

with the losses by death and removal. On last Lord's day I baptized one upon the confession of his faith in Christ, making two at this point during the past summer at our regular meetings. There has not been for some time a protracted meeting held at West Lake. Many think such an effort would do good now. I have been laboring with this church for eleven years out of fifteen just passed, and when I think of those who have crossed the river during that time, I feel sad — the names Trum-pour, Platt, Mastin, McDonald, Young represent those who, though not now enrolled here, have their names, I trust, written in the Lamb's Book of Life. My labors closed with these brethren last Lord's day. I am now sitting quietly at home not know-ing for certain where my next field of labor will be.

The cause of Christ in Hillier is also in a feeble state. Death has done its work, while few have been added to the church. What is the cause of all this? I learn it is so in many places. I believe it is because there has been a lack of zeal on the part of the brethren in putting their hands into their pockets and paying for the support of preach-ers. I find as a general thing the churches that support preachers are doing well, while those that are doing their own preaching are going down. The time seems to have passed when the elders can successfully do the preaching. The saying of the Saviour is true: "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country."

B. O. AINSWORTH.

Allisonville, Nov. 1, 1890.

Letter from Des Moines, Iowa.

Yesterday was a great day in the history of the Central Church of Christ in this city. Their magnificent stone temple, which has been under construction for twelve months, was formally dedicated and set apart to the Lord's service. This is worthy of note in your paper from the fact that it is the finest, grandest, costliest church-hor-wo in the State of Iowa with her two millions of population. The outer walls are built of red sandstone. There are about fifteen apartments in all. The main auditorium is finished in oak with every modern improvement. The on-tire cost of building and furniture is \$85,000. Bro. H. O. Brecken, the minister in charge, asked for \$28,000 at the morning service and the audi-ence cheerfully responded with \$24,000. At the evening service all rejoiced when the pastors of the entire city ascended the platform and consecutively indulged in warm speeches of congratulation, bidding God's speed to the Church of Christ in this thriving prohibition city.

Bro. A. I. Hobbs, in his reminiscences of his pastorate in 1867-8 in this city, related how he was denied a position in the ministerial association because he was not orthodox, and how we were pushed to the wall because we were weak. Now listen to these same people speak of us to day

Dr. Ames of the First M. E. church said: "I rejoice to see so good and beautiful a building, but the within I trust shall be more grand and sublime. . . . I pray God that this church may prosper; I hold it in jealousy."

Dr. Stetson, Pres. Baptist College, said: "You have the largest, finest and most costly church in this State. . . . I shall ever be ready to aid in this work in any way I can."

Dr. McDonald, U. P., said: "We congratulate you. . . . Blow the silver trumpet of Gospel love."

Dr. Frisby, Cong., said: "This is a church of Christ. . . . The only excuse I know for so many denomina-tions is that they stimulate each other."

G. L. Henry, Eng. Lutheran, said:

"I pray that this church may be an Elimi with twelve wells and seventy palm trees where pilgrims may often tarry to meditate and sing songs." Notwithstanding, we used the same yardstick, we were then heterodox but are now extremely orthodox. Let the grand old Gospel sound out her notes till all rejoice in a united brotherhood.

F. H. LEMON.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 19.

Selections.

How My Boy Went Down.

It was not on the field of battle,
It was not with a ship at sea;
But a fate far worse than either,
That stole him away from me.
'Twas the death in the ruby wine cup,
That the reason and senses drown;
He drank the alluring poison,
And thus my boy went down—

Down from the heights of manhood
To the depths of disgrace and sin;
Down to a worthless being,
From the hope of what might have been.

For the brand of a beast besotted
He bartered his manhood's crown;
Through the gate of a sinful pleasure
My poor, weak boy went down—

'Tis only the same old story
That mothers so often tell
With accents of infinite sadness,
Like the tones of a funeral bell;
But I never once thought, when I heard it,
I should learn all its moaning my-
self;

I thought he'd be true to his mother;
I thought he'd be true to himself.

But alas for my hopes, all delusion!
Alas for his youthful pride!
Alas, who are safe when danger
Is open on every side?
Oh, can nothing destroy this great
evil!

No bar in their pathway be thrown,
To save, from the terrible maelstrom,
The thousands of boys going down!

—Sunday School Messenger.

New York State Convention.

The interest shown by the brother-hood, in the matter of planting a church at Rochester, found expression in the character of our State meeting. It was the largest in the number of churches represented and the number of persons present from a distance of any conven-tion ever held in the State. It was likewise better equipped with talent to instruct the people than is usual in our meetings. W. T. Moore, of London, England; G. L. Wharton, of India; J. B. McCleery, of Leavenworth, Kansas, and Miss Jessie H. Brown, of Cleve-land, Ohio, with the noble preachers of our own State, gave us an array of talent equal to the demands of our great national conventions. Under the leadership of Sister E. T. Pryor and G. D. Dean, the music was grand and inspiring. Though it rained daily, this did not diminish the interest, or spec-ially interfere with the profit of the meeting. While the rain deterred many from coming to the meeting and also prevented our city people from at-tending, yet we found compensation in the fact that those here were always found in their places in the sittings of the convention instead of visiting re-sorts or shopping. The sermons and addresses were all of a high order and well suited for the occasion.

The spirit of the convention was ex-ceptionally fine. The business, under the guidance of J. H. H. Nusslage, president, was executed with dispatch, and yet every measure was fully and freely discussed.

The old board submitted a measure to move the headquarters of the board to the western end of the State. But this was deferred one year for consid-eration. The report on finance recom-mended the raising of one dollar per member for State work. This was un-

animously adopted, and many churches, through their delegates, pledged them-selves to do this. Besides many gener-ous pledges were made to sustain the work in the State. The committee on missions recommended the pushing for-ward of the good work in Rochester, and the employment of a State evangeli-st in conjunction with the Sundry schools of the State. By way of a lit-tle recreation the convention took up the matter of the unpledged deficit to cover the floating debt on Rochester church building, amounting to three hundred and sixty-five dollars. Over four hundred dollars were pledged in a very brief time. When this and the five hundred dollars of unpaid pledges we have on our books shall be handed in, Rochester church will have only the mortgage of three thousand dollars at four per cent. to face.

The present incumbent was continued in charge of the Rochester field of labor. The meeting of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. I have not the data at command to give a correct statement of work. As re-membered, eight hundred and thirty-four dollars were paid in last year, be-sides a very generous collection at the meeting. Bro. Wharton and Sister Jessie H. Brown made admirable ad-dresses, besides others added much in-terest to the meeting. These good sisters continue to adopt children in India. The last one brought into the family was named Lydia Graybiel. This elicited much applause. The re-ports from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor show a high state of prosperity. This meeting was presided over by Arthur Warren, pres-ident of the Rochester society. These reports were followed by a most excel-lent address, by Miss Jessie H. Brown.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to Sunday school and temperance work. Bro. Wharton spokē of the rum traffic in India, and J. B. McCleery gave us a strong discourse on various lines of work in the temperance fields. Reports were presented from our various mission schools in the State, and Bro. Bulgin, of Buffalo, gave some account of his rescue mission work in that city. B. B. Tyler preached Sunday morning and evening in his own inimitable way. At the commun-ion service in the afternoon, presided over by Brethren Whyman and Good-rich, Brethren Brown, Rutledge, Gann and Lytle gave us four short talks bear-ing on the death of Christ. At the close of this service our afflicted brother, N. J. Aylsworth, was remembered by a generous collection. The fitting close of the convention on Lord's day evening was the confession of Christ by a husband and wife. The little church in Rochester did itself proud in feeding and caring for all who came to the con-vention. Dinner and supper were served to all in the basement of the church daily for five days, while fifty were given breakfast each morning, who lodged near the church. The re-ligious people, in the vicinity of the church, without regard to creed, opened their homes and lodged delegates, and in many cases served breakfast, besides extending many other courtesies to delegates. The influence of the con-vention upon the city will be very favor-able to our work. We enter upon our fourth year with bright prospects. In all the hitherto the Lord has led us.

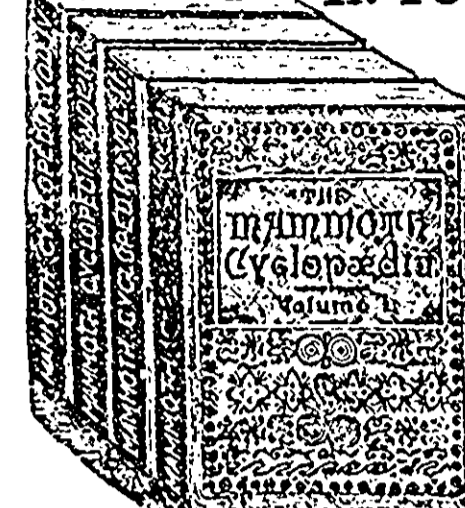
O. G. HERTZOO.

Rochester, N. Y., September 18.

—Guide.

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