

ishes. If we add to these common facts, the destructive power of pleasure, and the artificial wants that it creates and fosters, we have a true picture from which every true Christian would turn away in sorrow. O how much we need the dear Savior to deliver us from our fleshly lusts that war against the soul!

**Resolutions Unanimously Passed by the First Christian Church at Portland, Oregon, August 30, 1882.**

*Resolved,* That in the removal from amongst us of our beloved brother and pastor Bruce Wolverton, the Christian Church at this place sustains a great loss, his earnest effective work as a teacher of God's word, having been the means of augmenting the members and strength of the congregation of disciples at Portland more than four-fold during the past two years of his pastorate.

*Resolved,* That it is with the keenest regret that we submit to the separation between pastor and congregation which it has seemed best to our dear brother, should occur at this time, and that we are only reconciled to the same by the assurance we feel that his sphere of usefulness may be extended and enlarged in his contemplated new home.

*Resolved,* That we recognize in Bro. Wolverton a true, upright and devoted Christian, a faithful and most earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard and a most effective teacher of his word, and as such, we do most heartily commend him to the brethren and friends wherever his lot may be cast.

*Resolved,* That we tender to brother and sister Wolverton our best wishes for their future welfare together with the assurance of our earnest prayers for God's guidance and watchcare over them and theirs through all the years of their lives.

*Resolved,* That these resolutions be spread upon the church records and that a copy be forwarded to the CHRISTIAN HERALD for publication.

**Negative Religion a Failure.**

REV. JESSE S. GILBERT, A. M.

A lady once remarked to me that she had just religion enough to make her miserable. There was sound philosophy in the confession. There are many to whom religion is only a burden and a constraint. It is to them only a long series of

"thou shalt nots;" "only this and nothing more." They have just enough of religion to spoil all their worldly pleasures, but not enough to give them joy in God. The duties of the Christian life, such as prayer and the reading of God's word, are to them a sort of penance, hard and grievous to be borne; whilst they look with eager hungry eyes toward the palaces and fleshpots of Egypt. There is very little power in mere negations, in simply not doing, and there can be but little joy in such a life.

There is no need to live in such a way. When God turns off the corrupt streams of worldly pleasures, he will open for us the pure fountains of living joy. The Bible everywhere speaks of the Christian life, in its inner and subjective nature, as one of peace and joy. It is heedless to multiply quotations. Page after page of them might be given.

Christ told his disciples that in the world they should have tribulation, but that in him they should find peace. Well did Paul and Silas justify this promise when they sang praises in the dark depths of a Roman prison. The Christian can be ever at peace, because the fountain of living waters springs up from the depths of his own heart. The joy, the peace, the light and life are all "within him." Thus shall prison and palace flame alike with the glory of the divine presence, and the earth's December blossoms and blooms with flowers transplanted from the Paradise of God.—*Time of Refreshing.*

Mention was made of a church in the western part of the State of New York, where the pastor gave a list of hymns to the superintendent every Sunday, with the names of tunes to which they were to be sung; and they were rehearsed in Sunday-school. The scholars were interested, and at the close of the school went up stairs into the church where they occupied the galleries, and completely filling them, and they led the singing, which was of course "congregational;" for how could tongues refuse to join in the songs of praise, when so many young and youthful voices were making melody to the Lord? This incident suggests a partial answer to the question: "How can we induce our children to attend church?" Start the "congregational singing" in the Sunday-school, dear friends and you will have less difficulty in making this branch of worship more general in the public services of the day.

**Opening Exercises OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Oregon, Sept. 19, 1882.**

**PROGRAM:**  
**Opening Exercises of Christian College at 10 o'clock, A. M.**  
 Anthem,.....Choir.  
 Prayer,.....Eld. P. R. Burnett.  
 Hymn,.....Audience; Choir Leading.  
 Address—"Education—Its True Ideal," Eld. J. W. Spriggs.  
 Anthem,.....Choir.  
 Essay—"Music in the Schools," Mrs. Etta C. Granger.  
 Music.  
 Announcements.  
 Benediction.

**Opening Exercises of Oregon Normal School at 2 o'clock, P. M.**  
 Greeting Song,.....Quartette.  
 Prayer.  
 Song,.....Audience; Led by Choir.  
 Address,.....Prof. F. Rigler.  
 Song,.....Duet.  
 Address—"Smaller Colleges," Prof. W. E. Yates.  
 Song,.....Choir.  
 Announcements.  
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 7 O'clock, P. M.

Singing,.....Choir.  
 Prayer,.....Eld. J. E. Roberts.  
 Singing,.....Audience; Led by Choir.  
 Address—"The Work Before Us," President D. T. Stanley.  
 Music.  
 Address,.....Eld. P. R. Burnett.  
 Music.  
 Announcements.  
 The musical exercises will be under the direction of Prof. J. M. Powell.  
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The public cordially invited. All friends of education are especially requested to attend.

**Personal.**

—R. T. Matthews, for some years pastor of the third church of Indianapolis has accepted the call to the Richmond Street Church, Cincinnati, and will begin his labors there the 1st of October. He is a faithful and efficient preacher, and will be a valuable acquisition to the church in Cincinnati.

—The many friends of J. H. Garrison gave him a hearty reception at St. Louis on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., upon his safe return to his old home after an absence of almost two years abroad. His health is much improved, and it is to be hoped he will soon be completely restored.—*Evangelist.*

—Bro. H. Exley has arrived safely with his family in New Zealand, and takes up his abode in Dunedin to labor for the church meeting in the Temperance Hall. We are glad to welcome Bro. H. to the colonies, and pray that his

labors will be abundantly blessed.—*A. C. Watchman.*

—We regret to learn through the *Apostolic Times* that Bro. T. B. Larimore, of Mars Hill College, Alabama is confined at home with a severe rising in his head. Bro. Larimore is a bright and shining light in Alabama, and we wish him the great success he deserves in his college work. We hope his present illness will not result in anything serious.

—Bro. Bruce Wolverton began his duties in the State Agricultural College, at Corvallis, last Monday. His work there will in no way interfere with his editorial labors on the HERALD.

Bro. Henry Shadle has taken his place and begun work with the Portland church. We spent a pleasant evening at his room last week and find him a live man. We look for much from him in this important field.

**Announcement.**

WAITSBURG, W. T., Sept. 4, 1882.

Bro. Stanley: Please announce through the HERALD that I will preach at Bethel on the 4th Sunday in this month. We expect to start for California on the 12th inst. Will spend a few days at Bethel and vicinity.

Very truly,  
 G. W. RICHARDSON.

Hand-shaking is a power, says the *S. S. Times*. The politician employs it with effect to win votes. The Devil's recruiting officers make free and constant use of it. The church only is chary in its employment. In the heartiness of their greetings, the saloons try to make it appear that the churches are cold, and have no cordial welcome for those who drop in to their meetings. The result is that the saloons have gained, and the churches lost, many a promising, warm-hearted, socially inclined young man. A warm grasp of the hand might have retained them. The cordial feeling is in the churches. There is more real warmth in them than in the saloons, but the members have not been trained to show it. Let it be manifested. Organize a hand-shaking brigade, if necessary—of every member of the church. Stop after the prayer-meeting a little, for practice—don't shoot for the door as if you were glad to get out of such a place. But don't shake hands as a mere formality—put your heart into it.