

it was divided into parties, some of which were greatly opposed to efforts for reform. Nowhere, however, have missionary efforts been more successful and salutary. The churches have greatly increased in number, and are more harmonious in doctrine, and more active in duty. Delightful revivals have been enjoyed; measures have been adopted for a concert of action in promoting the preaching of the gospel to the destitute, and a spirit of liberality in pecuniary efforts has widely extended. In consequence, a state convention has been formed, which not merely exists in name, but gives promise of vigorous action on enlightened principles; and the Alton Seminary, including a high school, the elements of a theological institution, and the germ of a future college, has commenced its operations.

*Kentucky* has about 38,000 baptist members, and the influence of a numerical majority of adherents. Among them, too, is a vast amount of wealth. If the moral strength of the denomination could be combined in its state convention, and wisely directed to secure the entire consecration of its ministerial talent to the work of the ministry, the churches would be supplied with preaching and pastoral labour, and the gospel would be preached to multitudes now destitute.

In *Tennessee* the baptists have about 30,000 communicants. In each of the three districts of the state there are many excellent ministers and brethren.

The *Territory of Arkansas*, with a scanty population, and few ministers of any denomination,