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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sister M. R. Lemert gives us a good article this week on Heavenly Recognition.

We learn through Bro. Burnett, of Bethel that the church there is in a prosperous condition.

We learn from a private letter that the small-pox has broken out in our former home, El Dorado, Kansas. Of course we feel some interest in this because our parents live there.

Bro. F. M. Rains, of Leavenworth, Kan., gives us a good article this week. We are also glad to know from his report that his work in the city is moving off so well. We shall look for good reports from Leavenworth from time to time.

From present indications, the brethren of this coast will have a greater supply of preachers from the Eastern States inside of this year. It takes time to do all things. Let the brethren be patient and we will do the best we can in inducing preachers to come and fill their pulpits.

We have received the *Christian Worker* published at Meaford, Ontario, and edited by Bro. H. B. Sherman. The *Worker* is a bright folio monthly, and is well filled with good things. We take pleasure as per request in putting it on our exchange list.

Bro. H. M. Waller preaches at Amity on Lord's day. We have a pressing invitation to visit these good brethren, which we expect to do in the near future when we can see an opening. We have, however, one or two promises to fill before this one. Be patient with us, brethren.

Bro. J. M. Osborn writes us under date of Jan. 30th, that the church in Seattle, W. T., had just been organized and that they would begin the building of their new house of worship the next week. He also says there is a fine opening there for a good preacher. Who will help them?

The *West Shore*, a very creditable illustrated monthly paper published at Portland, comes to us again containing some good illustrations and much wholesome reading matter. In its February number it promises to begin a series of articles and illustrations descriptive of the scenery along the Northern Pacific railroad. Success to it!

We announce two more names this week as the HERALD'S agents and correspondents: Brethren T. J. Hawkins, Dallas, Texas, and C. J. McKinney, Neodesha, Kan. They are both good men and able preachers, and we know our many readers will be glad to hear from them by and by. And now is the time for our coast preachers to show their ability. Let us hear from you, brethren.

We have received 100 card tracts from Bro. J. W. Higbee, Trustee of the "Christian Sower Tract Fund," Madisonville, Ky. These tracts are printed on cards and contain a brief discussion of different sub-

jects, such as "Names for God's Children," "What is Baptism," "Design of Baptism," "Errors of the Anxious Seat," etc. They are free to those unable to buy and 50 cts per hundred to those who are able, and are designed for free distribution among those unacquainted with our distinctive principles. We think they are calculated to do much good, and we hope they will be freely circulated among the people.

Bro. F. M. Davis of Farmington, W. T., wishes us to state through the HERALD where on this coast the Christian Hymnal can be had at reasonable prices. We know of no one on the coast who now keeps on hand a supply of these books for sale. This affords us an opportunity of making a remark here to which we desire to call special attention. It is a fact that the brotherhood of the Pacific Slope are too far away from our Eastern publishing houses to reap the full benefit of their influence, and hence we need a regular publishing house at home. When we want books, we are compelled to send East for them and wait near a month for them to reach us. Our Sunday school papers most always reach us at least a week too late, and many of them fail to reach us at all; while the weekly lesson leaf and papers for the children are of but little benefit, being only a few days behind time. With these facts before us we have determined to make arrangements as soon as possible to keep on hand a good assortment of books for sale at publishers prices. This will require some time for us to make the necessary arrangements with our Eastern publishers. In order to further supply this deficiency we have in view the establishment of a publishing house sufficient in all respects to meet the demand of the brethren on the coast, and we hope that this day is not very far in the future. But the first thing we wish to make a fixture and place it on a paying basis is the CHRISTIAN HERALD; and if the brethren will only put

their shoulders to the enterprise, a few months only will be required to do this. When we shall have reached this end, we will be ready to turn our attention more directly to the publishing house. Brethren, what think you of the plan? Will you assist us in this undertaking? We would be glad to have your opinion on the subject.

For the present we will take pleasure in ordering books of any kind for those who wish them and will send in the money. We will furnish them free of charge on our part and at publishers prices. It will require some time for them to reach their destination.

The Northeastern Iowa Christian Convention not only proposes to send out evangelists to preach the gospel, but it also "proposes to care for the churches by supplying them with competent instructors and overseers." In other words the Convention proposes to take the oversight of the churches and control them by supplying them with competent teachers from the Elders of the local congregations up to the self constituted "Pastor." If this is not ecclesiasticism at home we would be pleased to know where to go to find it. Yet we are told that there can no possible harm grow out of Conventions. These gatherings, like all other expedients for the spread of the gospel, are capable of being greatly absurd, and on this account should be constantly looked after by the older and more experienced brethren. We suppose that those churches and preachers in the given district who do not feel justified in going into this kind of conventional work will be regarded as opposed to cooperation and unsound in the faith. This is the spirit of sectarianism, the very thing these good brethren profess to oppose. A Convention has no power to legislate nor to interfere with the work and discipline of the local churches, but it is simply their business to consult and advise as to the best means of preaching the gospel to the people. Like the *Christian Standard*, we exceedingly regret that such a move should be made by our brethren just as the cooperative spirit is taking hold of the brethren throughout the country.

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