

Correspondence.

From Bro. T. F. Campbell.

DENVER, COL.,
Sept. 11, 1882.

The journey from Los Angeles to Denver, of seventy four hours, was, in the main, quite pleasant. The only exception when crossing the Yuma desert. This is a waste of sand extending a distance of about two hundred miles north from Fort Yuma at the crossing of the Colorado river; the width is from ten to forty miles. It is at the lowest point of depression, two hundred and sixty-six feet below the level of the sea. The density of the atmosphere and the reflection from the ardent sands render the heat most oppressive. The wind was as if it came from a furnace, and without ice water, of which we had an abundant supply, it is not easy to conceive how any one could have endured the trip across the burning sands. We arrived at Fort Yuma at 7 P. M., with the thermometer still ranging from 95° to 100°. Breakfast was served the next morning at Tucson. Thence to Demming, over high table lands covered with verdure was a pleasant day's travel. The rainy season had just closed and the country was in its loveliest attire. Occasionally we passed one of those alkali plains on which there is no verdure. On one of these and near the road we visited the "Mudsprings," where the constant escape of gas gives to many small holes in the bottom of a basin, one hundred feet across by five feet deep, the appearance of boiling pots. The impression was that these were "hot springs," but, upon inspection they were found to be cold. At Demming we changed cars, taking the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe road, which comes in from the north. This is the smoothest road in the west, but the speed is not high. At La Junta (pronounced Lä Hootä) I took the Denver and Rio Grande, arriving at Denver at 12:15 Saturday. I found a good congregation of Disciples at this place, under the care of Bro Craig, who seems to be a live man, working with zeal and energy. Bro Joseph Brinker, formerly of Kentucky, has a Collegiate institute in a good building with a hall capable of seating two hundred and fifty persons. In this the congregation meets for worship. They are erecting a good church building, which, when finished, will cost about \$30,000. The ceremonies connected

with laying the corner stone were performed on Sunday in my presence. After a brief statement of facts and principles Bro. Craig, Dr. Jeffries, of the Baptist, and Dr. Bliss, of the Presbyterian Church, made speeches, followed by Ex. Gov. Route, who alluded to the finances, saying that about \$14,000 remained yet to be raised, and that business men must hold themselves ready to respond to that amount. I found the brethren exceedingly sensitive on the subject of money, nor did I succeed in convincing them that a course of lectures yielding me a few hundred dollars would increase their subscriptions by double the amount through increased knowledge of their church and a fuller discussion of their principles. They expect to be in their new building by January, and they suggested that the lectures I proposed would be quite as well received after that time; besides, it was suggested that the public would not readily come to a private hall.

The excitement incident to the National Exposition, then in full progress, was also unfavorable to my purpose.

I delivered one address only, on Sunday evening, and after visiting the Exposition Monday morning, I took the cars at 2:30 P. M. for Kansas City. As I finished this letter after leaving Denver, I must mail it at Kansas City. The Lord be with you.

T. F. CAMPBELL.

Letter from Marengo.

MARENGO, COLUMBIA CO., W. T.,
Aug. 14, 1882.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

Thinking many of your readers would feel interested in a few items from this section, with your permission, I will, for this one time, intrude on your columns.

Financially speaking, our country is prosperous. Immigration is flowing in upon us. Thousands of acres of wild land is being located. Comfortable homes and prosperous communities are springing up seemingly as if by magic in hitherto desert places. Railroad building is still being prosecuted in the north-eastern portion of the territory. Private enterprise is pushing improvements in every locality, and this country which, only a few years ago, was thought worthless, is rapidly assuming all the qualities common to old settled communities. Spiritually we are not keeping abreast of the times. True the

good seed has been planted in many portions of our country. Some are holding fast to the faith first delivered to the saints; some are standing all the day idle waiting for a "preacher" that may never come in time to save them from that state of spiritual declination which is sure to overtake the inactive.

It does seem that here, in this new country, where there is so few professed followers of our Master, that what few there are should be bound together with a love that would know no Paul, no Appolos, or Cephas, but sad to say, such is not the case; but the old Corinthian trouble seems to follow us. And at the expense of everything that goes to make up prosperity we are wasting our strength "beating the air." There seems to be a call all along the line. Even the sects, while they occupy the ground, they don't seem to be improving it. Oh, how we do need good earnest work here, in this country, to establish our plea.

I want to say to the brotherhood of Columbia and Garfield counties that the committee on evangelizing, which was appointed at our county meeting held at this place, and of which the writer was chairman, has so far failed of the object for which it was created. The brethren at large seem loth to contribute to the support of an evangelist, of which they have no part or parcel in selecting and to labor in so large a field and at points of his own choosing. I, for one, lament the failure of this proposed work, for it was "worthy." There are Disciples all over this new country, but there needs to be some one to hunt them, visit them at their homes, pray with them, and bring them into the fellowship of the church.

There is also churches, which, spiritually, have already had their candlestick removed. They have settled down into a state of inactivity which nothing but a loud, long blast from the Gospel trumpet will arouse them from their sluggish dream land.

Brethren, can't we cooperate far enough to attain this object.

Crops are below an average in this section. The long continued dry weather was too much for late sown grain.

Yours in the one hope,
W. R. MARQUISS.

The consciousness of duty performed gives us music at midnight.
—George Herbert.

To the Church of Christ in the State of New York and in the United States.

In view of the expected departure of our Missionaries to India from New York, on Saturday, Sept. 16th, the New York Christian Missionary Society, assembled in Syracuse, recommend to all the churches that on Sunday, October 1st, missionary meetings be held in all our churches to offer prayer for their safe journey, preservation of their health and life, and the success of the great work to which they have been sent. And we further recommend that all the Sunday-schools be invited to take part in these exercises.

J. C. B. STIVERS,

Sec. of Convention.

Sept. 7, 1882.

SCIO, OR., Sept. 20, 1882.

Bro. Stanley:

My health is improving and am able to fill my appointments again. Just returned from my regular appointment at Stayton. Had a good meeting, one noble lady made the good confession and was immersed Sunday evening. Spent three days visiting from house to house. Find the church in good order and firm in the faith Barnes to the contrary, notwithstanding his course has given strength to the church. We look for some ingathering there soon.

Yours in the faith,

D. M. DOTY.

Please Notice.

Brethren, please remember the Coöperation meeting, to be held at Eugene, on the 18th of October. It is desired to make this one of the best meetings we have ever had. In order to this end, however, it is necessary that brethren interest themselves in making it a success. Let every church in the valley be sure to send delegates, so that we may have a good attendance; and let all the preachers be sure to attend. We want to consult together for the best interest of the cause of Christ in Oregon.

P. R. BURNETT.

McMinnville, Sept. 25, 1882.

Disclosures you may not make to man you can make to the Lord. Men may be too little for your great matters; God is not too great for your small ones. Only give yourself to prayer, whatever be the occasion that calls for it.