





HIS FRIENDS?

And she shall say unto him, What are these friends in these hands? He shall answer, These which I have received in the house of my friends. Luke 11: 41.

TEMPERANCE.

In a copy of the Old Path Guide of October 27th, I had the following announcement, "Prohibition League of Kentucky." Then follow the names of the officers, but I could find no further information about it.

1. When, where, and how was the "Prohibition League of Kentucky" organized?

2. Was it a mass-meeting or a delegated convention? If the latter, who appointed the delegates?

3. Has it been, and is it now, doing anything?

4. Is it probable that it will succeed in organizing the State in the interest of Temperance?

Too many of our conventions meet, organize, specify and quit. I hope each church and will not be the case with the "Prohibition League of Kentucky," but it seems probable that this is so, from the fact that in this part of the State we have not heard of anything that they have done, or are doing. And now for the suggestions.

1. If this State is ever carried for prohibition the religious denominations must take the lead in the work, and the organization that does not recognize this fact and work with this view, will be a failure.

2. We need now an organization in Louisville composed of representatives of every religious denomination, and one intended to go into it. That this work may be made prominent and effective, I suggest that the officers of the "Prohibition League" call a meeting for consultation and arrangements, of all the pastors, preachers, and prominent lay brethren of every religious denomination, in and adjacent to the city of Louisville, and that they call a State convention, and that convention elect a president, secretary and treasurer, and in addition to these, a vice-president from every religious denomination represented, these vice-presidents to have the oversight of the work in their respective denominations. The officers of this convention should be a board for the State at large.

An organization should be effected in each county town in the State in precisely the same way as the State convention, except the extent of the representation, which should be limited to the county; and the Board of the county convention should open correspondence with the Board of the State convention, with the understanding that they are to be auxiliary to each other. With such organizations many enemies could soon be carried for prohibition, and it would not be long until we could carry the whole State, and thus destroy more lives, peace and happiness than war, famine and pestilence combined could ever do. Special effort should be made to

have each pastor and preacher in each denomination in the county take part in the convention, for upon them rests the responsibility of effectually prosecuting this work.

After consultation with some of the pastors and brethren of this (Hardin) county, I reported that Dr. A. C. Caperton and the other pastors of Elizabethtown met and consented as to the propriety of calling a preliminary meeting, as suggested above, to meet in Elizabethtown on Tuesday after the first Sunday in January, 1893.

The time for "all talk and no work" in this great cause has passed. We want, and must have, work, organized, earnest, persistent work. J. B. Wood.

In the Recorder of November 30th, Brother J. M. Holmes is right when he says: "Let us have a prohibition party." We will never accomplish much for temperance without it. Every State that has in large measure thrown off the shackles of the tyrant Alcohol has done it by party action. Kentucky will have to do it in the same way. Bro. Holmes' reference to the way the two great political parties treated the "miles of petitions" sent to the National Legislature is proof of this. All the petitions sent up to either National or State Legislatures always share a similar fate. We can hope for little through petitions. But, we can throw off the tyrant's yoke if we will organize our own party and work for it. We have had an abundant proof of this in the history of every State, which has enjoyed freedom from the galling chains of intemperance. Then I would also add and re-echo the words of Bro. B. "Let us have a prohibition party." We must have it, and we will have it. Kentucky is ripe for it. The time so long looked for and labored for by the earnest temperance people of the State is now upon us, and I believe the party will take definite shape very soon. A Convention for organization and the nomination of a State temperance ticket has already been called to meet in Louisville, in February. If the friends of temperance in all parts of the State will represent themselves in this convention, the cause will receive such an impetus, as it never had before. Will they do it? We wait to see.

T. E. RICHET.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 11, 1892.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 11, 1892.

A short road seldom leads to greatness. A hasty man is painfully considerate.

You should refer to scriptural citations and see if they refer to you.

The halo that surrounds the sun is the ornament of the man's times. So the ornaments of a gospel sermon should be either scriptural gems or their reflections.

A match is more than a match for some of us, because it gives light.

Sometimes gray hair, though woven of silvery tresses, is not an ornament to the head. But this is not the fault of the hair.

In ascending a mountain we most incline toward it, so, in order to reach heaven, one must walk in that direction.

When the sun goes down he makes the clouds contribute to his glory. So a good name will shine through calamity.

Memory is our treasure-box, and we should fill it with sturdy gems with which to crown ourselves when the evening of life comes on.

The way of life is strewn with flowers and intersected by thorns. This the traveler, however, knows. The trouble is, instead of gathering the flowers and avoiding the pitfalls, he crushes under foot the first and carelessly falls into the last, thus filling an unfragrant grave.

The side of Heaven are tenuous because while its harmonies are the harmonies of the redeemed. In the Mosiac account of creation the sun and moon and stars were created on the fourth day. There were then, three periods of time during which no solar days occurred, and the bell of time sounded in the fourth period.

FROM THE CHURCHES.

I BAPTIZED yesterday into the fellowship of Woodland church. We had the largest meeting we had ever had by the church and people. J. B. HAYMAN.

At Home, Great Co., Ky.—I attended Pastor John McKinley in a meeting at this church. Bro. J. W. Thomas was with us all the time, and did half of the preaching. Ten additional—8 by experience, baptized. A. B. MORGAN.

CLERMONT, on the 26th of this month, a meeting of two weeks with Warren Hunt church, Lewis Co., Ky. H. BROWN, of Louisville, did the preaching, which well received. The church was revived and 7 added by baptism, who will give considerable strength to the church here. J. B. CARR.

Hodgenville, Ky., Nov. 27th.

DURING a meeting of two weeks at Harfong, Owen Co., Ky., in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. J. E. Kenay, the church was much revived, and 12 were added to the numbers—9 by baptism and 3 by letter. I am much encouraged and pleased with the church at this place. It is a noble band of brethren and sisters. They have a mind to work for the Master. G. W. WHEATLEY, Pastor.

Nov. 28, 1892.

CLERGED a very interesting meeting with Salem church, Taylor Co., in November. Had the assistance of D. Judson Brown, who understood the people better than by his earnest and faithful proclamation of God's word, and genial deportment. There are some serious troubles in the church, but I trust they will soon be adjusted. Nine professions during the meeting, 8 baptized. W. L. HANNEY.

Huffalo, Ky., Dec. 4th.

CLERGED a short time since, a meeting of 12 days at Monticello church, Butler Co., Ky. Fifteen professions, 14 additional, 8 baptized at the close of the meeting, and 8 stand approved. Bro. B. T. Mayhugh and J. R. Hays did most of the preaching. At Fairview school-house, about four miles from Monticello church, I had a missionary meeting of one week, in connection with R. G. Brown. Four professions, 4 additional to Monticello church, baptized. 7 at the close of the meeting, 3 of whom were Methodists. J. P. TAYLOR.

Minist City, Ky., Dec. 1st.

We had a meeting of three weeks at Ft. Hill chapel this Fall. For nearly two weeks I was assisted by Bro. S. H. Burgess, who preached a series of most admirable sermons and completely charmed our people. Thirty-three were added to the church. The interest at the close was very great, and the meeting should have been continued; but I had an appointment to begin a meeting at Zion chapel, our other central station, and had to leave. Bro. H. C. Carter, of Carolina, aided me there for nearly two weeks, and was as acceptable to the people as Bro. Burgess had been. I have never had brethren with me who gave greater satisfaction. Twelve were added to the church at Zion, making 45 in all. The meetings were marked by large crowds, and were marked by great spiritual power and solemnity. J. S. FELL.

Argonne, Ky., Dec. 4th.

On the 28th of November we closed a meeting of 11 days with the church at East View, Hardin Co., Ky. Baptized 4, 4 stand approved. Bro. J. W. Albright was with me from the third day to the close of the meeting. His labors here were greatly blessed and will doubtless prove the means of placing the cause at this point on a sure footing since by his assisting efforts, both in public and in private during his stay, he succeeded in encouraging the church to arise and build a house of worship, and in raising a subscription to such an amount that all concerned feel assured of the success of the enterprise. From the time of organization, four years ago, the church has occupied the school-house as a place of worship, and yet the membership has increased from 11 to nearly 60 members. Meanwhile last our pulpit-board seats Bro. Albright to other railroad towns to lay his foundations there. Bedford Hill, Ky. W. V. HANNA.

WISCONSIN SCHOOL-HOUSE, BRACKEN CO.—This point is about three miles from Mineola, and it is here I held quite an interesting meeting last fall, during which 32 were received into the church at Mineola. On another the 4th inst. Nineteen additional—9 for baptism, 8 from the Methodist, 2 from the Campbellites, and 2 by letter. Bro. Tiller preached one sermon. This is my second year at Mineola, on the second, pastor was added, and the two years 48 have been added to the church, bringing the membership up from 30 to 66. The brethren have a weekly prayer-meeting, in which from 10 to 16 engage in prayer, among the number, one little boy twelve years old. I expect to get yet some subscribers soon. J. N. BASSER.

Mr. OLIVET, Robertson Co.—I was here last Saturday and Sunday to fill my regular appointment, and the last one for this year. Good congregation on Saturday, and the church usually called me for another year, which is the seventh call without any intermission. The congregation was large on Sunday. I appointed a large number on the Upright Board with Sister Alice Collins at the head. They are to go to work immediately and gather up a large box of goods and send to the Home. I also presented the claims of the Recorder, and urged the meeting, to settle in the morning, and attend the church-meeting as well attended, and the church is at work. J. N. BASSER.

Powersville, Ky., Dec. 5th.

I HAVE held the following meetings during the past month:

Rehoboth, Logan Co.—In August, ten days. Rev. G. P. Baker, pastor. A pleasant meeting was held by the church and people. J. B. HAYMAN.

Mill Town, Adair Co.—In August, ten days. Rev. G. Dockery, pastor. Two professions. Rev. E. M. Metcalf Co.—In September, ten days. Rev. E. H. Brooker assisted me. Four professions, two were baptized. Bro. Brooker has had the misfortune to lose most of his household furniture by fire. He needs help, and should not be neglected by the good people of this county, certainly not by the Baptists.

Beck Creek, Green Co.—In September, twelve professions, nine were baptized. Bro. Deberry assisted me.

Union Chapel, Metcalf Co.—In November, nine additional—eight by baptism, one by restoration. Rev. R. H. Spillman assisted me.

Delphie Springs, Metcalf Co.—In November, twenty-four additional. Rev. J. W. Spillman assisted me.

I have been preaching nearly all the time since the 1st of August, and the more I preach, the better I like it. I am pastor of five churches, and I am glad to be able to say they are all in a prosperous condition. B. P. FAIR.

Home Cove, Ky., Dec. 5th.

[Glad to hear of your labors and success. Bro. Page, but you delay too long in sending in your reports. Remember the Recorder is a acceptor, and we want each matter with it.] J. M. [?]

Mr. PLERANT, Jessamine Co., Ky.—We are again brought under obligations to this very generous and thoughtful people by their liberal gifts, consisting of provisions for home and care, and of money and hay, provisions in variety and abundance, articles of clothing handsomely made and to be made, blankets, cotton by bolt, table linen, etc., fancy and ornamental articles, etc. They are made with great skill, French china dining and tea sets, Melrose ware, etc., etc. over twenty dollars worth of sugar and coffee, personal presents to each member of the family, beautiful, appropriate, and useful. Many will be long kept in kindly remembrance to the givers. All will soon give us mentioning Mineola's thrice welcome gift, and Jimmy's bird, which was as welcome as the last gift he addressed, and as dear as the night bird followed.

The meeting at Bethesda church, Davies Co., Ky., closed last night. It was in every respect a glorious meeting. My brother, A. B. Miller, came to us in the fullness of the gospel of Christ. His preaching was simple and clear and convincing. The membership of the church came up to the work nobly from the start. The whole community seemed to be moved. The congregations were simply immense, and they were orderly all the time. The meeting was one of great power, and resulted in 60 by baptism, 1 approved for baptism, 1 restored, 1 by relation, and 1 taken under the watchcare of the church, making a total of 64 souls added to the church. The meeting was most impressive, and was witnessed by about one thousand people. At night I spoke on "The symbolic teaching of baptism and the Lord's Supper," and then administered the supper. My pastoral at Bethesda bid fair to be the most pleasant one, and I trust, profitable as well. A. J. MILLER.

The Executive Board of the Group Co. Association met on the 23d of this month, and the reports of the members from the churches were read and discussed. The membership of the Board was able to pay up for the work of the first quarter. We wonder what has become of Bro. Hays, who was to come to Ashland to unlock the basis of the Baptist cause in that city. We would like to hear from him, as the friends are anxious for the work to begin there. If I am not mistaken, the people of this county will help in the work at Ashland to the extent of their ability, and the Board has agreed to meet. We are not able to do much, but will do what we can. D. B. DAVISON.

Wartburg, Group Co., Ky., Dec. 5th.

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News in General

SONETIC

KENTUCKY AFFAIRS

Representative Thompson made some good points in advocacy of the opening of a Soldiers' Home at Harrodsburg. The Government owns two hundred acres of land there which cost \$100,000, and the property was used as a Soldiers' Home until the commencement of the war. Mr. Thompson showed that there are 5,000 Union soldiers in Kentucky not entitled to pensions because they were not wounded and did not contract disease during the war; but they are paupers if county poorhouses or supported by their friends. He argued that if the Government were to establish soldiers' homes in the States the Harrodsburg place should be reserved for the accommodation of the needy veterans, instead of transporting them to Pennsylvania, where it is proposed to open a new Home. Courier-Journal.

FORGIVEN

IRLAND

The full court of the Land Commission on an appeal confirmed the decision of Commissioner Litton in a test case affecting 1,200 tenants on the estate of Sir John Lemie, county Monaghan. The Government was going to the interruption of the "Bangs' clause" of the arrears of rent act, and it was decided strictly in the tenants' favor.

A BADLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE. At a meeting at Malrow, to establish a branch of the National League, William O'Brien said before a man could open his lips in Ireland he must read through all the misty statistics concocted since the Centennial.

The Court of Appeal affirmed the decision restraining the Land Corporation of Ireland from paying a dividend on a share of capital raised by leasing B shares. The decision is expected, in certain quarters, to have a serious effect on Kavanagh's scheme for constructing the objects of the Land League.

FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 11.—The Republique Francaise again violently attacks the policy of the British Government in Egypt. The article concludes: "Egypt is too big a moral to be swallowed, even by England, and this she will find out."

OUR BROTHER'S FUNERAL

The Senate, 188 to 47, pass a measure voting 10,000 francs for the expenses of the funeral of Louis Blaine to-morrow. The anarchists threaten a demonstration at the funeral.

Home Mission Board, Kentucky. Maintains the work of the gospel in destitute regions in (1) Texas, (2) Arkansas, (3) Florida, (4) City of Chicago, (5) Kansas Territory, (6) among Chinese in California, and (7) in the great Southwest. Having no paid agency in Kentucky, funds must be sent direct to J. H. James, 217 N. Atlanta, Ga., or to Lansing Morrow, 27 N. Kentucky avenue, Ky.

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