

## MISSIONARY EVANGELISM.

EAST TENN., NORTH GEORGIA AND WESTERN N. CAROLINA.

Dear Friend:

On Feb., 10th 1906 I issued a printed letter which begun with the following words, viz: — "For some cause unknown to ourselves, Feb. and March have been the hardest months for us to get through of any time in the year, ever since we have been in the South-land. Food has been so scarce that we have been reduced to a scant supply for days at a time. The poor have the Gospel preached to them and must have it, even if we do have to go with scant supplies. We do not ask for help. We only ask you to kindly pray that God will supply in His own way and that His highest thought and plan for us may be fulfilled."

It is evident that a number of real prayers ascended to the throne in our behalf and quite a number felt they could pray more effectually after deciding to help answer their own prayers. The small sums that came in from time to time bridged us over the two hard months although there was nothing over the real needs. We expressed, by private letter, our sincere thanks and appreciation the best we could, for all the interest shown and help received, but I now feel under obligations to make a brief report of the work you have assisted us in doing the past year.

We have received through

Mrs. Abbie Cress of Abilene Kan., and others, about 361 copies of Bibles and Testaments, and distributed them among the needy. Have, also, received and put out a large number of tracts. Number of families visited aside from our regular pastoral visits — 238. Number of families destitute of the Scriptures — 109. The above does not include about 100 families of Roman Catholics visited who were entirely without the Holy Scriptures.

We have organized four new congregations. Have Sunday Schools at all of our points except two. Held seven special revival meetings at as many different places resulting in about 100 conversions. This number seems very small but we do not count them unless they show the fruits of a real change.

Some of the very hardest cases yielded to the Spirit's call. A woman who declared there was no hope for her was delivered from the power of wicked spirits and turned loose for God. A man who had been a "Moon-shiner," and had managed his trick so successfully that the Government could not catch up with him, was gloriously converted after being so deeply convicted that he stood up trembling and weeping and made some startling confessions. An infidel was converted and de-

livered from the liquor habit. A young man who had been a terror to his neighborhood, after lying stretched and stiff on the floor for hours, arose and said he had met the Lord and He had saved him. The most pitiful case I ever witnessed was a man of about forty-five who declared the Spirit of God had left him, and he knew when He departed because he rejected Him, as he thought for the last time. We prayed for him earnestly for several days, and he would come to the altar and go through the most excruciating agony, groaning and wailing as I imagine the damned do in hell. At last one day while I was standing over him as he lay stretched upon the floor he turned over and quivered like one in the very thralls of death. His breath stopped and his face turned dark, but in a moment a smile begun to creep over his face, his lips moved and I heard him whisper "Jesus, Jesus." I knew then he had met the Lord and he was soon able to tell a blessed experience.

A few whole families have been saved. Quite a number have been delivered from the use of tobacco. Some after having used it from 40 to 60 years, and one at the advanced age of 71 years. It has been the custom here for the parents to train their children to use tobacco and snuff in their infancy, so many do not remember when they commenced using it. But they get delivered from all sin. Glory to God!

Many incidents could be given which show the blessings the

Gospel brings to the poor as well as to those of more moderate circumstances. I want to continue the work. My heart and soul is in it. How I wish I could express to you my gratitude and thankfulness for your prayers and the assistance you have rendered in the past. God will surely reward you.

Although we have been as economical as we could be and made many sacrifices, we have gotten a little behind. The loss of two cows by disease has been quite a sacrifice and source of added expense. We pray and ask you to kindly pray that God will help us up even again, and sustain us through the hard months of February and March. We surely ought to have a horse and buggy for we are wearing ourselves out walking so much. Pray about this only as you feel impressed to do so.

If any one feels enough interest to do so, please send for copies of this letter for distribution. We kindly solicit the prayers and sympathy of every christian. We assure you that we have been trying with all of our God given powers to make the investment of those who have been contributing aid in the past, yield them a good interest on their investment, so they will get their rewards in the world to come.

Believing you will still feel an interest in the work and not pass this lightly by, I am yours as ever very humbly in the Master's service,

A. J. Tomlinson.

Cleveland, Tenn.

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