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Bro. S. C. Adams, one of our best posted brethren, and a man of liberal culture and large experience sends us this lively little note:

"The HERALD is the best paper I take, and neat and pretty.—Let us keep the banner flying—and still higher and still, excelsior!"

There were over a hundred delegates from a distance and a large local attendance at the Texas State meeting which closed on July 15th.

### LIFE IS A TROUBLED LAKE.—

What else is this life of ours?—heaving and swelling and tossing; breaking into billows and dashing into foam; rising into storm and occasionally falling into beautiful calm.

There comes a complaint from Scio that the paper is behind time in reaching that office. If any other offices have the same trouble, they will please report and we will investigate each case. The paper invariably leaves here Friday morning.

Bro. Hedrix, in discussing "The Iowa Idea," may seem a little inclined to party politics, but we hope all will bear with him in this relation of facts.

The McMinnville brethren have been painting and improving their house of worship, which adds greatly to its appearance and convenience.

It is now harvest time and consequently the number of sleepers in church is large.

The 'Grasshopper Gospel' is defined as being a hop, skip and a jump through the Bible, picking up a scrap here and a scrap there, and stringing them together. There are a good many 'Grasshopper' preachers in this country.—*Christian Preacher.*

For ten years the brotherhood of Oregon has been burdened to erect a college building. We shall not discuss the question as to whether the means so used was most wisely expended. Be that as it may, we are in a position now to turn our attention to building churches and establishing a more complete system of Christian education in the various communities of the State. From present indications, we are pleased to know the churches are awakening to this necessity. They are beginning to realize that more attention must be given to the ministry of the word, and that a dozen competent teachers are worth ten times as many unfaithful ones. May the good work go on.

The HERALD goes to many in the East. The subscribers desire to know more about our country. Many of them design coming to the coast and will be pleased to obtain information regarding the climate, soil, markets, manufactures and general advantages of the various sections of this new country. We therefore invite a fuller correspondence in this direction. We need hardly say that in doing so it is not necessary for completeness to mention the names of every person in that particular region.

A Brother makes the following report of the state of the cause in Arkansas: "We have reported 130 churches, 112 preachers, and near 6000 members, and only two-thirds of the State heard from. If we could get a full report from the north and west portions of the State, I am confident we number 200 churches, 200 preachers, and 12,000 members, not including 3,000 or 4,000 colored brethren."

**BARE HEARING BEGETS TRANSCIENT THOUGHTS.**—It leaves a weak impression on the soul; like a flash of lightning, and soon gone as come; or the glance of a sunbeam on the wave. A man never discerns the scope, the beauty of the truths delivered, till he comes to meditate on them, and to go over them again and again in his own thoughts.—*Manton.*

The *Congregationalist* notes a marked advance in the material and financial prosperity of Kansas under prohibition. By comparison it says that "while Illinois paid about \$6.50 per capita for government tax on spirits, Kansas paid twelve cents, and Maine, where prohibition has so signally failed (?) paid three cents per head. The increase in the valuation of personal property for 1881 over 1880 is \$10243,000. That of 1882 over 1881 will probably be \$20,000,000, not a bad showing.

**CHRIST IS GOD ENOUGH.**—I have lived long enough to know that *Christ is God enough for me.* What more can I want? He raises the dead; He redeemed my life from destruction; He carries me up hill many a time when I am weary; He visits me in my distress and affliction. His words are

"Music in the sinner's ear,  
And life, and health and peace."  
—*Jos. Parker.*

The benefit of a church to any community is inestimable. By a Church is meant a congregation of Christians who keep up the services of the Lord's day during every week in the year, thus affording a

means of Christian education to all who will attend. They who so accustom themselves to the services and instructions from week to week, form habits of spiritual life and exercise, which do not easily leave them when they leave the community. A congregation, however, which has no regular times for assembling, institutes no order of training, gives lessons occasionally to uncertain audiences, sometimes teaching a lesson in A B C's, and within the same month giving knotty problems in calculus; such a congregation is not worthy the name, and for the sake of the truth and the influence upon the community should disband. The carelessness of many professing Christians in attending the meetings of the church can be traced directly to this kind of discipline. The young, especially fall into a haphazard sort of Christian living because they see their superiors leading the way, by their examples, training them to have little or no regard for the Lord's day and its duties. On the other hand, they who form their infancy in the church are taught that a regular habit of Scripture reading, a constant attendance every Lord's day upon the services of the church and habitual exercise in Christian activities are incumbent upon them, will grow up strong and healthy Christians; and wherever they are, the ideal so set before them will become a reality. Such and only such can be depended upon to found thrifty congregations in a country like ours. Only such feel a loss when deprived of the home church gatherings, and are the first to gather the people of God together in an active, working congregation.

A private letter from Oskaloosa, Iowa, states that the college is making fine progress in increasing its endowment, "having added for several weeks at the rate of more than \$1,000 per week." The college is out of debt, has a clause in its charter forbidding any future mortgage on its buildings, is under the management of careful financiers and all these things beget unusual confidence in its future.—*Evangelist.*