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## The Conflict.

If we read the signs of the times aright, it is not that the world is coming to an end so soon as some think, but that the whisky traffic in America will first have an end. The people are aroused as never before. And the whisky men are doing as much as temperance men to bring the issue before all classes. They are struggling with might and main to present some good side, but the more they try, the more is the whole business seen and felt to be a work of the evil one. As the light shines more fully, it is known by its terrible results to be the foe of all classes.

In this extremity all grades of society, all ranks of statesmen, all circles of business are compelled to take a stand "for" or "against." It will not down; and woe be to him and them who decide for the traffic. Some will be found who, according to their time honored custom in all great issues, will wait to see in what direction the current of popular opinion turns, ere they take a stand. Woe be to them. Let none such be trusted. Spot them. A man who must decide from policy rather than principle, is not a safe man in any position. Much less is he in the conflict which is impending. Be sure the conflict is at hand. It will be longer than our revolutionary conflict. Let us hope it will be bloodless. But it will be a trying time for politicians and stony ground Christians.

## The Work in Oakland, Cal.

We are pleased to note the revival of the cause in this important place. It is as much a matter of rejoicing to see a restoration of love and fellowship where the cause has been injured by dissention, as it is a matter of grief to see dissention arise and wreck the peace and usefulness of the churches. Some one will have a fearful account to give for originating, encouraging, or fostering discords among brethren. "Woe to that man by whom the offence cometh."

Bro. McCollough, editor of the *P. C. News*, gives the following ac-

count of the restoration of the church at Oakland:

"It is well known that for some years the cause of Christ in Oakland has been greatly hindered. We are happy to say that things are in better shape. Some time last Fall, Bro. H. Hoyt and family, who moved to Oakland from Elmira, and Bro. Kinkade and family also recently settled in Oakland, began a new movement looking to the establishing of a Sunday school, there being no school run by either of the former organizations. This school grew constantly. By and by they concluded to invite all the disciples of Christ who loved the Lord to remain after the school adjourned, and break the loaf. Bro. Kinkade being a regular minister, was requested to lead in this, while Bro. Hoyt superintended the Sunday-school. This work grew gradually. Brethren, irrespective of former parties, began to take heart and to look forward with hope. \* \* \* So we prayed the Lord to send us a man to lead us. In due time, Bro. W. A. Meloan, of Carrolton, Mo., came to California to spend two months, July and August, and proposed to hold some meetings. His labors were secured for a two weeks' meeting. The house of worship, built by our lamented Bro. Reagan, was rented from the Baptists; they having control of it at present. The senior editor of the *Pacific Church News* was invited to come over and help, which he did. Our plan of work was, to have a meeting each evening through the week, and twice on Lord's day, Bro. Meloan doing the preaching. During the day, we (the preachers) called from house to house, and places of business, to see every one who had ever belonged to the church, here or elsewhere, and converse with them; first, as to their faith in Christ and his word; second, as to their hope of heaven and their determination to live the Christian life, walking according to the word of God; third, whether they desired to enter into the fellowship with all who had the faith and hope of our Lord, to keep the ordinances of the house of God?

Each one who answered affirmatively, expressing the desire of their own hearts, were enrolled. As the meeting progressed, from time to time these names were publicly read, and it was announced that if any one of them had any objections to any other one, they could make such objections known privately to those who were engaged in visiting; in order that all these

matters might be adjusted. It was announced that ere the meeting closed, all who had been enrolled, toward whom no objections were urged, would be declared in fellowship.

As the meeting progressed, it soon became evident that the Prince of Peace was among us. As brethren looked into the faces of the brethren who could say from their hearts, notwithstanding all the troubles which had environed the cause in Oakland for years, that they still were in the faith, hope and love of the Gospel, they began to love one another, and well they might. Anyone can sail along in church when everything goes well, but when the cause has been in dust and ashes, the soul that can say, "I have examined my heart, and can truly say, I am determined to cling to the Lord," there is evidence that such are worthy of our fellowship and love.

By and by sinners began to confess the Savior, and were baptized. Last Lord's day, July 30th, the church was constituted, composed of 51, who had formerly been members in Oakland and elsewhere, and 13 who were baptized during the meeting—64 in all. While we were engaged in the spiritual re-establishing of the church, Bro. H. Hoyt was working up the financial interest. By great liberality on the part of a few who are well to do, and the smaller amounts contributed by the poor, all doing something, the church was enabled to extend a call to Bro. Meloan to take pastoral charge of the church. He has accepted on condition the church at Carrolton, Mo., will release him from his present engagements, and will begin his regular labors on or before Oct. 1st.

The church has secured the use of the house of worship on the corner of Clay and Fifteenth streets, built by Bro. Reagan. The Baptist brethren will give possession Sept. 1st. We rejoice in this success, and in the fact that our State is to gain the labors of so good and efficient a preacher as Bro. Meloan. He is a man of fine talent and piety; is in the prime of life, and comes to make California his permanent field of labor."

Beautiful is the activity which works for good, and beautiful the stillness which awaits for good; blessed the self-sacrifice of the one, and blessed the self-forgetfulness of the other.

## T. F. Campbell's Address.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from Pres. T. F. Campbell, of Christian College, Monmouth, Oregon. He is on his way East, to sojourn for some months, and deliver some lectures among the churches. He preached for us Sunday evening, June 29th, on the subject of "Demonology." Our hall was well filled, and the audience profoundly interested throughout the discourse. Some of the positions taken were new, and well calculated to awaken thought in the minds of thoughtful people.

At the close of the meeting there was quite a general demand to hear more, and Bro. Campbell was prevailed on to give us another lecture. He discussed the following: "The Bible contains the true philosophy of man in his origin, present relations and final destiny."

By the kindness of our Congregational brethren, we were enabled to secure Plymouth church, on Taylor street, for Tuesday evening, August 8th.

We had a very respectable audience. While we have not space to do justice to the very able and profound address, we will give a brief synopsis of it.

The speaker said: There are three sources of knowledge concerning man—the book of Nature, the book of God's Revelation, the history of man.

History presents a wide range from man's highest attainments down to the lowest depths, intelligently and morally.

Any philosophy of man which fails to account for these extremes, which are so patent, is not true. The Book of Nature was then scanned, and a number of theories as to man's origin were presented. Some gave his origin in the vegetable kingdom; some in the animal, as Darwinism; some gave it from demigods.

Darwin wrote four hundred pages to convince the world of the truth of his theory. Huxley wrote over six hundred pages.

All these theories fail to satisfy our minds. He then opened the Bible, and found a short statement in the first chapter of Gen., which he proceeded to show was the most philosophical. This account, and true science did not conflict. Man, according to the Bible, is the point where the circle of the universe is completed by the union of spirit and matter—God, the highest order of being, is united to the lowest,