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In accordance with a special request made by the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, we have devoted this number of the HERALD exclusively to missionary work. The proceedings and addresses are given in full, and we believe the issue is unusually valuable in consequence. We have printed a large extra edition and can supply extra copies at 10 cents each.

It will be observed that one of the important movements of the Convention at Eugene was that which looks to the early employment of one or more State Evangelists. We feel sure that a good man for the work can now be obtained, and there is a sufficient amount of funds in the treasury and pledged to make a safe beginning for this much needed work.

The General Christian Missionary Convention has just closed a grand meeting at Lexington, Ky. Bro. F. M. Green, late Corresponding Secretary of the Convention, says of it:

"The convention at Lexington was a fitting conclusion to thirty-three years of anxious struggle and hope; and a glorious beginning to a new generation of triumphs for the cross and of immortal victories for the army of the living God.

Bro. J. F. Floyd, of El Dorado, Kan., whom we expect in Monmouth in a few days, writes us from Lexington, Ky.:

"We are having a grand Convention; the best ever held among the Disciples." It is a matter of much gratification to every Disciple of Christ to know that there is so much enthusiasm in the Missionary work.

Owing to the large amount of matter in this issue and our inability to get enough extra printers, we are two days behind time in getting the paper out.

Revival meetings have been held at the Christian church at Salem for some time past, but we are not advised as to the result.

Our missionaries have arrived safe at Glasgow, Scotland, says the *Christian Messenger*, and are now fairly on their way to India, bearing the Gospel of Christ. Do all the Christians in Texas know that these brethren and sisters have taken their lives in their hands and gone forth from home, kindred, friends and country for the sake of the Gospel? Then let all who know this show their faith by giving as the Lord has prospered them, that there may be no want of means for this work of the Lord.

Not only does public opinion among us approve the consolidation of *The Christian* and *Evangelist*, but so far as we can discern the popular pulse, it would be delighted to see the two Cincinnati papers one, the two weekly Kentucky papers one, the two Texas papers one, and the two Pacific Coast papers one, and all of them better, good as they are now. What do you say, brethren?—*The Christian*.

"Mamma! mamma! are we old enough to marry?"—*Pacific Church News*.

It has leaked out that some proposals of marriage have passed, and now to hear our younger sister asking her mamma if we are old enough to marry looks exceedingly suspicious.

The brethren of Santa Clara valley, Cal., have raised the necessary funds to put an evangelist into the field and have organized for that purpose. We trust they may be much blest in the work.

The Annual meeting of the Disciples of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was held with the church in Halifax. The report of the meeting as given in *The Disciple*. Shows a good meeting and much interest in the cause awakened. The evangelists report for ten months of the year past, is summarized as follows: 21 places visited—in Nova Scotia, Westport, Liverton, Gullivers Cove, Southville, South Range, Scott's Bay, Aylesford, Nictaux, Albany, Milton Kempt and Maitland. In New Brunswick, St. John, Keswick, Cardigan, Tobique, LeTete, Leonardsville, Lord's Cove, Chocolate Cove, Indian Island. Some of these places have been visited twice, in all of them there has been

labor performed, both in preaching and visiting. There have been 158 sermons delivered, 460 visits made, and 31 additions, all by baptism excepting two.

Grand Meeting at Eugene.

I cannot refrain from expressing my devout thanks to God, and to the beloved brethren and friends at Eugene, for the very kind reception extended to all the delegates, and for the highly profitable Convention we have just had. The fellowship and counsel among the delegates and brethren, and all the proceedings of the Coöperation were marked by the truest and highest spirit of love for God, his truth, for one another, and for the salvation of men.

The sweet spirit of "fervent love" and the one object of bringing carnal men and women into the spiritual life of Christ (which is the only preparation for membership in the family of Christ, both on earth and in heaven) that inspired the hearts of all, was in pleasing contrast with some of our annual meetings long ago, when the harmony was disturbed, and its objects greatly paralyzed by questions of "church discipline" or of "church law." To all those who are "ignorant of God's righteousness" and of the spiritual nature of the church of God, such matters are always of paramount importance. But such carnal teachers and churches had no representation or voice in that meeting. They seemed to know nothing but the love of God, and the great value of the Gospel of Christ. But "one spirit" gave tone and character to all that was said and done.

Instead of devising methods "to keep the church pure" by recommending charges and bills of indictment against all innovators of "doctrines" by following them even to strange or distant cities; they seemed to have grown entirely out of the carnal and fleshly, up into the spiritual building of God. Into that kingdom of God where Love, that love that thinketh no evil, and admits us into the liberty of Christ, is the end of all carnal commandments. The Remmon services on Sunday night were attentively listened to by a crowded house, and were very interesting. Songs and short speeches from many brethren, stole the evening rapidly and pleasantly away. Rev. J. H. D. Henderson and Rev. B. S. McLafferty, each made short speech-

es which were highly appreciated, and contributed much to the interest of the meeting. In his usually happy style, Bro. McLafferty said that he had attended most of the business sessions of the Convention "just to see how you folks do business, and I became very much interested." He said that he thought that we must have kept our peculiarities covered up, for he had not been able to discover the denominationalism, about us that he had been accustomed to see in Methodist and Baptist conferences. He had seen nothing but such a Christian spirit and interest in the cause of Christ that he had heartily indorsed. He was told by one of the speakers that while we were a "denomination" in the sense that we were "a class or collection of persons called by the same name," but that we took no interest, and spent no time in those questions of polity or policy that really makes denominationalism; and that we had no "church usage" or church laws whatever. Kind invitations to supply the pulpits of the Baptist and Methodist churches, were thankfully accepted, Bro. P. R. Burnett preaching for the M. E. Church. I should like to speak in particular of each essay and subject that was presented as an especial theme, by Bros. P. R. Burnett, on "Soul Saving," I. N. Mulky, on "Home Instruction," J. W. Spriggs, on "The duty of the Church to Coöperate in the spread of the Gospel," Mrs. O. S. England, "Come let us reason together," S. M. Hubbard, on "Our Wants," R. G. Callison, on "The relation of the Sunday-school to the Church," Bruce Wolverton, on "The care of a congregation," with other discourses that were presented and discussed. But it is enough to say that they were all most excellent and rich with choicest thoughts of practical and spiritual truth. I am glad to say that arrangements were made for their publication in an especial number of the HERALD, and I bespeak for them ALL, a careful reading and study. May our work for God and for humanity the ensuing year, be so characteristic of the true religion of Christ, that our next annual Coöperation, may be full of good reports and good results. For this let us pray, and for this let us work. A.

Salem, Or., Oct. 23, 1882.

Because the Christian's love is so sweet and strong, it becomes the worst of ugliness when it sours.