

missed by letter since our last missionary meeting. We have only succeeded in getting \$61 subscribed to apply on salary of an evangelist for next year. The names of our Elders are E. A. Ladow, W. J. Sanders and J. J. Verholl. Delegates to missionary meeting were L. C. Hammer, Wm. Mincey and J. J. Vernon. Adopted.

Deep Creek not represented. Palouse City not represented, but will pay \$20 to the support of an evangelist.

Four Mile congregation—Number of members in good standing 30. Preaching by Bros. Wright and Morgan, once each during last quarter. Amount due Bro. Wright as evangelist \$44.50. We have adopted the weekly contribution as our system for raising money to aid our brethren in need. A few of us meet every Lord's day to commemorate the death of our Lord and Master. Traveling brethren are invited to call on us. We will pay \$30 to support a general evangelist, and \$50 to support local preacher. J. L. Smiley and H. M. Childers, Elders. Report adopted.

Pleasant Flat congregation—There are 50 names on the church book, most all attend except some five or six. There has been preaching during the past three months by Bros. Grear and Craig, once a month each with two sermons each for the last month. Sunday-school each Lord's day except two or three times during the busy time of harvest. W. N. Hooper and T. R. Ruble, Elders; W. N. Maxwell, J. H. Lewis and Andrew Higgins, Deacons. Report adopted.

Eden Valley congregation—To the brethren assembled at Pleasant Flat, W. T., we send greeting: Number of members enrolled 50. Number added since last missionary meeting, 8. Preaching once per month each by Bros. Morgan and Ladow, and occasionally by Bro. Wright, general evangelist. Meet every Lord's day to break the loaf. Sunday-school in good working order. Edward Pedigo and S. P. Gilliland, Elders. Delegates to the missionary meeting: J. Hodgins, J. H. Stephenson and W. H. McClure. Report adopted.

Farmington congregation—Dear brethren, the cause at Farmington is not what we would wish it to be. We have had meeting occasionally the last quarter. We will make arrangements with Bro. Morgan to labor for us once a month. Our present number is 25 that we can

count on. Silver Creek and Farmington congregations have coöperated and pledge \$100 for the support of an evangelist for the ensuing year. Brethren, pray for us that we may shake off our lethargy and go to work in the Lord's vineyard. J. P. Quarles, F. M. Davis and W. H. Landes, Elders. F. M. Davis and W. H. Landes, Delegates. Report adopted.

Treasurer report was to the effect that three congregations were in arrears in the way of payment of our general evangelist, as follows: Moscow, \$27; Spangle, \$20, and Four Mile, \$44.50.

Chairman McClure instructed the delegates of these congregations who were in arrears, to respond promptly to their obligations.

EVANGELIST REPORT.

Number of additions during the last quarter: 5 by confession and baptism, 2 by letter and 1 reclaimed. The brethren are nobly sustaining the work of evangelizing in this country. They are poor but all seem willing to do all they can for the spread of the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,
C. J. WRIGHT.

Here Bro. Wright made a very eloquent and touching address which moistened the eyes of many in the house.

Recess of ten minutes. Meeting called to order by singing. First in order report of committee on questions, which was adopted.

Moscow congregation—To the brethren assembled at Pleasant Flat, W. T.: Dear brethren, we send as our delegates Bros. G. Pasley, Perry Beagle and Silas Embler. Our present membership is 19. We meet twice a month. Preaching by Bro. Craig when he is able to be with us. We are not able to do much toward the support of an evangelist, but are willing to do all we can, and we are in favor of Bro. Wright for our evangelist for the coming year. Report adopted.

A motion, by Bro. F. M. Davis, that we employ one evangelist the coming year. Carried.

Motion, by Bro. Wimpy, that we employ Bro. C. J. Wright as our evangelist the coming year. Carried unanimously.

A committee was appointed to confer with Bro. Wright, who reported to the effect that they had employed Bro. Wright as our evangelist for the coming year at a salary of \$600, which was immediately subscribed.

The address of Bro. Clizer on finance was very good.

Election of officers to serve the Missionary Board the ensuing year resulted in Bro. W. H. McClure being reelected President; F. M. Davis, Vice-President; A. J. Green, Secretary; George Icker, Assistant Secretary; and J. M. Baker Treasurer.

Motion prevailed that the next missionary meeting be held at the Hangman Creek congregation, and that we meet on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in February, 1883, and, that on Thursday following there will be meeting of the elders of the different congregations for the purpose of discussing the best methods of building up the cause of Christ.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Wright
W. H. McCLURE, Chairman.
A. J. GREEN, Secretary.

Was It In Answer To Prayer?

Many years ago a devoted English clergyman was in a strange place, and became reduced to great straits. His money was all gone, and not a particle of food remained for his household. In the depths of his distress he cried mightily unto the Lord at the hour of morning prayer, then he arose, his little ones begged for bread, and as there was none to give them, all burst into tears. But a sleepless eye had watched all his footsteps, and even while he was yet speaking had sent a messenger to relieve his distress. The door bell rang, and a man presented to the astonished wife a small parcel, saying he was directed by a gentleman to leave it there and some provisions would arrive shortly. Very soon a countryman drove up with a load of provisions of almost every description. The paper found to contain forty gold pieces. Such a profusion had never been known in the house of the poor minister before. It was with feelings almost of awe, as well as boundless gratitude, that this marvelous relief was regarded, so plainly was the hand of God to be seen in it. These timely gifts were continued at intervals until the day of his death, yet it was long before he could learn whence they came. At length it was found to be a benevolent Christian merchant who had often observed the clergyman walking the streets with a grave, dejected air, and had been led to inquire privately into his circumstances. As a result, he had

sent them the gold by his clerk, and the provisions by his country servant, saying, "God forbid that any of Christ's ambassadors should be strangers and we not visit them or in distress, and we not assist them."

Desponding Christian, though for a time your earthly prospects look dark, remember you "have a rich Father in heaven." And you, to whom God has given an abundance now may you show your gratitude by distributing to the necessities of others. Follow the prompting of your heart to such charities. It may be the whisperings of God's Spirit to your soul, and if you do not listen he will choose a worthier instrument. "What a pleasure it is," said the noble Howard, as he took a cluster of luscious grapes to a dying soldier, "to afford relief even to the bodies of men."—*Presbyterian*.

Illumined by the Grace of the Gospel.

A long time ago there was a Christian woman very consecrated and she had a drunken husband, and so on came the night of domestic trouble. She lost her children and there came the night of bereavement. She was very ill, and there came the night of sickness. Her soul departed, and there came the night of death. But all these nights of trouble and darkness and sorrow and sickness were illumined by the grace of the Gospel, and people came many miles to see how cheerily a Christian could be sick and how cheerily a Christian could die. The moon that illumined that night of trouble was a reflection from the sun of righteousness. In the last hour of that night, that night of darkness and sickness and misfortune, as she lifted her hand toward heaven, those who stood nearest her could hear the whisper, for she wanted to live in the generations that were to follow, consecrated to God; she wanted to have an influence long after she had entered upon her eternal reward, and while her hand was lifted and her lips were moving those who stood nearest her pillow could hear her say, "Thou moon, stand still in the valley of Aijalon." DR. TALMAGE, in *Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine* for December.

With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable.—*Buxton*.