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A long pleasant letter from Bro. J. Durham, College City, Cal., arrived just to late to go in.

The proceedings and addresses of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, held at Eugene last week with all the addresses in full, will be published in the HERALD next week, filling the entire paper. Extra copies will be furnished at 10 cents each. Send in your orders early if you want extras.

The *Christian Evangelist* reaches us after the consolidation of the two papers, looks neat and is very readable. It so much resembles either the *Christian* or the *Evangelist* that different admiring friends will say of it as they always do of the baby—some that it looks just like its pa, and some that it looks just like its ma.

The church at Eugene are putting a new belfry and spire on their house, and a new bell in the belfry. They have a good house, and we hope to see their continued prosperity.

We wish all to remember that the HERALD is in no way connected with the *Messenger*, its predecessor, in matters of business. If there are mistakes about the subscriptions or amounts paid before this year, or if bills are sent for amounts due on past volumes, they do not come from this office, but from the persons who hold the accounts. Correspondence concerning these past volumes should not be addressed to the HERALD office but to R. Foulkes, who has the accounts.

The *Oregonian* of last Saturday reports an insurrection in Monmouth College, the students and faculty being at war. We are glad to say that the Monmouth it refers to is a long ways from here. The utmost harmony prevails in the work here and the different departments continue to fill up, there being an even dozen new students entering the beginning of this week, mostly from distant parts of the country.

The church at Salem has been using the weekly contribution for the past few months as their system of raising money, and report that it is much more successful than any system heretofore adopted.

The *Christian Commonwealth* says: "We are clearly of opinion that it is not enough for a man to sincerely believe anything, but he must believe the thing which is right and true. Many people now-a-days think they can be very good Christians without undoing the clasps of their Bibles; and when anybody begins to quote texts they waive all further discussion, as they do not bother themselves about doctrines. And as a rule a pretty boneless sort of a religion theirs is, a sort of confused hotch-potch of pious ideas and scraps of what other poor people have said. What saith the Lord? that is the question, and until this is answered our spiritual word-spinning will be vain."

Jacob thinks all that can be done with a "crank" is to let it turn.

Brethren, attention! Some churches of the valley were not represented at Eugene last week. It is very desirable to know whether you wish to assist in the support and to receive of the labors of the evangelists who will be employed the present year. If so, let it be known. You are not to be compelled to do this. This is of a willing mind with you. Then state how much assistance you will pledge. If individuals, where no churches are, or where the church is unwilling, are desirous of doing so, write. Address Bruce Wolverton, Corresponding Secretary of Board at Corvallis.

The union meeting, at Eugene last Sunday night was pronounced by those present a real love feast. The house was packed and crammed to overflowing, many being compelled to go away. Several of the ministers of the city, among them Bros. McLafferty and Clark Henderson, gave witness to the pleasure it afforded them to see the manifestation of such a Christian spirit.

It seems to have been a matter of surprise to many who visited the sessions of our convention that in none of the essays or addresses was there a reference to "our church," "what we teach," &c. Many vaguely anticipated harangues upon the "distinctive features," abuse of sectarianism, sermons on baptism, and such like. But true to the spirit of the Master denomination-alism was not mentioned. We had other things of more importance. We trust the denominations will, some day, learn that the true Christian glories more in the name of Christ than all other names of earth.

Some one has written a sight about colors, and to read the same one would think all the colors in creation had been spoken of. But Jacob says that every church member has two colors, ah, which he always persists in taking to church ah, and uses them very much in his "daily walk," ah, and those are the

colors just back of his shins, ah, and above his heels, ah! Boo-hoo-ah!!

Jacob says he don't see why there is so much demand for Doctors of Divinity unless it be that there are so many sick religions.

Some people say, "Oh, we know we are saved, because we are so happy." It is by no means a sure evidence, for joy may be carnal, unfounded, unspiritual. Certain Christians are afraid that they can not be in a saved state because they are not joyous, but we are saved by faith and not by joy. I was struck with the remark of Eber ezer Erskine when he was dying, and some one said to him, "I hope you have now and then a blink to bear up your spirit under affliction," he promptly replied, "I know more of words than of blinks;" that is to say, he had rather trust a promise of God than his own glimpses of heaven; and so would I. The word of God is a more sure testimony to the soul than all the raptures a man can feel. I would sooner walk in the dark, and hold hard to a promise of my God, than trust in the light of the brightest day that ever dawned. Precious as the fruit is, do not put the fruit where the root should be. Please to recollect that. Joy is not the root of grace in the soul; it is the fruit, and must not be put out of its proper position.—*Spurgeon*.

"Give us, O give us the man that sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time, he will do it better, he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue whilst he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness altogether past calculation its powers of endurance. Efforts, to be permanently useful, must be uniformly joyous—a spirit all sunshine—graceful from very gladness, beautiful because bright.—*Carlyle*.