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One added at Portland by confession and baptism last Lord's day. There is a steady and healthy increase in the cause in this city.

We wish to correct our statement of last week about the death of Bro. J. M. Harris. He died at Eugene City, and is buried near Latham, Lane Co., Oregon.

Bro. T. M. Morgan sends us pictures of Bro. C. J. Wright and Eld. Jones, the disputants in the discussion now being published in the HERALD. As we know neither of them by face, and Bro. M. did not tell us how to distinguish them, we have decided that the better looking one is Bro. Wright, of course.

We lectured at Eola and Dixie last Lord's day on Christian Education, and have an appointment for Suver at eleven and Buena Vista at four, next Lord's day.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto men, a workman that the critical brother will not be ashamed of," is the way some preachers seem to read Paul.

One of our noble preachers in Eastern Washington writes: "The brethren are all proud of the HERALD." Yes, and we are proud of such brethren who are so faithful to the cause of Christ, and work so perseveringly for the paper.

At the Southern California State Meeting at Downey, Bro. James Venable of Downey and Sister Lutie L. Darby of Orange are authorized to act as special solicitors for the CHRISTIAN HERALD.

In the note last week about educating young disciples in the truths of practical Christianity, the types made us say, "too much attention comparatively is given to making comforts." We wrote it, "making converts."

The *Christian Messenger* calls Bro. Howell, a colored preacher, "the Sun-burnt evangelist."

The *Christian Preacher* has been compelled to miss several issues recently, on account of scarcity of funds. These be hard times on poor editors. — *Messenger*.

Dr. Broadus, of the Southern Theological Seminary, struck an important note when he said: "Let young men read old books and old men read new books, and things will not so readily lose their equilibrium."

The census of Canada gives 21,000 Disciples of Christ in the province of Ontario.

Jacob says, "Many a man has sat down on the goods boxes of village stores and with penknife whittled away all his Christian manhood."

A petition is being circulated in some of the counties in California securing signatures of voters from all political parties mutually pledging themselves to refuse to support any man who in any way sanctions the whisky traffic. This will have a salutary influence and woe to any party that ignores this voice of the law-abiding citizens.

We are sending out pictures of Bro. Campbell to all who have ordered them, but do not send them for subscriptions except the names are accompanied by the money.

Remember when ordering extra copies of the paper that it costs us five cents for every copy we print, and send the money accordingly. We furnish extra copies gratuitously to be used in canvassing for new subscribers.

Preaching brethren should never forget Paul's admonition to Titus: "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned."

The *Alliance Messenger*, published at Hanford, Tulare county, Cal., comes to us loaded with good things. It is the earnest advocate of temperance, and under the auspices of the "Tulare County Christian Alliance." Success to this new enterprise.

No Christian can afford to live without a constant meditation upon the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. He who habitually closes his eyes to the beauty of God's law, shuts out the light of eternal things, shuts the doors of his heart to God. Let this be the prayer of every one, "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

A notion seems to pervade the minds of some Christians that the gatherings of the church are of no importance unless there is a great crowd. They get the idea, somehow, that the assembly of the saints is a small and insignificant affair except somebody is there to chastise all who may be opposed to them in their religious views. The gathering of a few faithful ones for prayer and praise, for a careful and systematic study of the Scriptures has no charms for them. All that will stir the religious blood in their veins is what they call a "big meeting."

A faithful attendance on each Lord's day's services is irksome. It looks too much like hum-drum sort of life. All this is extremely bad. It is bad as an example, bad to practice and bad as a resultant. No disciple should grow up in the church with such an utter absence of all habits of regularity—habits which are worth so much to all true Christians. How then, shall such a state of affairs among churches and members be avoided? Nothing is easier. Be sure to attend the services of the church from a sense of duty, for the purpose of self education; and not from a desire of vain show.

Young man, if you have anything to do, do it. If not, find something. If you can't find anything, dig your grave and die. It is far cheaper to furnish shroud and coffin than a few weeks board, and perchance a guard. This world is not large enough to contain a single idler with comfort to himself or to humanity. Depart and give place to those who with high resolves evolved from noble minds and brave hearts, are marching forth to accomplish feats of valor. Better lie down, young man, and let this host walk over your worthless carcass, that they may succeed in their purposes, than stand in the way to hinder, simply because you fear to suffer. Better die and rot and let your name and fame and all be blown to the nethermost nook of oblivion than hinder one noble man in the accomplishment of one generous act which will relieve the distressed or carry a single ray of hope to the despondent.

Many churches desiring to secure the services of able ministers of the word, by letting the fact be known, can be put in correspondence with such. We are in receipt of letters from several preachers whom the churches highly commend and who are known far and wide for their work's sake. Let us secure their presence in this State as soon as possible and see that they are supported while engaged in preaching. Now is our opportunity.