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It will be recollected that three weeks since we published an address we delivered at Bethel, Polk County, on the 4th ult. That and the following have been published at the request of a committee, consisting of Messrs. G. C. Bell, W. C. Warriner, and Samuel Simmons, who were chosen at the time to solicit copies of the addresses for publication.

Address of A. V. McCarty,

AT BETHEL, POLK CO., ON THE 4TH OF JULY.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The objects of our assembling to-day are fully understood by all. One object is to celebrate the birth day of our nation. Another object, and perhaps the primary one, is of an educational character. Education is a matter that is very closely allied, not only to national but also to individual independence.

I shall first address myself to the youth of the audience, as they form the objects of our most ardent solicitude. There is one thing, my young friends, that I wish just here to impress upon your minds, and that is, that just as sure as you have received from the hand of your Creator an individuality, and have been placed in a sphere of outward circumstances, you have a distinct, positive mission to fulfill, as the object of your creation, and the responsibility of that mission you can never shift to other shoulders.

That there is a design in your creation is most evident. How can we survey a piece of mechanism so curiously contrived, so intricately arranged, with such powers of thought, and embracing such a vast range of knowledge, without the conviction that you are rational, responsible beings. It being positively certain that there is a design in your being, and that to answer the ends of this design, you must be engaged in those pursuits that it calls for at your hands, we will endeavor to ascertain what those duties are.

Man in the peculiarity of his wonderful organization is the only creature in the universe which bears the unmistakable impress of indestructibility, and immortality. He stands up as the consummating act of creative power, the head of all terraqueous things. All beings exist for him, and all minister to him. He seems to be destined to exist when the Heavens and the earth shall have undergone a change, after all of earth's glory shall have passed away, her walled cities broken down and crumbled into dust.

He is in himself a living moving microcosm, a miniature universe, embodying in himself the elementary principles of all that has been, and is to be. He is the only being on earth, capable of rising above or falling below himself. Brutes are neither capable of moral cultivation nor degradation for the reason that they are not susceptible of moral action.

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W. L. ADAMS, Editor and Proprietor. AMERICA—Knows nought of golden promises of Kings. Knows nought of Coronets, and Stars, and Strings. VOL. 1. OREGON CITY, OREGON TERRITORY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1855. NO. 17.

Have you ever propounded to yourselves the question, Why am I here? To what end have I been placed upon the stage of action? What part has been assigned me to act in the grand drama of human life? and How shall I best accomplish the mission whereunto I have been sent into the world?

The relation you sustain to the human family forms the basis of your obligations, or duties you owe to your fellows. The physical, intellectual, and moral affinity of the species, which forms the basis of man's duty to his kind, bears the same relation to it that the construction of the eye does to light, and the science of vision. The principle of philoprogenitiveness, or parental love, forms the basis of all parental solicitude for their offspring.

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all above him, in the spirituality of his nature. In his humanity he sympathizes with all below him. Contemplate him in the amplitude of his character, related as he is to time and eternity, and then say if he be not a spectacle most awfully grand, and interesting. What capability of improvement does he possess. Although in infancy more helpless than any of the beastly tribes, yet corporeal strength soon braces up his body, intelligence soon beams in his countenance, and he rapidly begins his ascent, onward and upward being his motto, the goal of his aspirations being placed far beyond the boundaries of time in the middle of eternity.

After adding vast resources collected from other climes and other nations to his laboratory of wealth and of knowledge, he has constructed the means of strengthening his natural vision, to climb the starry vaults, to travel for millions and millions of miles, far in towards the centre of infinity, to roam from sun to sun and from system to system, to pry into their relative magnitudes and various velocities, and to bring back data for a thousand amusing and pleasing conjectures as to their cosmogony, and the probable character of their inhabitants.

Enlightened or educated reason, has also enabled him to account for the changing seasons, for the causes of the constant motions, changes, and results that are everywhere visible in the kingdoms embraced in the unfoldings of philosophical and chemical science. It also enables him to understand the wonderful phenomena of nature, to trace to natural causes that, which to a barbarian has been only a source of terror, as an omen of the wrath of an offended deity, and forboding the most dreadful disasters.

You will readily discover that the noble faculty about which I have been speaking, which places man on almost an infinite elevation above the brute creation, when cultivated and expanded as it should be, leads him into a vast field of observation, which not only furnishes exhaustless supplies of knowledge and of comforts, but also presents an almost infinite number of high and elevating motives of action. If he therefore expects or desires to come in contact with these motives, or to be influenced by them, he must alone expect to do so through an attention to the grand object of his mission into the world. That pursuit which yields to the mind the highest happiness, the greatest good, is most unquestionably the one which an all-wise Creator designed should occupy no secondary place in his attentions.

Viewing education, then, as one of the greatest means of securing the highest human happiness, compared with its inestimable worth, how do the treasures of Golconda, or the diadems that deck the brows of eastern kings and princes, fade into insignificance! It is the great moral lever of Archimedes that is to overturn the world. It has been turning and will continue to turn and overturn customs, laws, religions, thrones, and powers, until the whole human family shall enjoy the invigorating blaze of its light, and be placed just where their Author intended they should be, in the full and perfect enjoyment of civil and religious liberty.

Universal intelligence being diffused through all tribes and nations will as assuredly divest the hands of tyranny of the scepter of political power, and restore it to the people, as the invigorating warmth of the returning spring will thaw off the cold icicles from the frozen branches of the forest.

Go the world round, and examine the history of all antiquity, and not a single nation can be found that either does enjoy or ever has enjoyed the blessings of civil and religious freedom that has been immersed in ignorance. The nations of Europe and those of Oriental origin, which once were signalized as containing to the highest degree the elements of science and refinement, having, by an intercommunication with bordering barbarians, lost their intelligence, have rapidly declined, and finally sunk to the degradation of slavery and vandalism.

Contrast for a moment the civil and religious privileges of an enlightened and Protestant England with those of an ignorant and priest ridden Spain, Germany with Portugal, or of our own country with benighted Peru or Papal Mexico, and what stronger proof can any one demand of the proposition we have already enunciated, that light and

confining its path to a galvanized wire. He has been enabled to construct the means of transporting himself across the trackless ocean, of visiting every cape, and promontory, of every latitude, and every river that courses through golden sands, and waters the plains where aromatic breezes gently wave the tops of the cinnamon and orange groves.

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knowledge are the forerunners of civil and religious liberty. Young gentlemen, and ladies, permit me to say to you in the conclusion of my remarks, that you have sufficient motives for the closest application in endeavoring to store your minds with knowledge. Your individual happiness, the happiness of your fellow men, the good of your country, and the glory of your God, all constitute inducements of the strongest imaginable character to entice you into the flowery fields of science. After you have entered those fields, you will find an infinite variety of pleasing objects to engage your attention which you have never yet dreamed of, all wisely ministering to your pleasures and adding to your profits, in every conceivable manner, and the motives for continued exertion, and an upward and onward ascent will grow stronger and more unresisting if you should devote your whole three score years and ten, in culling flowers in these elysian fields of delight, and you will go off the stage of existence, rejoicing in the full consciousness that you are merely entering upon a new stage of existence where your field of investigation will be expanded in an infinite degree, and where all present obstacles to the full consummation of your most ardent desires for unlimited knowledge, will be effectually removed.

Appointments of the Methodist Conference. WILLAMETTE DISTRICT. ALVAN F. WALLER, Presiding Elder. Salem—David Leslie. Mill Creek—Laban Case. Butteville—Enoch Garrison. Oregon City—Harvey K. Hines. One to be supplied. North Yamhill and Chehalis—Robert Booth. Yamhill—Jno. Spencer. One to be supplied. La Creole—N. Doane. Mary's River—Joseph W. Hines, Isaac Miller. Grand Prairie—Nelson Clark. Spencer's Butte—David W. McInturn. McKenzie's Fork—Noah A. Starr. Calapooia—Isaac Dillon, John W. York. Wm. Helm, Sup. Santiam Forks—Chauncey O. Hosford. Tillamook—To be supplied. Francis S. Hoyt, President of Wallamet University, a member of Salem Quarterly Conference. Thomas H. Pearne, Agent, Wallamet University, a member of Salem Quarterly Conference. Luther S. Woodward, Principal of Santiam Academy, a member of Calapooia Quarterly Conference. J. L. Parrish, Missionary to the Indians, a member of Salem Quarterly Conference. Levi C. Phillips, Agent, American Bible Society, a member of Mary's River Quarterly Conference.

UMPUQA DISTRICT. JAMES H. WILBUR, Presiding Elder. North Umpqua and Scottsburg—Thomas F. Royal, Cornington G. Belknap. South Umpqua—James O. Rayner, John W. Miller. Koves Bay and Port Orford—To be supplied. Jacksonville—John Elin, Jesse M. Anderson. Illinois Valley—To be supplied. Umpqua Academy—To be supplied.

COLUMBIA RIVER DISTRICT. GUSTAVUS HINES, Presiding Elder. Portland—William Roberts. Tualatin Plains—To be supplied. Astoria and Clatsop—William J. Franklin. Pacific City and Shoalwater Bay—To be supplied. Oak Point, Rainier, and Monticello—James H. B. Royal. St. Helens—To be supplied. Vancouver—Samuel Matthews. Dalles and Cascades—George M. Berry. Milwaukie and Sandy—George W. Roe. Calvin S. Kingsley, Principal of Portland Academy and Female Seminary, a member of Portland Quarterly Conference.

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT. To be supplied. Olympia—John F. Devore. Steilacoom—To be supplied. Seattle—David E. Blain. Whilby's Island and Skagit Mission—William B. Morse. One to be supplied. Port Townsend and Port Gamble—To be supplied. Chehalis Couleitz—To be supplied. P. G. Buchanan, transferred to California Conference, and stationed at Santa Cruz.

Beautiful—One pound of gold may be drawn into a wire that would extend round the globe. So one good deed may be felt through all time, and even extend its consequences into eternity. Though done in the first flush of youth it may gild the last hours of a long life, and form the only bright spot in our existence.

Men of the noblest dispositions always think themselves happiest when others share their happiness with them.

Scripture Fulfilled.

We clip the following from the Polynesian of May 19. Truly the "Isles of the Sea are stretching out their hands" towards Maine.

A case of unusual interest was decided by the Police magistrate of Honolulu on the 12th inst which resulted in the imposition of a fine of \$500 upon Doctor Smyth for selling two bottles of wine on the Sunday previous without a license. The facts were proved, and it further appeared that the licensed dealers have combined together to prosecute all infractions of the law, and generally to defend their rights in this respect, for which they pay a license of \$1,000 each.

We understand Dr. S. carries his case up to the Supreme Court, to be tried by a jury. And also that there may be other suits instituted, involving the same, and other points of law—violations of which are currently reported as of very general occurrence in Honolulu. Selling liquor to natives; selling for Cologne, diluted alcohol; selling on Sunday; wholesalers retailing, or selling by the bottle; druggists and soda-water dealers selling without a license, are some of the forms in which the laws are said to be violated to a considerable extent, and are practices which are now attracting unusual attention, by different parties connected with the traffic.

Viewing, as we do, the whole traffic in spirituous liquors to be used as a beverage, as an unmitigated evil, productive only of misery and crime, we shall be glad when our treaty obligations allow us to enact the "prohibitory law" in this kingdom; we hope the public will never rest satisfied until we follow, in this respect, the noble example of those States that have exhibited self-denial and self-control enough to banish from their midst an enemy which tyrannizes over its miserable victims against the dictates of reason, and subjects them to a degradation below which it is impossible for humanity to sink.

We have had instances enough within the range of our own vision,—in high life and in low,—in Honolulu, to excite the compassion of every humane heart; and we pity the man whose habits or whose tastes allow him to array himself against a reform, which his own sober judgment teaches him is for the temporal and eternal good of himself and his neighbor. Let us have a new treaty, and then let us have the Maine law. "WOE to him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth his bottle to him, that maketh him drunken." "No DRUNKARD shall inherit the kingdom of heaven."

Progress of Temperance. The rise and progress of laws in various States prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks are to be seen in the following abstract: 1851—Passed by the Legislature of Maine. 1852—Passed by the Legislature of Minnesota. 1852—Passed by the Legislature of Rhode Island. 1852—Passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts. 1853—Ratified by the people of Minnesota. 1853—Passed by the Legislature of Vermont. 1853—Passed by the Legislature of Michigan. 1853—Ratified by the people of Vermont. 1853—Ratified by the people of Michigan. 1853—Its submission to the people is pronounced unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in Minnesota. 1853—Pronounced unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in Rhode Island. 1853—Supreme Court equally divided in Michigan.

1854—Pronounced unconstitutional in Massachusetts. 1854—Passed by the Legislature of New York. 1854—Vetted by Governor Seymour of New York. 1854—Passed by one branch of the Legislature of New Hampshire. 1854—Passed by the Legislature, but the two branches failed to agree in Pennsylvania. 1854—Passed by the Legislature of Ohio. 1854—Voted for by the people of Wisconsin. 1854—Pronounced unconstitutional in Ohio. 1854—Passed in a modified form by the Legislature of Rhode Island. 1854—Passed by the Legislature of Connecticut. 1855—Passed the lower branch of the New Jersey Legislature—defeated by one vote in the Senate. 1855—Passed by the Legislature of Wisconsin and vetted; modified and passed and again vetted, by Gov. Barstow. 1855—Passed for the second time by the Legislature of New York, and became a law of the State by the signature of Governor Clark.

Eight States and one Territory have thus passed prohibitory laws. The question has failed in four States through legislative disagreement. It has been submitted to the people, and retained by them, in four other States. It has nowhere been repealed by legislative action, though it has been four times set aside by the judiciary, and in one instance re-enacted in a modified form.

Woman.—The English woman is respectful and proud; the French woman is gay and agreeable; the Italian is passionate; the American woman is sincere and affectionate. With an English woman love is a principle; with a French woman it is a caprice; with an Italian it is a passion; an American, it is a sentiment. A man is married to an English woman; is united to a French woman; cohabits with an Italian, and is wedded to an American. An English woman is anxious to secure a lord; a French woman a companion; an Italian a lover; an American a husband. The Englishman respects his lady; the Frenchman esteems his companion; the Italian adores his mistress; the American loves his wife. The Englishman at night returns to his house; while the Frenchman goes to his establishment; the Italian to his retreat; the American to his home. When an Englishman is sick his lady visits him; when an Italian is sick his mistress sighs over him; when an American is sick his wife nurses him. The English woman instructs her offspring; a French woman teaches her progeny; an Italian rears her young; while an American educates her child.

Genius, like a ruts-jaga tarrip, will flourish in almost any soil, and under the most untoward circumstances. It is something that overcomes obstacles placed before it; something that can never be crushed; it lives long after the opposing forces of the world have died away.