

which 324, or more than half, were of the former; the whole average being *twenty-eight* per annum, and on profession a little more than fifteen. During the years of my pastorate, the whole number of additions has been 313 on profession and 211 by letter, or an average of *twenty-one* per annum by profession, and *fourteen* by letter. The whole number of deaths of members since the formation of the church, has been *twenty-seven*, or a little more than one a year. The present number of church members on the roll is *two hundred and fifty-five*, of whom, however, only two hundred and twenty are residents of this city at present. Two other churches, it will be remembered, have been colonized from this.

Of the converts during my pastorate, three have entered the ministry after a full course of study, and three are in course of preparation, besides one who, when he died, was a regular preacher in the Methodist connexion. Three other members of the church have also become preachers in our denomination, and are faithfully and successfully engaged in their work—one of them having been one of the earliest and most useful pioneer ministers in California, and at present occupying the important post of editor of "*The Pacific*," an influential religious newspaper in San Francisco. Thus our church has already furnished no less than *ten* ministers of the Gospel and candidates for that office during the short period of its existence. This and other results furnish one of many illustrations of the returns of home missionary operations in the West.

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PIONEER OR FIRST SETTLERS' ASSOCIATIONS.—In this number may be found the Constitutions of these Associations for Muscatine and Des Moines counties, and in our next, we hope to publish that of Scott county. Of these three, Muscatine is the oldest, having been organized February 9, 1856, (though Des Moines county was first settled,) and the Scott Association the most efficient. The Muscatine Society has never held a "Festival," while the others have held several, which have proved eminently successful. We trust they will continue the good work, and gather and preserve many facts of interest for the future historians of Iowa. The pages of the ANNALS are ever open to the *First Settlers*, and contributions from their portfolios solicited.—[*Ed. Annals.*]

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