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An Explanation.

Many good brethren have expressed a fear that in accepting the Presidency of Christian College, I have undertaken too much with the editorial and business management of the CHRISTIAN HERALD. That these brethren may have their fears set at rest an explanation may be needed.

I come to the Presidency of Christian College aided by a Faculty of able and energetic men, who have already placed themselves in the highest rank as teachers. I have also engaged for the work of the CHRISTIAN HERALD an efficient Business Manager and capable Assistant and Associate Editors. My work in the College will be to take the general management and oversight of the entire work and teach in the Bible department, preparing young men for the ministry of the word.

My work in the College will be a constant preparation for any editorial work, and will give sufficient time to do all that is required of me and keep the paper at the highest standard of excellence. My object in taking charge of the paper was to save it to the brotherhood as a means of intercommunication, so necessary to the success of the cause. The brethren are nobly seconding my efforts, so that the influence of the paper is being felt in every part of the north-west coast. My object in accepting the Presidency of Christian College was to bring it into line as a mighty power for good to the church. This I propose to accomplish in two ways: First, by making one of the leading features of the College work, the teaching of the Scriptures, and arming and equipping a noble band of young Christian men with the sword of the Spirit and a desire to do good, to go forth to preach the everlasting Gospel. Second, to furnish to Christian parents an institution of learning of the highest merit, where their children can receive, under Christian influences, a practical education that shall be thorough and complete, and shall give a knowledge of those things that are needed to enable them to go out

and at once enter successfully upon the business pursuits of life in whatever department they may choose to act.

The Board of Trustees have nobly seconded my efforts to accomplish these desirable ends by electing a Faculty of such men as are believed to be eminently qualified for the work; by endorsing a new and modern course of study, at my suggestion, that will at once give us a great advantage over surrounding Colleges; and by making the changes and improvements in the buildings I have asked for, thus providing us with an excellent chapel and giving three times the amount of recitation room heretofore available.

I greatly appreciate this hearty cooperation on the part of the Trustees. I now feel at liberty to ask in addition the full cooperation of every Christian on the north-west coast. Brethren, will you give your influence in behalf of Christian education? Christian College now proposes to work for the good of the church; will the church work for the good of Christian College? I believe it will. May the Lord bless the work.

D. T. STANLEY.

Dates of the Epistles.

A brother asks us to give the dates at which the Epistles of Paul were written. At the very best there is much uncertainty about this matter. The dates can only be fixed approximately and these approximations are the result of comparisons with events supposed to be contemporaneous.

It is generally conceded that Paul was executed about the close of Nero's reign. Nero's death occurred about the middle of June, A. D. 68. The epistles of Paul, then, were written before this date.

We think Conybeare & Howson are as reliable as any authority obtainable on this question. From their "Life and Epistles of Saint Paul" we get the data for the following:

In the year 52 Paul journeyed from Athens to Corinth on his second missionary tour, having left Thessalonica a short time before. While at Corinth he wrote back his first epistle to the Thessalonians. During the year and six months that he remained in Corinth, he worked at his trade, tent-making, and in the year 53 wrote his second letter to the Thessalonians. In the year 54 he left Corinth, went

to Jerusalem to Pentecost, and started on his third missionary tour. He reached Ephesus in the Autumn, where he remained three years. While here, in the spring of 57 he wrote his first letter to the Corinthians. He soon after went to Macedonia from which place he wrote his second letter to the Corinthians in the autumn of 57. He returned to Corinth to winter and wrote from there to the Galatians.

In the spring of 58 he wrote from the same place to the Romans.

During the next three years he was traveling and arrived at Rome a prisoner in the spring of 61.

While here, in the spring of 62 he wrote to the Colossians, to the Ephesians and to Philemon, and in the autumn to the Philippians.

After being acquitted at Rome in the spring of 63, he traveled to Spain and then back to Asia Minor, and in the summer of 67 wrote his first letter to Timothy from Macedonia. In the autumn of the same year, he wrote Titus from Ephesus.

The following spring found him again in prison at Rome, where he wrote his second letter to Timothy, and was executed early in the summer.

We will make a condensed statement as follows:

Epistle.	Written from:	A. D.
1 Thessalonians	Corinth	52
2 Thessalonians	Corinth	53
1 Corinthians	Ephesus	57
2 Corinthians	Macedonia	57
Galatians	Corinth	57
Romans	Corinth	58
Colossians	Rome	62
Ephesians	Rome	62
Philemon	Rome	62
1 Timothy	Macedonia	67
Titus	Ephesus	67
2 Timothy	Rome	68

Growth in Grace.

The county meetings have closed for the year. Many have been led to the Savior.

Well—now what? We venture the assertions that some of our good brethren are looking forward and waiting for the next. Yes, literally waiting for it.

Would it not be well to show a greater degree of activity in caring for the lambs of the fold gathered in during these meetings? This is a serious question. Here lies our weakness. When will these babes in Christ grow. When will be found helpers to teach them and lead them all the way? Are the names of all now recorded on some church book and are the elders acquainted with them?

It is generally known that one-third of the additions thus made to the church fall away, generally

never to return to the fold of Christ?

In a certain Annual State Meeting held less than ten years ago in Oregon, about forty-five "accessions" were made. Of that number we were told, by parties who know, in less than two years, not one-third remained faithful in the church. Nor are we behind many of the denominations, for in the same place in after years after a great revival had produced one hundred and sixty "conversions," a few months (less than a year) almost decimated their numbers.

We may attribute the fault to the method of revival work. But this is not satisfactory. The main fault lies with those who have the oversight of the churches.

The children are not fed. They are not made accustomed soon enough to the spiritual atmosphere of the church. In their new resolves they are not encouraged. No one speaks to them of their struggles, prays with them in their conflicts, counsels with them in their attempts to do the Lord's will.

These babes in Christ actually become "chilled" and their young life is dwarfed, perhaps crushed out forever. Then we hold them up to the world as examples of unsteadfastness. With more propriety might they hold up those who have the care of souls.

They are "fallen from grace," says one. Well, it surely was not much of a fall. If they had not attained any of the graces they surely did not fall far. But the words of the spirit are, "If ye do these things ye shall never fall."

Then see that these "children of the kingdom" grow and there will be little likelihood of their falling. "Feed My Lambs."

We acknowledge the receipt of a gem of a temperance tract by G. W. Yancy, of Louisville, Ky., entitled "The Goring Ox." Just the thing to sow in the State at this time of the year. Price 20 cts. per dozen 50 copies 75 cts.; 100 copies \$1.15. Send for a thousand of them.

Herein do I exercise myself that I may have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men.—Paul.

Let this be the motto of every disciple and there will be less repining, less bickering, less slandering, less hardness among brethren.