches then, we now have 215, not log huts 10 x 32, but large, comfortable structures of frame, brick and stone, some of them costing from \$30,000 to \$100,000. Instead of eighteen or twenty congregations then, we now have 240. Our numerical strength was estimated in 1849, at 1,000; in 1852, at 8,000. Now it is estimated at 25,000, though our State Secretary can get definite data for only 19,700. Forty years ago there were six regular preachers, with an average salary of \$250. Those were assisted by about twelve who preached

occasionally. There are now 150 regularly employed, and perhaps fifty others who preach some, the average salary at present being about \$700."

PASTORAL WORK.

When we retrospect our churches in Indiana during the past twenty years, and remember the condition that they were in at that time, and then look at them as they now are, our hearts are made greatly to rejoice. Twenty years ago it was a rare thing for one of our churches in Indiana to have a pastor to feed and care for the flock; now a large per centum of our churches have some kind of pastoral care. Occasionally we would hear of a church with a preacher spending his whole time with it. Some of the churches had preaching once each month, some once every fifth Lord's day; but the majority of them were entirely without regular preaching for any part of the time. Not so now. It is a very rare thing, indeed, to find a church in Indiana, able to support a preacher all of the time, that is not supplied. Other churches, not quite so able, have preaching one-half of the time, and a few but once a month. It is now the rarest thing to find a church in our State that does not have some kind of pastoral care. And what is the result? Never before in our history have our churches made such rapid strides, and accomplished such a wonderful work, as during the two past decades. Churches that were weak are now strong, and many new ones have been organized, and are doing great good in their respective localities. We now have a respectable literature. We have schools and colleges that would be a credit to any religious people. Our people have come to be known as among the foremost Sunday school workers in the State. We are gathering thousands of young people into the Society of Christian Endeavor, and then into the Church of the living God. Our people have come to be known and respected as much as any other religious people in our State. We are certain that these happy results have come about because the Church has learned that it is as fully important to save the convert from apostasy, as it was to teach him how to become a Christian.—L. L. Carpenter, in Standard.

The following from the Texas Baptist and Herald is a fine specimen of letting themselves down easy: "The Campbellite churches of Dallas have grown wonderfully within the last few years. Many Baptists we learn have identified themselves with them. It is said that 500 Baptists in Dallas hold letters. Many of these hearing the doctrines they believe preached from Campbellite pulpits, and finding no difference, and yet desiring to shun the sorrows and afflictions of God's people, have sought a home among these respectable people. That they are coming nearer and nearer the New Testament standard of faith is a source of devout gratitude to every lover of the truth."—Gospel Advocate.

The Christian at Work (P. edo-baptist) speaks of the decrease of infant baptism on this wise: "The Presbyterians are not the only denomination in which a decrease of infant baptism is discernible. From the last year book of the Congregationalists, it appears that the membership of the Congregationalist churches in this country is now nearly 492,000, and the number of Congregationalist families more than 325,000. At the baptisms of infants among them were less than 9,000 last year, or, in exact figures, 8,880. That is, the number of infants baptized was only as one to about thirty-seven

families, or twenty-seven in the 1,000." That is a pretty bad showing for the Congregationalist brethren, sure enough. But they should not be discouraged. They are still far ahead of apostolic churches in this respect. According to the New Testament, there were many thousands of Christian families in the days of the apostles, but never an infant was baptized among the whole of them.—Gospel Advocate.

The Baptist and Reflector some weeks ago undertook to show that what it called Campbellism was a failure because it had no creed but the Bible. And now the Christian Inquirer, a Baptist paper of New York city, says: "In this day when there is so much attention paid to confessions of faith, and so much said about a revision of creeds, the church needs to swing back to the Bible as the supreme authority of doctrine and life, creed and conduct. Our battle will be shorter, sharper, more conclusive, and our victory surer and more glorious when we meet the hosts of infidelity, Romanism, and all sorts of falsehood and wickedness, with the Bible only, in our hands. Our appeal must be to the Book! Every doctrine of man must be brought to the test of God's Word. If it be of God it will stand; if not, it will perish, and ought to perish." It is in point now for the Baptist and Reflector to expose the heresy of this Baptist contemporary, and explain to it that Baptists must have a creed apart from the Bible, defining what they believe the Bible teaches.—Gospel Advocate.

BREAKING CAMP.

Dear Bro. Johnson,—Our goods are packed and we leave in an hour for Grand Rapids where we attend the Michigan State Missionary Convention, and then turn our faces homeward. With this hour my vacation closes. The fishing rod is unjointed and put away, the row-boat is locked in its slip in the boat house, the bathing suit is carefully folded and packed, and our little cottage will soon be tenanted by others. The summer sport is ended and life's earnest work must be resumed. Our sojourn here by the "unsalted seas" has been a very pleasant one and will occupy a bright place in memory. But it is with no regretful longings that we turn away from those scenes of beauty for home and duty. If it is pleasant to rest when weary, it is also pleasant to resume work when rest is ended. One's own humble home loses nothing in loving appreciation by the summer's outing. Indeed, it is one of the benefits of the summer vacation that it sends people home with a better realization of the truth of John Howard Paine's familiar lines,

"Be it ever so humble There's no place like home."

That I have been greatly benefited by my respite from editorial work, and have laid by an increased store of vitality is certain, but how long I may be able to go on the strength of this meat remains to be seen. But no matter about that, I am thankful to the all-merciful Father for the good I have received, and am also grateful to those by whose increased labour this vacation has been possible to me. In the hurry and confusion of moving, this is all the letter I can write this week. With hearty good will to all who have with me enjoyed the pleasure of a summer's rest, and congratulations to those who have been able to toil on without intermission, I am with special thanks to you my fellow-labourer, J. H. GARRISON. Macatawa Park, Holland, Mich., Aug 20, 1890. —Christian Evangelist.

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