

the brethren, especially of the Pacific slope, to rally to the HERALD, and thus enable it to float high in the air with these principles enshrined upon its banner till the victory shall be ours.

We expect to make some mistakes. We would not be human if it should be otherwise. We venture one thing, however, that the people will usually understand us, whether right or wrong. We have our convictions of most questions of interest, deep and strong, but we thank God that we are always open to conviction. We never expect to be too old to learn, or to listen to the counsel of more experienced brethren.

In conclusion, we enter upon our work cheerfully, feeling that it will meet the approval of the brethren, and receive the blessing of God in the end. We are glad to know that Bros. Stanley and Wolverton are still deeply interested in the paper, and that we will be enabled to make their services available in due time.

Our Trip.

On Nov. 3, after taking our leave of brethren, sisters and friends, we boarded the train at El Dorado, Kansas, for this place. For eight days we glided smoothly along over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads, passing through western Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and a portion of California, reaching Sumner, Cal., on Sunday morning of Nov. 12. Thus far our trip, in most respects, was as pleasant as could have been expected. During this part of our journey westward, we might say with the historian who came to a period of two hundred years of whose history he was ignorant and supplemented the matter by writing: "Nothing of interest occurred." After remaining in Sumner till the following Saturday, we took the train for San Francisco, reaching there on Lord's day morning. Among the first things to engage our attention after arriving in this great city was the church of Christ of which we had learned something long before this. Hence, after resting for a season at the home of Sister Josephine Hopson, whose hospitality, with that of her husband, we shared while in the city, we started out to meet with the brethren in their evening service. There we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. H. McCollough, their preacher, and of forming the ac-

quaintance of most of the sisters and brethren of the congregation. Bro. M. conducted a social meeting, instead of preaching a regular sermon, in which most of the brethren and sisters took an active part both in prayer and exhortation. As we were a stranger to all and no one present knew whether we were a preacher or a "tramp," we took advantage of the situation, and of course, got out of preaching for once. We were pleased to learn that the church there is increasing in numbers and is now in a prosperous condition. They, as yet, have no house of worship, but through the kindness of the Young Men's Christian Association of the city, they have recently secured their hall in which to hold all their meetings. This is a much better hall in many respects for their meetings than the one they have hitherto occupied, and will enable them to make their influence felt to a greater extent throughout the city than ever before. As we could not leave for our destination for a few days, we had also the pleasure of visiting several objects of interest, among which we mention Fort Point, which guards the Golden Gate, The Cliff House, where the Sea Lions congregate, and the Palace Hotel, said to be the grandest in America. On the following Wednesday we went on board the good steamship *Columbia*, destined for Portland, Oregon. Soon after passing through Golden Gate, over the bar and riding a few of the waves of the Pacific, we had our first experience of sea-sickness. It was, however, of short duration, and we were soon enabled to get to the table, and through the rattling of dishes and bumping of heads, make out a respectable meal. Mrs. Floyd was so unfortunate that she did not enjoy the pleasure of being sea-sick, and we are made to feel that quite a valuable bit of experience has been lost to her in consequence thereof. With this exception, our voyage of three days and two nights, to Portland, was a very pleasant one. As to the preaching, we did not fare so well at Portland. We did not find the brethren napping there, for our name had been sent by telegram from San Francisco, was published in the daily paper and met us fifty miles down the Columbia river, as one of the forth coming passengers. Hence, we were met at the ship landing by friends and brethren and cared for

in a royal manner. We remained in Portland till Monday and preached for the brethren on Lord's day evening. The brethren here own a neat chapel in which it meets, and have a flourishing congregation of zealous brethren and sisters. We were glad to meet with them and form their acquaintance. Bro. Henry Shadle is their present preacher, and we believe he is doing a good work in Portland. While here, we made our home with our old friend, R. B. Mills and family, formerly of El Dorado, Kansas. On Monday we took the train for Monmouth, and here we are so heavily engaged in our new enterprise that we just have time enough to hastily sketch these few notes for the benefit of our many friends who expect to hear something from us, and can not in a private way at present, of the cause here and the College work in which Bro. D. T. Stanley, former editor of this paper, is engaged, we hope to have something to say from time to time. It is sufficient to say that we are well pleased with what we have seen so far, and feel perfectly at home among the new and pleasant acquaintances we have formed.

Selections and Comments.

BROAD PULPITS AND CHURCHES.—The *Interior* says;

"We want pulpits and churches that are broad enough to do more than make proclamation of what is technically called 'the Gospel.' To justify their claims they should plant themselves in the front of all ethical and benevolent movements looking to the welfare of society and the state. And when they do that all the truth they proclaim will come with more effect."

The trouble is when pulpits and churches get broad enough to do more than make "proclamation of what is technically called 'the Gospel'" they soon get a great deal broader than Christ and the apostles. It is only necessary to refer to Henry Ward Beecher, and a few more of like liberality, to find a clear demonstration of this fact. It is faith in Christ and obedience to his revealed will, as proclaimed in the days of the primitive church, rather than the "ethical and benevolent movements of men," that saves the people.

MISSIONARY ZEAL.—This is what the *Christian Standard* has to say of the brethren on the Pacific coast:

The *CHRISTIAN HERALD*, of Oregon, of Nov. 3, is a missionary number, almost wholly occupied with the proceedings of the late Missionary Convention at Eugene City, Oct. 18-20. Our brethren on the Pacific coast have caught some-

thing of the spirit that glowed so fervently at Lexington, Ky. This number can be had for 10 cents, by addressing J. F. Floyd, Monmouth, Oregon.

Let us show by our future work, that we are in earnest about this thing of Missionary work, and the Lord will bless us in the end.

As the people of the coast, especially of San Francisco, have recently had the pleasure of welcoming the great lecturer, Joseph Cook, to his native land and listening to some of his lectures against infidelity, it may be of interest to know something of his work in other countries. We take the following from the *Australian Christian Watchman*, published at Melbourne by Bro. J. J. Nealey. Let the sledge-hammer work go on till infidelity has been made to feel the blows in earnest:

We have received a secular paper from Brisbane, giving some account of Joseph Cook's work in that city. If Dr. Johnson's test that the amount of opposition provoked by an effort is the measure of its success, Mr. Cook may congratulate himself on a successful tour in Queensland. His lectures created no small stir in the capital city of that colony. The Freethought Association felt called upon to advertise its reasons for taking no notice of Mr. Cook! The Swedenborgians came out and repudiated his representation of their Immanuel. The Spiritualists publicly (through the press) thanked him for the good he had done their cause by lecturing on Spiritualism! And several infidels were considerably exercised in mind that he did not answer their questions in a manner satisfactory to themselves! All this is markedly indicative of the strength of Mr. Cook's onslaught upon unbelief in its various phases. His sledge-hammer blows were evidently felt. We believe that his lectures in Australia will continue to bear fruit long after the eminent lecturer has left our shores. Mr. Cook sailed for America by the last Californian mail.

BOOK TABLE.

[Under this head we will be pleased to give editorial reviews of all books and tracts of interest that may be sent to this office.]

"Church Organization and Government" is the title of a tract by Bro. T. M. Brents, of Nashville, Tenn. It is an able discussion of the question of organization by fasting, prayer, and the laying on of hands. When these articles appeared in the *Old Path Guide*, we noted some fallacious reasoning, as we thought, but on the whole, this tract is a good one and should be in the hands of all who are interested in this important question. Address C. C. Cline & Co., Louisville, Ky. Price 15 cents per copy.

We have received at this office a book entitled "A Trip Around the World," containing the letters of Bros. Timothy Coop and Perry Exley, written while making their trip around the world and among our foreign churches. This is a valuable book. Send \$1.50 to W. C. Hall & Co., Cincinnati, O., and get a copy.