

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

Our work at Lebanon is in excellent shape. Rev. P. H. Fleming assisted us in our meeting. He presented the truth in a very pleasing and convincing way. The results were good, we have received seven good members, and others will join at our October meeting.

Week following the 4th Sunday in July I aided Rev. A. F. Iseley in a meeting at Apples Chapel. The meeting was good. There were about twenty-five converts. Sixteen united with the church.

Week after the first Sunday in August I was with Rev. L. I. Cox at Happy Home. We had a splendid meeting. I am not able to say how many converts but there were many. Eighteen united with the church.

I am well pleased with my new field of work at Graham. The people have received me kindly. L. F. JOHNSON.

We began our meeting 4th Sunday in July at Moore Union. Three professed faith in Christ. Church and community seemed to be revived.

Meeting at Pleasant Union began Saturday before the first Sunday in Aug. I was assisted by Rev. J. W. Wellons, who preached some fine sermons and endeared himself to these people very much. The meeting resulted in the conversion of fourteen souls and eight accessions to the church. The Christian people seemed much revived. Many reconsecrated their lives to the service of God.

At Zion we commenced the second Sunday in Aug. and had an excellent meeting. God was very gracious to us. On Tuesday 25 souls professed faith in Christ. The Holy Spirit swept over the congregation. There were some 32 or 33 conversions, and 10 accessions to the church. Bro. Rufus King assisted us here. The people of Zion church and community like Bro. King. He will preach there again the third Sunday in September. Bro. Wellons will preach John Gunter and wife's funeral at Zion Christian church the second Sunday in September at 11 a. m.

We commence a meeting at Bethlehem, Warren county third Sunday in Aug. I was assisted by W. C. Wicker and G. R. Underwood. W. C. Wicker did the most of the preaching. This was a fine meeting. 27 conversions and 15 baptisms, 10 in the Roanoke River, 5 at the church by effusion. This was the first protracted meeting at Bethlehem. It was well cared for in the way of something to eat. The congregations were good every day.

This church, Antioch, Mt. Auburn, Liberty, Vance Co. and Fuller's Church Campage a pastorate. I do hope Mt. Auburn will take deep interest in these churches and get a pastor that will take all of them. These two churches down in Warren Co., should be regarded as branches of Mt. Auburn and I hope she will look after them as her children. J. D. WICKER.

FROM ASHEVILLE.

After a very pleasant and profitable stay of two months in Asheville, we now return to Virginia. My husband is very much improved in health and strength. He will go in a few days to Southampton county. I will take a leisure trip through the mountains—viewing God's grand and glorious creation. I do enjoy everything that is God's planting and always give him praise and glory for his kind providence which permits us such privileges to enjoy his blessings.

They called me Methodist, Episcopalian, and Campbellite,

and "your church must not be a Christian church." "We are the only true Christian church." I happened to have our old standard Hymn book along and let some of them read our title and guide. They say that that is their faith. They are people who are very kind but I still claim we are the Christian church that takes the Bible as our guide, to the exclusion of all party and sectarian names. (Mrs.) I. J. JOYNER.

PETERSBURG LETTER.

We like to see and hear of unsaved people deciding for the Christian life. But it is not enough to start. It is sad to find so many people in the church who seem to have no experimental knowledge of salvation. They have either been deceived from the first or they have allowed the devil to cheat them out of their experience. There is a great need for a deeper spiritual life in the church so that those who are converted and unite with the church may be led on into the fullness of the Christian life.

In the early church we find that the young converts were looked after, instructed and prayed for that they might receive the sanctifying baptism with the Holy Ghost. We would like to see this Bible plan carried out more fully among our people in this age. The new convert must go on or go back. The Lord brought the people out of Egypt that He might bring them into Canaan. Jude says "I will therefore put you in remembrance though ye once knew this, how that the Lord having saved the people out of Egypt after ward destroyed them that believed not" Jude 5. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on to perfection" Heb. 6: 1.

Dr. Barrett, of Norfolk, Va., was with us at New Lebanon the third Sunday in this month and conducted two services in the interest of missions. It was a blessed day to many. There was a free will offering for foreign missions amounting to \$136.75. A deep spiritual feeling pervaded the congregation and several were weeping for joy.

At night Dr. Barrett spoke to a large audience at Burton's Grove on Porto Rico. The people seemed to be much interested and willingly made an offering for our foreign work amounting to \$75.00. About one half of this amount was in cash. It does us good to see such a spirit manifested on the part of these churches.

Our meeting at Centerville was a blessed one to many of us. The members seem to be much revived. Souls were led to Christ, finding Him as Saviour or Sanctifier.

At our service at Emporia last Sunday there was one who confessed his sins and found pardon. 1 Jno. 1: 9

It is blessed to enjoy a full salvation and to be living preaching, entreating, witnessing and praying that others may be led into the light of it.

W. D. HARWARD.

Delight's Thought.

Delight and Sweetheart and Ruby and Pearl were going to the White Mountains to spend the month of August. These little girls had played with paper dolls ever since they could remember, and this summer they had had such good times with them! They had played together all summer long, and another little girl, Snowflake, had played with them; but now they were going away. This made them quite as unhappy as Snowflake, for they had all looked forward to a good time together—and Snowflake must stay at home.

Delight's mother had been planning to have Snowflake go with them, but she had been taken sick, and although she was some better, she would not be strong enough in time to make the journey.

The little girls tried hard not to talk too much before Snowflake about the lovely times they were hoping to have, and when they saw how disappointed she was they almost wished to give up the trip.

Sweetheart and Ruby and Pearl and Snowflake were not real names; they were only Delight's names for the friends she loved the best, and she never called them by any other.

"Poor Snowflake!" said Delight. "She can't have much fun playing paper dolls by herself, though we are going to let her have all of ours while we are gone." Then she looked out of the window and thought a long time.

At last her eyes danced, her dimples came back and she ran to find Uncle Tom. He was mounting photographs, and the two talked and talked, and finally Uncle Tom said, "Yes, I'll do it! Be on hand early!" and Delight ran away, her face all smiles.

The next day Delight and Sweetheart and Ruby and Pearl were in Uncle Tom's room a long, long time, and nobody knew what they were there for; but judging from the squeals of laughter and merry buzz of voices the business must have been happy indeed.

The day before the White Mountain party left the secret came out. The four girls paid a parting visit to pale little Snowflake, and what do you think they carried them as gifts! Beautiful full-length photographs of themselves, all in their new summer dresses—the pictures mounted on heavy cardboard, and then cut neatly out, to make perfect paper dolls!

What a glad surprise to dear, sorrowful little Snowflake! She said that she couldn't possibly be lonely now, for she should have them all to play with every single day while they were gone—Emma C. Dowd, in Youth's Companion.

A Special Convention Request.

There is apparently almost universal desire to have a spiritual feast in the coming Convention at Norfolk in October. If this be a fact, and the church at large will unite in a protracted season of prevailing prayer, we shall get this desire of our hearts, and the feast will stay with us for years and years, blessing us all the way. Only let us be united, be of one accord, and we shall have a veritable Pentecost in the Convention, whose influence will be felt throughout the church, and far out in heathen lands.

Here is a suggestion: Let the whole church at home begin a protracted season of prayer on Sunday, Oct. 5th. That will be the day before the most of the delegates leave home for the Convention. After the Sunday opening of this season of prayer, let each individual Christian have at least two seasons of prayer daily, in the morning and in the evening, pleading with God for wisdom and power to be given to the members of the Convention to do just what He wishes to be done, that and * * * and nothing more; done in His way, and for His glory in the saving of men.

What an inspiration, under the spirit, it would be to the Convention on assembling Oct. 8th, for the first time in the Southland, and with the church whose house of worship was built as a Memorial of the reunited church, if I could hold up to the Convention Ten Thousand postal cards from as many

of the true people of God, pledging themselves to the Convention in prayer as above suggested for the wisdom and guidance of God in their work. Such a backing would thrill the Convention and stir the whole church for a great onward movement in revival and missionary effort.

Shall we have it? None are too ignorant, none too wise: none too poor, or too rich: none too lowly, or too exalted. If you are God's child, offer no excuse! To your knees, oh, people of God! We need to have the Convention backed by a praying church at home. Will you be one to do so? Will you send me a postal card, so pledging yourself? If so, do it quickly.

J. PRESSLEY BARRETT, Norfolk, Va.

Transportation Notice.

The South Eastern Passenger Association which includes all the important railway lines in the South East, offer transportation to the Norfolk Convention Oct 8-14 on the following terms. Note particularly every point. Find out at once whether your railroad agent has the certificates and if he has not, send postal to me and I will send certificate to you. Be sure your railroad belongs to the Association and if it does not buy your ticket at the nearest railroad that does belong. If you should need more than one certificate according to its condition, let me know when you send me postal.

N. DEL M. REYNOLDS, Com. on Transportation A. C. C., Urbana, Ohio.

CONDITIONS OF THE EXCURSION RATES ON THE CERTIFICATE PLAN.

1st. Each person desiring to avail himself of the reduced rate must purchase a first-class ticket (either limited or unlimited) to the place of meeting, at the regular tariff rate and at the same time procure from the Ticket Agent a certificate of the standard form. If through ticket cannot be procured at the starting point, the person should purchase to the most convenient point at which such ticket can be obtained and there repurchase through to the place of meeting, Procuring a Standard Certificate From Each Agent From Whom a Ticket is Purchased. Before returning from the meeting, if persons hold more than one certificate, both certificates should be signed by the Secretary and vised by Special Agent.

2nd. It is absolutely necessary that certificates be procured, indicating that full fare has been paid for going passage and the route for which ticket or tickets for the return journey should be sold. No refund of fare can be expected because of failure to secure such certificates.

3rd. Tickets for the return journey will be sold at one-third the first-class tariff fare only to persons holding certificates of the standard form duly signed by the secretary or clerk of the meeting and countersigned by the Special Agent appointed for that purpose.

4th. No certificate will be honored that was procured more than three days (Sunday not included) before the meeting assemblies, (except that when meetings are held at distant points to which the authorized transit limit is more than three days, the authorized transit limit will govern), nor more than three days (Sunday not included) after the first day of the meeting (including such opening date) No certificate will be honored for return ticket unless presented during the time that the meeting is in session or within three days (Sunday not included) after adjournment.

5th. Tickets for return journey

will be limited to continuous passage on first train after purchase.

6th. Certificates will not be honored by conductors; they must be presented to ticket agents.

7th. Neither the certificates nor tickets furnished for this occasion are transferable, and if presented by any other person than the original purchaser, they will not be honored but will be forfeited.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON, Chairman.

Concerning Busts.

Some school children were being shown through the capitol and visited, among other places, the vice-president's room. Mr. White, the handsome young clerk of Senator Frye, undertook to play guide for the youngsters.

"Here," said he, "is the bust of George Washington, the first president of the United States. He is dead now, you know. And here is the bust of Jefferson. He's dead, too. And this is Henry Wilson, one of the vice-presidents. He died in this room."

A little girl looked up at Mr. White with wide open, wondering eyes. "Did he bust, too?" she asked.—Washington Post.

John G. Paton and Cannibals.

The "Apostle to the Hebrides" has again narrowly escaped death at the hands of the cannibals. In a fight which took place on Tanna, both tribes warring with spears and knives, fifty-one natives were left on the field dead, and a large number of wounded were carried off by each party for a feast. Dr. Paton went on the field where the two tribes were fighting and attended the wounded at the risk of his life. While bending over two wounded natives, spears were hurled at him by the attacking tribe, but, in God's providence, none struck him. He, however, was forced to leave the field. This account was brought from the islands by the steamer Mambore, which recently arrived at Victoria.—Christian Missionary.

Serpent Worship in India.

In one of the highest mountains of the South Kanara Ghats there is a very celebrated serpent temple. There great numbers of the "coiling folk" reside in holes and crevices made for them. To propitiate these creatures, persons who have made vows roll and wriggle round the temple serpent fashion, and some will even roll their bodies up to it from the foot of the hill a mile distant. They also take home with them portions of earth from the sacred serpent holes. This earth is believed to cleanse from leprosy if rubbed on the parts affected. Serpentine body wriggling is also practised farther south, where small snake temples are common. Near one of these, not far from Madura, on the Vaiga River, there are men who for a few rupees will perform any number of wriggings and rollings round the shrine, as proxies for persons who have vowed them.—Christian Missionary.

To know Christ it is not enough to know about Him; the devils know about Him, and tremble. The knowledge of Christ that saves from sin is not thought out but lived out; it is not a conclusion but a conquest; it is not an understanding but an undertaking; it is not an appreciation of Christ's character but an apprehension of it. That is why many a man who thinks he knows Christ, yet, to his dismayed perplexity, continues in his sins.