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Our Rambles.

The train arrived at Turner's Station on time, Wednesday, June 28th, where the Marion County Meeting was being held. We soon reached the camp-ground, which is beautifully located on a gravelly flat in a fine grove on Mill Creek.

The morning meeting had just closed and the brethren were at dinner. The dinner hour is the season of social converse and friendly greetings at a camp meeting. We spent not only this day but the subsequent days most pleasantly with brethren, talking of the things that pertain to the kingdom of God.

We found Bro. Roberts alone in the meeting. Bro. Spriggs had taken sick on Monday and was confined to his bed at his home in Salem. The brethren were dispondent over the prospects. There was not the interest they wished to see, and they predicted no favorable results. This only shows how shortsighted human reason is, and is another illustration of God's blessing coming abundantly just when we feel like hope is almost gone. An interest began to spring up in the meeting immediately, which became more and more intense. Animation succeeded quietude. Joy arose where had been almost despair. Enthusiasm followed listlessness. Happiness in the extreme overcame despondency and the grove resounded with hallelujah's to God for his mercies and his wonderful works among the children of men. The young, the old and the middle aged came bowing to the mild scepter of Prince Immanuel. The name of Jesus was precious to all hearts. Joy flowed from eye to eye and brotherly love from heart to heart.

The meeting closed on Monday because Bro. Roberts and the writer both had pre-engagements that prevented our staying longer. Numerous petitions came in from all parts of the country begging us to remain a few days longer, from persons who wanted an opportunity to come into the church. It was sad to leave just when the promise of results was greatest, but we must go, so it ended. The in-

gathering was 21 confessions and 10 reclaimed, from the Baptists and by relation. It was believed that four or five days more would have doubled these results. We hope some brother will ere long go and gather other fruit from this sowing.

Bro. Roberts is one of those noble helpers in a work like this. To his good management in running the social meetings and keeping every thing in readiness for work, as well as preaching some excellent sermons, the results of the meeting are largely due.

We must speak a good word for the people of Turner and vicinity. The order and attention was the most perfect throughout that we have ever seen at a meeting of this kind. It is a pleasure to preach to people who listen attentively to all that is said, with no disturbing influences.

We have a noble band of brethren in Marion county all zealous in the cause and jealous for the truth. They need better organization for county work so that they may be able to sound out to others more freely that which they so much enjoy—the religion of Jesus.

On boarding the train for Salem on Monday afternoon, we found a number of friends among the number Bro. E. B. McElroy, of Corvallis, State Superintendent of Instruction, elect, who was going to Salem on business. Our lines of work happened to lie together and we had the pleasure of his company till we separated at Independence, Tuesday afternoon, he taking the train for Corvallis.

At Salem we visited the homes of a number of our good brethren there who are dear to us by years of brotherly association, and also made the acquaintance of the family of Bro. J. W. Spriggs, lately arrived from Illinois.

We had a room for the night at the elegant home of Bro. S. C. Adams, and breakfasted on the steamer *Occident* which left for Independence at 7:30 A. M., with an excursion party to the celebration to take place there. We intended coming to our office in Monmouth at once but at the urgent solicitation of the President of the day, remained as chaplain till the morning exercises were over.

When we arrived at the office we found it deserted. The 4th of July fever had taken assistant editor, foreman and every compositor. After going to Albany on the fol-

lowing day to meet our family on their return from a visit to Lane county, we are settled down to work again in one of earth's dear spots to us—the editorial sanctum of the CHRISTIAN HERALD.

The Results in Iowa.

Most gratifying to the friends of temperance must be the result of the election on the Constitutional Amendment in Iowa. Many fears were entertained that the time was too short in which to make the canvass, to thoroughly awaken the people, and the result might prove disastrous. Now all fears are set at rest. The overwhelming majority in favor of the amendment, is not only gratifying in this particular case, but also indicates the wonderful awakening of the American people in regard to this great evil.

The two victories that have greeted the cause of right in Kansas and Iowa, are but the precursors of others to follow. The combined efforts of whisky men of every class to prevent the will of the people, have been defeated. They now begin to see that their cause is a hopeless one, and the friends of temperance are growing more confident every day of being able in the near future to drive this moral blight from our American shores.

Temperance workers in Oregon can take fresh courage. Every thing indicates that by a united and well directed effort, we can hurl this fearful evil from our borders. Already more than 25,000 citizens have signed petitions asking for the submission of the amendment to the people. This insures a heavy voting population now in its favor. It is nearly four years before the question can come before the people, and there is little question as to the result at that time. Could it come before the people in six months from this time, a vigorous canvass would give us liberty from our worst tyrant.

But with all these feelings of assurance, we must not slacken our efforts for one moment. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." If we work persistently in the name of God and humanity, we shall assuredly triumph.

Bro. J. W. Osborn, writing from Seattle, says he has found several brethren and sisters in the city. He hopes soon to see an organization effected there. He and his estimable wife are members of the congregation in Portland, and like others, as they go from here, they are preaching the glad tidings.

Helpers and Helping.

The Apostle's injunction comes to us here. "Do good to all men, but especially to those who are of the household of faith." He evidently includes two classes of persons; those who are not of the household of faith. In other words he recognizes men as either believers or unbelievers.

From the abuse of this passage both in the understanding of it and in its practice, great reproach is often cast upon the cause of Christ.

Many people in a selfish and treacherous way, claim favors at the hands of those who are willing to help a brother or a sister, when they have no such rights. How often is it the case that communities even are imposed upon by piteous pleas made by such individuals.

Now we do not deny that there are many cases of real need among worthy persons. Let these be known. Let these be provided for. Let this case be rendered in a systematic and unostentatious way, so that no idleness be encouraged.

There is, however, a class of impostors more terrible than those above mentioned. It somehow happens in the selfish makeup of some good-meaning people that they consider every body, especially every brother and sister, must patronize them, because they are among the brethren.

This is a fallacy. The error lies in this that, though a man may be ever so good at heart, yet he is not hereby necessarily an expert in his trade or profession. He may be and is efficient as far as he has attained, but his attainments are not very great. Yet, perchance he demands a patronage in that to which he has not yet attained. His claims he supports by the fraternal relationship in Christ. By this claim he shows himself unworthy of confidence. Why? He thinks of himself more highly than he ought to think, and shows his disregard of a brother's rights by a willingness to jeopardize his interests for selfish ends. No one, under such circumstances is bound to show any respect to his claims.

A man wants a contract to erect a building for a brother because he is a brother. His demands are, or should be, based on the assumption that it is to his brother's advantage. The only grounds are, that he being a brother, will deal honestly with