

Correspondence.

Letter From Seattle.

SEATTLE, W. T., Jan. 1, 1882.

Dear Herald:

Thinking that a few words from this part would be of interest to your many readers, I take this privilege of informing you that we are in the land and among the living and that God is blessing us in our labors.

The work is progressing as well as could be expected under the present circumstances. Our greatest trouble is to find a place of worship. We have been turned out of the house that we formerly occupied and at the present are meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Should we be compelled to leave this place we would be compelled to adjourn our meeting until our church is completed. We feel that there is a work before us. We expect to accomplish much during the present year. Bro. Espy preached for us the first Lord's day of last month and one more was added to the church, making the good confession. We trust that brighter days will dawn on us if we only trust in him who hath said, "I will be with you always, even to the end of the world."

J. W. OSBORN.

Letter From Bro. Imbler.

SUMMERVILLE, OR.

Editor Herald:

Perhaps a few items from this part of the country would be of interest to your many readers. After a long, dark night has passed over the church in this valley, many of our hearts are now made glad by seeing the glorious day of christianity dawn once more. Some time ago, my father, who is now near 79 years old came to the conclusion that he wanted to be at one more good meeting before his death and accordingly he at his own expense sent for Bro. C. J. Wright of Spokane Co., W. T., who arrived here Nov. 24th, and began preaching for us the same night. The meeting continued ten days, resulting in the organization of a congregation of disciples with 20 charter members, and 6 by confession and baptism.

Bro. Wright is an able man; one that can portray the Gospel in its ancient purity and simplicity. He has, can, and is doing a great work for the good Master. He no doubt will win that unfading crown

beyond the river of death, and by his labors here the cause of Christ is greatly strengthened. He also called the brethren together and organized a Missionary cooperation.

We have employed Bro. J. M. Jones formerly of Boise Valley, I. T., to labor as an evangelist in Union county, for the ensuing year. Bro. Jones is also an able proclaimer of the word of God and with his assistance we anticipate a glorious future.

In hope of heaven,
JESSE IMBLER.

Report of the Year's Work of Bro. Rich.

DAMASCUS, OR.,
Dec. 27, 1882.

Dear Bro. Floyd:

I will give you a report of my labors as a preacher, although I support myself and family on the farm. I spend each Lord's day talking to the people, the congregation generally being good. Since Jan. 1, 1882, there has been 30 added to the Church of Christ; 16 by confession and baptism, and 14 from other sources. There have been three removed by death, some three removed to other parts to reside, which leaves us a net gain of 24. Received for my labor \$65, and have had not one sermon from any one else to my knowledge in the past twelve months. The brethren are at peace among themselves, but there is not that zeal that should exist among the children of God. There is a great field here uncultivated, neighborhoods where there is no preaching of any kind. There is work enough in this county (Clackamas) for two or three good preachers of the Word, and the people are willing to hire too. It seems to me that souls are just about as precious in these parts as elsewhere. Will some one look after our needs?

Yours in hope of immortality,
G. P. RICH.

Letter from Portland.

PORTLAND, OR.,
Jan. 8, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

Perhaps a few lines from this city may interest some.

In closing up the year I saw in our daily papers the report from the Police Court that about \$1,600 had been collected in fines for disorderly conduct, and that nine-tenths of it was for drunkenness. It is a lamentable

fact that a very large portion of that money had squeezed the bread and meat right out of the mouths of many poor children and mothers of this city by allowing over 150 unprincipled men, armed with a city license, a pack of cards and a jug of whisky, to carry on a saloon business to ruin thousands.

I have been a reader of the CHRISTIAN HERALD about one year and had about concluded to stop the paper. When Bro. Davidson came to me last week soliciting a renewal of the paper, I told him I would consider the matter, but I had so many papers that I could not read so many. Since I have given the paper a very careful perusal, and my decision is, that I will pay Bro. Davidson and continue it, for the paper is full of bold outspoken Christian sentiments that will build up and strengthen every reader, if rightly applied. Last week two articles were worth the price of the paper. This week the paper is full of them from first to last. I have no space for comments. Let me mention a few, first, "Adulteration of Intelligence," from the North American Review, showing that hundreds of the great leading papers sell themselves to some of the great monopolies of the nation. Next, an article on the "Abomination" of the practice of preachers putting themselves on trial, suffering all the cold criticism of the public. Also a short letter by Bro. Hubbard; permit me to quote one short paragraph from it, "We need here and the world needs less human creeds, but more of the tone, muscle and sinew of an efficient Christianity; a Christ that will lift struggling humanity to a higher plane of pure thought and pure life."

Then, while reading that article by Bro. Spriggs, in memory of the useful life of our worthy Sister Adams, of Salem, thoughts came rushing to me. After spending a lifetime here, shall it be said as of our beloved Sister Adams, that all her life was spent in doing good? Being so well acquainted with her family connection—brother and sisters at St. Helens, and sisters in this city—let us all imitate the virtues of Sister Adams, and be ready to meet her in a better world.

I heard the editor, Bro. Floyd, preach a sermon in this city on the old subject of Faith, that strengthened me very much in the faith taught in the word of God.

Let me say to every reader, try

and send one new subscriber to the HERALD, and thereby strengthen the cause of Christ and temperance. READER.

Missionary Notes.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

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- W. H. Adams, Portland..... President.
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REPORT OF COR. SECRETARY OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

Bro. J. F. Floyd:

In accordance with instructions from the Missionary Convention, I send you, for publication, a report of pledges for the work during 1883. As the report in the proceedings of the Convention was liable to mislead as to whether the stated sums were quarterly or yearly, I will combine them.

	QUARTERLY.	YEARLY.
Salem	\$10 00	\$40 00
Monmouth	5 00	20 00
Carlton	3 00	12 00
Scio	3 00	12 00
Fairview	2 00	8 00
Lafayette	3 00	12 00
Trent	10 00	40 00
East Chehalem	1 00	4 00
Pleasant Hill	10 25	41 00
Hebron	3 00	12 00
Portland	5 00	20 00
Amity	5 00	20 00
Junction	5 00	20 00
Clear Lake or Irvin	3 00	12 00
Brownsville	3 00	12 00
Eugene City	5 00	20 00
Liberty	2 50	10 00
St. Helens		8 00
St. Pleasant		10 00

Stayton, quarterly collections.

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

- J. W. Cows and wife, McMinnville..... \$50 00
- J. M. Powell, Lebanon..... 8 00
- C. Govern, Halsey..... 2 00
- Mrs. F. F. Windhom..... 2 00
- H. Davidson..... 10 00
- Miss Josie Basket..... 1 00

APPOINTMENT.

Bro. P. R. Burnett will begin a series of meetings at Forest Grove on the 25th of this month. He will be assisted part of the time by Bro. G. R. Edmunds. Brethren, pray for the success of the Master's cause under the ministration of these brethren, and the zealous cooperation of the noble few living in and near Forest Grove.

THE CORVALLIS CHURCH HOUSE.

Bro. Floyd:

Please publish the following collections for the church building at Corvallis:

- Jonathan Todd..... \$10 00
- Levi Brock..... 5 00
- J. W. Cowles..... 20 00
- Mrs. L. M. Cowles..... 5 00
- C. A. Wallace..... 5 00
- J. Wisecarver..... 5 00
- W. C. Mason..... 2 50

BRUCE WOLVERTON,

Cor. Sec. of Board.

"Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, * * the genial flame of charity in the heart."—Washington Irving.