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Bible Department of Christian College.

The future policy of Christian College will be such as is confidently believed will not only make her a grand success as a College of Arts, but make her an important factor in Christianizing the Pacific Coast. Preparing young men for the ministry of the word, is that that is to make her distinctively *Christian*. The brotherhood of Christians of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, feel the need of such a school, where our young men of piety, ability and Christian zeal, can receive such an education as will specially fit them for at once entering the field as successful proclaimers of the ancient Gospel.

In Christian College will be found every inducement to this noble work, that is to be found any where. Cheap board in Christian families, and cheap books (a large proportion of the text-books will be furnished to students at one-half retail prices during the coming year) are the economic attractions in all departments. In the Bible Department will be the additional inducement of *free tuition* to such as are preparing to preach.

We should have an endowment fund to provide for the free education of preachers. In the absence of this the President of the College has decided to assume this burden and carry it until necessary provision is made by endowment.

There is a prospect for a good class the coming year in this department. It is asked of the churches everywhere who have proper material for this department to send it in promptly.

It is desired to operate on the following plan: If you have in your congregation young brethren of piety, mental ability and zealous for the cause of Christ, who are willing to devote themselves to the work of the church, you should by action of the church, select them as candidates for the ministry. Give them a certificate to this effect, upon presentation of which they will, upon declaration of their intention to devote themselves to preaching, be admitted to all the

privileges of the College free of tuition.

Then in addition to the literary and scientific courses, and the course in the Bible department, they will be taught how to prepare and deliver discourses and be put to work practically. Regular preaching appointments will be provided for them, so that when they have finished their course, they are practical preachers. Regular ordination to the ministry will be expected of their home congregations on their return.

Brethren, the hearty cooperation of all is expected, and may the Lord prosper the work.

A Letter from Illinois.

VERMONT, FULTON CO., ILL.

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Bro. D. T. Stanley:

You are a stranger to me and I to you in the flesh, yet I feel we are kindred in Christ, fellow-laborers in the grand and glorious cause of Christ our Lord, therefore I take the liberty of writing a few lines to you.

I have been preaching the Gospel in my feeble manner almost 40 years, have introduced into the fold of the dear Redeemer over 4000 precious souls; am still devoting all my time to the work. I have just read a favorable notice of the *CHRISTIAN HERALD* in the *Evangelist*. Thought I would like to see a few numbers of it. Now, my dear brother, will you be so kind as to send me a few numbers, and if I can help you in the way of getting subscribers in this part of the country I will willingly do it.

I have many relatives in Oregon, of my name, all Methodists. I have also many dear friends and brethren there; Bro. John A. Powell, who died some years ago, immersed me when I was young; grand and noble Christian he was; and then Bro. John Harris, another dear and beloved brother, and many others. Kind Christian regards to all.

May the good Lord bless you, my dear brother, in all your labors of love.

Your humble brother in the Lord,

JOS. B. ROYAL.

REMARKS.

We comply with your request with much pleasure. We are sending a large number of copies of the *HERALD* to Eastern States by request as samples, and expect to have our list largely increased in

that section. It is a great pleasure to hear from these old soldiers of the cross that are enduring to the end and waiting patiently for their crown of life.

We have the pleasure of an acquaintance with some of Bro. Royal's Methodist relatives in Oregon, and know them to be excellent people.

Bro. John A. Powell was one of our faithful men. He has gone to his reward, but his noble spirit still lives in a large family of children, all earnest Christians.

Bro. John M. Harris died during the past year east of the Cascade mountains. He continued in the Lord's vineyard till death.

We hope to hear from Bro. Royal often, and hope that we may be of mutual benefit in the divine life, though we should never meet in the flesh.

Roll in the Pumpkin.

Very strange that the dear brotherhood among us must have something so silly as the Hymnal question over which to fill precious columns of our papers. This is not the only question which ought never to have found its way into public print. When old men act like children, and act naughtily, too, they ought to be spanked. But lest we find no one to do the spanking we say Amen! to the following from the "Cullings and Comments" in the *Old Path Guide*:

The following joke is perpetrated by the *Herald* and *Presbyter*, a Presbyterian paper, published, we believe, in the same building with the *Christian Standard*, Cincinnati:

The story is told of a minister who, when his children were quarreling, gave them a pumpkin to roll around. An innocent diversion would keep them at peace. A short time after, an association of ministers met at his house, and during the evening some discussions on points of doctrine were earnest, and their voices were so loud as to indicate danger of losing their Christian temper; when his eldest daughter, overhearing them, produced a pumpkin, and, entering the room, gave it to her father and said: "There, father, roll it about." The minister was obliged to explain to his brethren, and good humor was instantly restored. We recommend a pumpkin to our brethren among the Disciples. It would divert their thoughts from the hymnal discussion. If the market at this season cannot furnish a pumpkin, a watermelon will do.

Well, roll in the pumpkin and let us have peace.

Jacob says the reason many persons do not like to subscribe means for the church and for benevolent enterprises generally, is not so much in observance of what Christ said in Matt. vi. 1-4, as in memory of what Peter once said as recorded in the first part of the 6th chapter of Acts. Cruel Jacob! He always wants to make some body blush.

With so many good reports this year regarding increase of membership, and greater interest in the cooperation of the churches, would it not be well to pay more attention to the erection of church buildings?

How many congregations on this coast in the last twenty years have dwindled away and suffered death because they had no permanent abiding place. In the summer time, they camped out or rented a school-house. During the winter, like Bruin, they slept. At last, they became disgusted and discouraged with their manner of life, and death was the inevitable result. Often this failure to build was caused, perhaps, because some good brother or brethren could give only half as much if the house was built on a certain side of a certain tree or stream, as he would were it built on the other side. So the house was not built. And the congregation did not live, and that community suffered a loss which no one can estimate.

The result of our observation is: That congregation which builds a good, neat house, in a convenient place, (not especially looking to the selfish gratification of one or two who want the house in a certain place or not at all,) and furnishes it on the inside and puts therein good, comfortable seats, so as to make it inviting, you see; the congregation which has energy enough to do all this, is almost sure to live and prosper, and moreover will wield a powerful influence for the truth as it is in Jesus.

Exercise is as healthful to the spiritual as to the physical man. "Exercise thyself unto godliness," is the injunction of the Spirit. We grow strong by such exercise and are made able to cope with the evils and errors by which we are surrounded. Neglect not this necessary part of Christian life.

The State Cooperation is not far off. Are all ready with their parts? Are all the churches going to send delegates? Will all be able to report progress?