

Queries Reconsidered.

Editor Christian Herald:

Your answers to my queries do not set forth all I wished to bring out, though I am extremely thankful to you for even giving them a place in your paper. I am not at all surprised at your taking some time to give them attention, because I was much longer about them before my mind was settled. Your definition of apostle, though, according to Webster, is entirely too slender to fill the space given to it in the Scriptures, according to my understanding of it.

Bro. Floyd, permit me to express my views on that subject. In presenting them I wish to say I do not propose them as rule of action, nor to criticise, nor yet to try to get up a controversy, but that others may have the privilege of looking from the standpoint I do at that subject. You say they were not *Apostles* in the sense (or meaning) of that word, and left a loophole to say they were in some other sense. I agree with you they were not *Apostles* in that sense nor any other sense that I know of, before they were called up into the mountain.

To the second question, you say, "We think there was nothing done to them on the mountain to make them *Apostles* except the simple act of choosing and naming them." If you had put in one more simple thing, the numbering of them, we would fully agree with you. That small thing may be thought of no consequence; but it was large enough to cause the Lord to attend to it, and the evangelists to record it. Hence we have the terms "the twelve" and "the twelve *Apostles*," thus keeping up their number as well as their name. Again you say, "Hence when they came down from the mountain, they were *Apostles* prospectively, and such in reality when they entered upon their work." The inquiring mind would naturally say when did their work commence? You say "when they were sent." In this I think your answer is not full, for their first work was "to be (or go) with him, and that he might send them forth to preach." Mark 3: 14. Therefore their work began at that time; in reality then they were *Apostles*. Preaching was not a duty till they were sent (or commanded to preach), but they were preparing themselves as witnesses, and with his sayings that they might be prepared to preach

the word (his words). They were to bear witness, (John 15: 27)

Why? "Because ye have been with me from the beginning." Had they not been with him, they could not have borne witness and therefore would not have been prepared to do the second part, (or to have preached). No, nor to have filled the Bishops office which would have come in next. John says, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us' and truly our fellowship is with the Father and his son Jesus Christ." When did they see and hear what they declared? While they were with the Lord. First John, first to the close of the third verse. That we may all see our errors and forsake them is my prayer.

Your brother,

W. W. WATSON.

Call For Help.

LAWRENCEBURG, IND.

January, 1883.

Dear Brethren:

We send you this appeal, believing that we will receive your help, in this, our time of need. Since our organization, we have met and worshipped regularly every Lord's day, and had two prayer meetings a week, and a Sunday-school. We have rented for meeting purposes store rooms, second and third stories and are now meeting in a third story room, which is quite inconvenient.

We have bought a lot, and have built a basement foundation, all of which is paid for. We will build a brick structure next spring, by the help of those who will give.

Our city is growing rapidly, and is the most important point in this part of the State. Sectarianism is strong; so is opposition. If we can succeed in getting a house built, we will be self-supporting.

We are doing all we can ourselves and feel we deserve your assistance. Any sum is not too small to help us, but the larger the better.

Please take up collection.

We refer you to Bros. Errett, Rowe, Ellmore, Hobbs, etc. Please attend to this at once.

Fraternally,

J. W. TEBBS, treasurer.

Lawrenceburgh, Ind.

JOHN SORTWELL, }
A. G. TEBBS, } Elders.
J. W. CALDWELL, }

Rest! We shall rest in eternity.—
Arnauld.

Report from Bro. Espy.

CENTERVILLE, W. T.,

Feb. 13, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

We have been so busy traveling and preaching from place to place so that we have neglected to make our report of the last quarter's work until now.

My field is too large for one man. We ought to have two more preachers in this field, and I think that they would find plenty of work. If we could get two good men, I believe the brethren would support them well.

I am preaching in Seattle, Tacoma, Puyallup and Centerville, on the Lord's days of each month. Through the week I preach at Sumner, Lake View, Yelm Prairie and Frost Prairie, and other places as I can; and still there are other places where people would be glad to have preaching.

The church in Seattle is in good working order. Bro. J. W. Osborn is their leader and is much loved by all the brethren there. These good brethren meet each Lord's day, and have good social meetings. They also have a good Sunday-school. Bros. O. B. Litell, Thomas Litell and Sister Tilla Litell and Sister Osborn and others are doing good work in the Sunday-school. They meet at present in the Y. M. C. A. room, but are preparing to build a house of worship.

The church in Seattle ought to have a good preacher working for them. Bro. Litell tells me that he thinks they could support a good man. Who will go there and try?

Brethren, pray for these good brethren, and send a few dollars to Bro. Osborn or O. B. Litell to help them build their house of worship.

In new Tacoma we have twenty members but no organization yet. We have had hard work to get a place to preach in this city, but every thing looks brighter now, and I think that we will succeed yet in this place.

Puyallup is doing very well. The church here is preparing to build a house of worship at Sumner. They talk of building a parsonage and locating a preacher among them. A good man could do well in Puyallup. Dr. C. H. Spinning and a Bro. Ryan are their Elders. Both are live men and good workers.

In Centerville we have a house of worship. The membership is small, at present they are not working together in harmony. I am

sorry to say this yet it is the truth. Oh how I hope that these brethren will yet work together in love and union. "A house divided against itself can not stand." Brethren, let us work and hope and pray.

S. C. ESPY.

Missionary Column.

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Announcement.

Bro. J. F. Floyd will commence the series of meetings in Albany on the 24th of this month. The Baptists have kindly granted the use of their large and commodious house. After the first Sunday in March, the meeting will be continued. Bro. Spriggs and others are expected to assist. Will the brethren near lend their presence; and may all our prayers go up to the throne of grace that Christ's cause may be moved forward in this beautiful city.

COR. SEC.

Missionary Fund.

PORTLAND, OR,

Feb. 14, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

The following amounts have been received for the Missionary fund since the meeting held at Eugene:

Junction City congregation.....	\$ 50
Central church.....	6 65
Monmouth church.....	13 60
Bethel church.....	2 00
Dr. Cole, Suver.....	1 00
Nancy Springer, Amity.....	2 00
Members at Forest Grove.....	7 00
Josie Baskett, Dixie.....	1 00
Eugene church.....	5 00
F. F. Windon, Halsey.....	2 00
B. C. Finley, Crawfordville.....	5 00
Salem church.....	12 00
Brownsville church.....	3 40
St. Helens.....	2 50
Portland church.....	7 40
Scio church.....	3 00
Mrs. S. A. Burnette, McMinnville.....	5 00
J. W. Cows and wife, McMinnville.....	50 00
Lafayette church.....	4 00
J. F. Fouts, Carlton.....	3 60
C. Sovirn, Halsey.....	50
S. B. Hollenback, Fairview.....	3 00
J. M. Churchill, Oak Creek.....	2 00
Mrs. F. F. Windham, Halsey.....	50
Damascus church.....	9 30
Thos. Porter.....	5 00
Coast Fork church.....	3 00
Total.....	\$161 95

Fraternally,

I. G. DAVIDSON,

Treasurer Ex. Board, O. C. M. C.

If evil be said of thee, and it is true, correct it; if it be a lie, laugh at it.