

CHRISTIAN HERALD.

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Relief.

With this I retire from the editorial work and business management of the CHRISTIAN HERALD. While I feel gratified at the relief thus given me from overwork, it seems like severing a precious tie to wholly abandon a work in which during the past year there has been so much to engage the mind, encourage hope and unite the heart more and more to the great brotherhood of the Pacific slope.

As is well known to most of the readers of the HERALD, I took charge of the office one year ago and assumed a heavy indebtedness against the office in order to save the paper to our cause, there being no other visible means to sustain it and save the property from attachment. How well I may have succeeded is of no consequence only that I have been able to maintain the work until able and willing hands could be found to take charge of it.

I must tender my warmest thanks to the brethren for their assistance and encouragement. Through their assistance the paper has been built up in one short year from a starving to a self-sustaining basis. Its income has been about doubled, and I am now able to turn it over to Bro. Floyd so that there is everything to indicate its highest success under his management. Through the encouragement, the work of the past year has been made one of the most pleasant of my life. The cheering words that almost every day's mail has brought has lightened labor and dispelled doubt and gloom.

To Bro. Wolverton, my co-laborer, I am particularly indebted. I have been aided by his counsel in all important matters of business, and his editorial labors have been incessant and valuable. Our co-operation has indeed been most pleasant and profitable to me at least.

But the work of managing both paper and college was too much for one man, especially when both required building up. Each requires the undivided attention of one man. So I sought for a man of experience and large ability to take hold of the paper and carry it forward to a grand success.

I was fortunate in finding such a man. Bro. J. F. Floyd, of El Dorado, Kansas, a man of natural ability, learning and experience in editorial work as well as business management of paper business, was

willing to accept the responsibility of the work. We gladly engaged him, and he is now seated in the editorial chair of the CHRISTIAN HERALD.

I bespeak for him that warm sympathy and support that has been given me during the past year. I doubt not it will be given, and that under his able management we shall have a paper in which we will justly take pride as an able defender of the faith and an indispensable auxiliary to the success of the cause of Christ. Good-by.

D. T. STANLEY.

Valedictory.

About one year ago I undertook to assist Bro. Stanley in the editorial work of the CHRISTIAN HERALD. I did so for the purpose of seeing an enterprise carried forward which, to my mind, is of great importance to the cause on the coast. This was to be until abler ones could be found who would take the responsibility. I am safe in saying that time has come. And now, I feel justified in resigning my charge. I take occasion here to say for Bro. Stanley that during our association as co-editors, the best of good feelings has existed, and our relations have been harmonious. Of this, however, and its cause, I am inclined to think Bro. Stanley should bear the greater share of the "blame."

Whether I have been instrumental in doing any good I leave that for the readers to discuss and eternity to decide. Of this one thing I am sure, I have striven to do my duty, to awaken a deeper interest in the cause, and to infuse more of the spirit of Christ, and the zeal of our Master into our work.

I am compelled to say that an editor's work is not an easy one, and his responsibility is by no means insignificant, yet his influence at the present day is great. I have endeavored to exercise that influence in the right direction.

Now, in closing my labors, I wish to extend my thanks to all the readers of the HERALD for the interest they have manifested in this enterprise, and to bespeak for Bro. J. F. Floyd, in whom I have

great confidence as a Christian and a teacher, the heartiest cooperation you can afford him. He brings his energies to this work with hopes of doing much good. God grant that they may not be in vain. Vale.

BRUCE WOLVERTON.

Salutatory.

We have come all the way from El Dorado, Kansas, to take charge of the CHRISTIAN HERALD; hence we are, doubtless, a comparative stranger to most of our readers. But we come trusting in the Lord, the brethren and our own feeble efforts for success. We believe that the brotherhood of the Pacific slope should have a good religious paper published at home. This is, doubtless, their wish. That such a desire on their part exists has been abundantly proved by the support they have given the CHRISTIAN HERALD thus far; and that they are not only amply able but are more than willing to sustain it in the future, we profoundly believe. If we did

not possess this much faith in its success we certainly would not have come this far to devote all our time and attention to its publication. We do not, however, ask that the HERALD be patronized simply because it is the home paper, for this is only one reason among others why it should be a success. It is not our purpose to localize it, or circumscribe its circulation; but while we publish it more especially for the good it may do on the Pacific coast, we also desire that its influence may reach out to the brotherhood at large. We wish the CHRISTIAN HERALD to stand on its own merits. If it is capable of accomplishing good for the cause of Christ, then it should be sustained; but if not, then the sooner it ceases to exist the better. We do not ask, therefore, that the brethren take it simply because it is their home paper, but because we believe it will do them and their neighbors good to read it. It may be thought that we have too many papers; but we have long thought that the trouble consists in too few readers. If our papers are only true to the Master's cause and are read by the people, the more good that can be done in this way the better.

As to the policy of the HERALD, it has none. It believes in principle rather than policy. As to its future course, therefore, but little need be said. Suffice it to say that it shall continue a bold and fearless advo-

cate of the purity and simplicity of Apostolic Christianity as revealed in the Scriptures. It has no master except the Christ, and no creed save the Bible. If it shall meet the approval of the people by pursuing a straightforward consistent course while earnestly contending for the truth as revealed in Jesus, it will be pleased in doing so; but under all circumstances, like the apostles of old, it shall endeavor to please God rather than men. The CHRISTIAN HERALD shall also firmly, though kindly, oppose error when duty demands it, whether found within or without. As long as Christianity exists, just so long will error exist, and so long should it be opposed. The minister of the Gospel who supposes his day of opposition to false doctrine has passed, has mistaken his calling; and the paper that feels itself above criticism had better get out of the theological field.

We do not believe in reckless and unnecessary controversy, especially that of a personal nature. All such is calculated to engender strife among good brethren; and hence, should be avoided. But a dignified, manly, Christ-like investigation of all questions of vital interest to the brotherhood, within the limits of sound discretion, is a necessity. In other words, we believe in investigation rather than in controversy. To cease our aggressive warfare against sectarianism and other forms of error is to give up the fight and make a compromise with the enemy on his own terms. The man who can conscientiously do this has no place in the Lord's army. We have no "milk and cider" to offer the people. If a bold defense of the whole truth and a firm opposition to all known error shall prove popular, then the HERALD will be popular. But if such a course is not acceptable, then God forbid that we should please anyone but our Savior. The inspired apostles did not please everybody, and hence all of them, except, perhaps, one, were put to death by the cruel hands of their enemies. Neither did Christ in his teaching meet the approbation of all men, nor did he seek to do this. He spoke forth the truth in love, and then allowed himself to be nailed to the cross rather than yield the first principle pertaining to the remedial system. Let us, therefore, be like-minded, and press on the good work without regard to trivial consequences. We call upon