

### What the Disciples in the States are Saying and Doing.

(COLLINGS AND CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES.)

(From the Christian Oracle.)

PASADENA, California, Jan. 13.—I am now at Pasadena. One hundred and eleven accessions since I came to California, Nov. 1. Twenty-seven at San Diego. Will be here till Jan. 23.—*J. V. Coombs.*

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 14.—Our series of meetings at Maxwell, conducted by Bro. G. L. Brokaw, closed Jan. 12. The immediate results were forty-four added to the church, thirty-three of whom by primary obedience. We think this a great meeting, considering it being the second within one year at this place. This gives us a good membership of more than 125.—*J. H. Stockham.*

(From the Gospel Advocate.)

The following extract from a private letter suggests three or four things that ought to be said, and as nobody else seems to want to say them I will undertake the job myself:

"The meeting at the First Christian Church in Dallas closed in the height of the interest—five confessions the last night—and the house crowded after seven weeks' duration. Bro. Larimore won all our hearts, not only by his wonderful preaching—which all conceded to be masterly and matchless, but the spirit of divine love so pervaded his every look, word and movement—that we can understand now why the people followed after our blessed Lord and hung upon His words—when we feel how much we love one, who, although only a man, has drunk so deeply of the Spirit, and modelled his life and teaching so nearly after the divine model. It was a source of disappointment expressed by many that we could not have Bro. Larimore in our homes, but, as it was his desire, and necessary to be very quiet, it was decided to make him a guest of the whole church, and a home was selected very near to the church where he received every one in his delightfully cordial manner, so that sometimes in our eagerness to be near him, he had anything but quietude. However, we look forward to having him visit among us soon and enjoying to the full the blessing of his presence."

Yes, I know exactly how it was. I know what sort of preaching Bro. Larimore can do under favorable circumstances, and I have no higher pleasure, the favor of God excepted, than to know he is appreciated at his full value.

But, my beloved, Bro. Larimore cannot be everywhere at once and do all the preaching in the world. There are urgent calls enough for him now to keep him busy probably as long as he lives if he should undertake to fill them all. And many good Christians and strong churches seem determined to have him or none. This fairly opens the way to say what ought to be said. Twenty-two years ago a sickly little church in an ambitious little town of about five hundred inhabitants declined to let this same T. B. Larimore preach. They thought he was a very good meaning young man, but they wanted a big preacher or none. He was not a big preacher then, and they were afraid he would "damage the cause" if they let him try to preach. So he tramped out into the backwoods, so determined was he to preach the Gospel, and stopped at my father's house. He found a warm welcome at the little country church, and preached earnestly in a little old log house. On his way to our house he spent a gloomy night with old Bro. Taylor. Many a

time have I heard good old Bro. Taylor tell how discouraged the poor boy was, and how he wept in his loneliness and spoke seriously of giving up the idea of trying to preach. Well, that little church that wanted the big preacher and snubbed the green young man has been dead many years now. Peace to its ashes. Would to God it had died several years sooner than it did. From the labors of the poor young preacher in the mountains sprang up many good churches out of which have gone forth several good preachers. There is a moral somewhere along here, but I have not space to develop it.

(From the Standard.)

BRACEVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Bro. Edgar Allen has just closed a three weeks' meeting here with thirty additions.—*Franc L. North.*

BRELLAIRE, Ohio, Jan. 26.—Been here eighteen days; immense audiences; 41 accessions; more to follow.—*J. L. Parsons, J. M. Allen.*

NEW CASTLE, Indiana, Jan. 17.—Our meeting at Richmond resulted in 70 additions. We are now in a meeting at Bethel, with about 20 added to date. Our next work will be in Cambridge City.—*Hunter McDonald.*

ESSEX, Missouri, Jan. 19.—We have had a very great outpouring down here in the swamps of South east Missouri. On the 7th of this month, Elder N. G. Buckley began a meeting, and after various interruptions closed last night. Number of sermons preached, eleven. There were two of us here who had held to our membership in the Christian Church (my wife and I), and we had stood alone for twenty-one months. Besides us there were five or six who had formerly held membership in the Christian Church, but had lapsed or gone into other churches. From the General Baptists we got 14 members, including their pastor and Board of deacons, from the Missionary Baptists 5, Lutherans 1, Methodist 2, and Roman Catholics 1. The rest, so far as I know, are from the world, and include mostly noble young men and young ladies. Bro. Buckley goes from Burlington to Morehouse, Mo., where he will begin a short meeting to-morrow night. He is a very able young man and has done some fearless and forcible preaching since he came here.—*Wm. Strang.*

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Many readers of the Standard in East Cleveland, especially those who are members of the Euclid Avenue Christian Church, have been anxiously looking for something more than a passing notice in your paper, of the very interesting and successful revival meetings that began in our church about the 20th of last November, lasting a month. It may perhaps seem a little late to speak of the meetings now, but in justice to our brother, J. H. O. Smith, who so ably conducted the services, I feel it a duty we all owe him to write you. Brother Smith came from his home in Northern Indiana, preaching and singing for us every night during the meetings. Our church was so packed sometimes that many were unable to procure seats. He labored earnestly and eloquently for the cause of Christ and his labors were not in vain. The result of his good work was the adding of nearly 60 to our church. By his kind, genial and pleasant manner, he won the hearts of the people in this portion of the city. God bless brother Smith. He is yet a young man with a brilliant future. May he be spared for a long life and may his efforts always be crowned with success as they have been in East Cleveland.—*W. A. Higgins.*

AUBURN, New York, Jan. 21.—Bro. R. W. Stevenson is with us doing effective work, preaching Christ and Him crucified. For the ten sermons thus far delivered the visible results are eleven confessions. We confidently look for others.—*F. V. Brown.*

(From the Christian Evangelist.)

COLUMBUS, Indiana, Jan. 16.—I am in a great meeting here at Martinsville, Morgan County, with seventeen additions to date; thirteen by confession. As many as three hundred are turned away each evening for lack of room.—*James Small.*

PITTSBURG, Indiana, Jan. 14.—The Disciples here have just closed an unusually good meeting of eighteen days' duration. By confession, fifty-two; by letter and reclaimed, fourteen. Total, sixty-six. A gratifying feature of the meeting was the large number of young men that confessed their faith in the blessed Christ. The meeting was conducted by Bro. T. H. Coon, A.M. He is able, eloquent and a strong defender of the pure Gospel. Bro. Coon graduated at Wabash College in 1888, took the M.A. degree, June, 1890, at Butler University, where he still pursues his studies. He is on his second year's work for this church.—*M. D.*

### Rochester Letter.

Just one year ago yesterday our new house of worship was formally opened, and we can now fairly judge of the advantages and utility of such a place for work as compared with our former surroundings when meeting in a hall. If results are a good criterion upon which to base an opinion, then we are safe in saying there is no way to judge better than to record the year's opportunities, and work. More people have heard the simple Gospel in the year than during the three and a-half years we met in halls. We have had an average of four additions every month in the year, making forty-eight. Nearly all of them were by primary obedience, and for the most part permanent citizens, among the, number an accredited minister of the Methodist church. They came from Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, United Brethren, the old Christian church and the world. What is there in the plea we make that brings all from those denominations into fellowship and unity, as well as wins men from the world. We had with us P. A. Burdick, for six nights, the first of January. He stands a peer of any on the temperance platform in our nation. Our house overflowed the last night of the meeting, many signed the pledge, and good was accomplished. Bro. E. T. Hays, of East Aurora followed with three excellent lectures on Temperance and then preached the Gospel for about ten days, much good was accomplished, and a number were baptized. We enjoyed Bro. Hays' stay among us very much. He is not only strong as a temperance lecturer, but he is a very clear teacher of the truth, and did much to strengthen the work here. Since his going Mr. Betts, known as the "Cow-boy" preacher, gave two discourses; the house was well filled, besides the aisles and gallery, both evenings. He has a very large following in this city, and I have no doubt accomplishes good by his telling points and puns. He is strong in his denunciations of evil, and as a delineator of character seldom equalled. He is a man of striking appearance and of good education. He owns a large ranch in the West, and preaches to the cow-boys, hence the name that attaches to him in his ministerial calling. He will deliver a lecture in Washington rink

next Friday evening, subject, "America's danger from the great English Syndicate or London Money Power." He seems to have his quiver full of invective, wit, sarcasm and ridicule, as well as kind words. He is full of pathos and often epigrammatic in his style. You will see from this that we have had quite an array of talent among us, thus far in the new year, amidst all this, I have managed to preach about three times each week, and though the brethren have heard me now for four years they seem still to relish the dishes prepared for them. I have never preached to a more appreciative people, nor one more helpful to me in my work. We have now a membership of ninety-six, and expect to reach the full hundred within the next month, and yet we are not laboring to make additions, but to make disciples, as saith the commission. The various departments of church work are all in splendid condition, and we enter upon the new year with high expectations. We have yet a small deficit to meet on our building fund to cover our floating debt, but we are working away at it, and every week reduces it some, and we believe another month will wipe it out. The women of the church are great helpers in the matter of meeting our obligations. They have a large aid society, and they are doing all they can to aid the church as well as clothe the poor. I regret I am unable to respond to several calls from the brethren of Canada to aid in meetings this winter. I could have no greater joy, but duty holds me here. With love to the brethren.

Sincerely yours,  
O. G. HERTZOG.

### A Suggestion from Minnedosa.

DEAR EVANGELIST.—I notice again your question with respect to Bible study, and offer a suggestion. I believe our people are destined to be at least a people in the world, reflecting the light of the glory of the knowledge of God, through our Lord and Saviour; and, no doubt, the light on some subjects. If I am correctly informed, no other people in their institutions of learning give the Bible the prominence that our people do. As for instance, the work in that line in Lexington, Bethany, Hiram, Des Moines, etc. The world must certainly feel the power of those institutions; the young men going out from those schools are becoming the strength of the current reformation; and, perhaps, not the least in this great work is the C. B. C. of Kimberlin Heights, Tenn. The leader in that work, like Gideon, will lead his three hundred students with lights in their pitchers, and with their trumpets, into the midst of the Midian camp and make them give place to the Lord's people. I am glad, indeed, to see Toronto pushing to the front. "Let there be light."

Knowledge and virtue come not by surprise; He who would win must labor for the prize.

If our Baptist brethren will not welcome our proposals to work together "in the Lord," like Israel of old, before Edom, we can go around them, and, though the struggle be hard and the pathway rough, we will keep our eyes on Him who was lifted up for our salvation, and who will give us the victory over Arad, Og and Sihon until we cross the river and feed on the old corn of that good land. As we need to use "the sword of the Lord," every soldier of the Cross should learn how to handle it. Hence, I suggest as a help, that our people in this Dominion begin a course of Bible study somewhat after the method adopted by the C. L. S. C. They have an advisory board which selects the books to be read; the members of the circle pay

for their own books and an annual fee of 50c.; each member is supplied with an examination paper, containing questions to be answered; there is a fine journal in connection with the course, exceedingly helpful and away ahead of the best thought on all subjects. The answers are handed in at the end of each year, and at the end of four years a diploma is awarded. Now, we have brethren among us who are able to "rightly divide the word of truth," who could appoint a year's reading, supplying the questions on examination papers for those members who shall form the circle; they to read, study and answer. Let THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST be our journal, laden with helpful articles, and the Company publishers of all necessary printing. Suppose we call it the "Dominion Bible Circle"—D. B. C. Such a circle would, no doubt, develop many a happy home and heart. It would be rather in advance of the usual superficial methods of Bible reading and study. It would serve to knit our brotherhood together and be helpful to others who might wish to study with us. Let "the knowledge of God cover the earth." Very truly,

J. B. LISTER.

Minnedosa, Jan. 29, 1891.

### Destruction of the New Central Church of Christ, Detroit, Mich.

At a few minutes after five o'clock on Friday morning, January 30th, the beautiful new church on Ledyard Street, Detroit, was discovered to be in flames. Before the firemen arrived the interior of the building was a mass of flames, and the fire showed itself on all sides of the church. The firemen worked hard and their efforts were of much avail, but they could not gain control of the fire, which began to eat its way into the second floor of the chapel. At six o'clock the blaze was well under control. The fire had, however, done a good deal of damage to the chapel before it was extinguished.

An investigation of the building, later in the day, showed that the church proper, which was nearly completed, was ruined. The roof was almost entirely gone. The foundation walls remain uninjured. The Ledyard Street wall, most of the tower walls, and many sections of other walls will have to be pulled down and rebuilt. The cause of the fire is a mystery, having either caught fire from the natural gas by which the building was to be heated, or with an incendiary.

The congregation having sold their old church on Washington Ave. had met in the chapel of the new church since January 1st, and held a prayer-meeting there Wednesday evening. The building, when completed, would have cost about \$80,000. The loss will amount to \$20,000. The insurance on the structure was \$14,000. Thus the congregation have suffered a net loss of at least \$6,000.

The congregation had sold their property on Washington Avenue, and had to move out of it some time ago; for this property they realized \$25,000. Had it not been for the fire, they could have easily been in their new house free from debt.

The trustees of the first Baptist Church have kindly offered the homeless congregation the use of their chapel, and the offer has been gratefully accepted.

Some few weeks ago, when in Detroit, I called to see this church, as I had heard so much about it, and now, to think of its being destroyed seems almost impossible. Let us mourn with those who mourn. D. M.

As certain as your Master's love is in you, His work will be upon you.