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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is estimated that the Disciples number about 20,000 in Arkansas.

The Editor is still absent engaged in the protracted meeting at Albany.

The women of the United States have given \$600,000 to foreign missions within the last year.

Bro. D. M. Doty, of Scio, reports the cause prospering in his town and the surrounding country.

What has become of the *Faithful Witness*? We have failed to receive the February number.

The aggregate number of two of the churches of Christ at Lexington, Ky., is eleven hundred and seventy-five members.

It is stated that six thousand petitions, bearing 679,000 signatures, in favor of a Sunday closing bill for England, have already been presented to Parliament.

The M. E. Church South in Albany refused to let us have their house for our meeting. We think this church is one degree South of Christ.

We learn from Bro. H. A. Johnson, our agent at Salem, that the church in that city is in a very healthy condition. Bro. Spriggs is evidently doing a good work in Salem.

At the Alliance we had the pleasure of meeting a number of the sisters and brethren from different parts of the State. We were especially pleased to meet our old friend and colaborer, D. M. Doty and wife, from El Dorado, Kan.

We hope to be able to give a report of the meeting at Albany next week. In consequence of the walls of the Baptist church having cracked since the thaw it has been decided unsafe to be occupied. At this writing the court house has been secured for the meeting at present.

The following is an extract from a letter written by a Bro. in Butte City, Cal.: "I send the money for two new subscribers and our renewal. I was in hopes of sending a long list of names, but the dry weather has effected the pockets of the farmers so we will have to get along with a short list. We like the HERALD very much."

The music at the Alliance was highly entertaining to the people. But this can only be fully appreciated when we tell our readers that it was principally supplied by the "Ladies' Cornet Band" of Albany. This is the first ladies' cornet band we ever saw, and we confess that it is no mean thing to see a band of handsome young ladies making such admirable music.

We notice that the legislature of Arkansas has recently passed a bill regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in the State which is almost equivalent, if executed, to constitutional prohibition. Perhaps this is the best thing she could do for the present. Some years ago the State made a law prohibiting the sale of pistols; and so Arkansas is not to be behind in every good work.

We notice from the *Evening Express* of Los Angeles, Cal., that Bro. S. C. Adams of Salem has visited that city and did some good preaching for the brethren there. On Lord's day he preached a sermon on the "Forgiveness of Sins" which according to the *Express* called forth much praise from those who heard it. Bro. Adams and his preaching are spoken of in the highest terms.

Some of the Baptist preachers in reply to Dr. Woolsey seem to forget themselves and argue that there were 120 disciples present on Pentecost, and that some of these could have been easily called to the assistance of the apostles in baptizing the 3,000 in one day. Were these hundred and twenty all regularly ordained Baptist preachers? If not, how could they baptize according to Baptist usage? Look out, brethren, for your Baptist succession is in danger just here.

A grand Mass meeting of those temperance workers who could remain was held on Friday evening after the regular sitting of the Alliance had ceased. Notwithstanding many of the delegates and visitors had gone home, this was regarded as one of the largest and best meetings of the entire session. Attention was profound, speaking good and music excellent. Several speakers were on the programme, and it is due the "Christian church" to say that she was well represented in this meeting in the person of four speakers, all preachers.

Some of the ministers of Portland are preaching on "Sunday Amusements." They think that Christians should not attend theatres on the "Sabbath," but that they may properly do so on any other day of the week, and that it may even be beneficial for them to attend the best plays. From our point of view, this looks a good deal like serving the Lord on Sunday and the devil the rest

of the week, for we do not think it good for Christian people to visit such places on *any day*. While these ministers encourage theatre-going during the week days, they need not be surprised to see indifference shown to the Christian religion on the Lord's day. The best advice we think to give the churches of Portland is, *Hands off!*

William Carey, the pioneer and apostle of Christian missions in India, who, after he had achieved great success and had many offers of worldly advantage, wrote to his friends in England: "I would not change my station for all the society in England, much as I prize it, nor, indeed, for all the wealth in the world! May I but be useful in laying the foundations of the Church of Christ in India, I desire no greater reward, and can receive no higher honor."—*Ex.*

Pundita Romadia, a learned Hindu lady, has excited profound interest by a course of lectures lately delivered at Bombay. She is a widow, twenty-five years of age, and is pleading for the emancipation of her sex from the many debasing superstitions of India, and for female education. At one of her meetings several native ladies followed her in speaking, and gave their earnest endorsement to her efforts for the elevation and education of women. The possibility of such a meeting, addressed by native ladies, indicates a wonderful advance in India. Christian Missions have had much to do with it by their example and influence.—*Christian Advocate.*

The Protestants have 302 schools in Syria, of which the American Presbyterians have 128, and the English Church Missionary Society 45. Rev. Dr. J. A. Wylie says of the American Presbyterian Mission: "The Americans are doing a great work here. Their college at Beirut sends forth yearly a large body of educated Moslems, Syrians, etc.—ministers, doctors, teachers. They have been operating here for half a century; the first laborers sleep in the quiet churchyard beside their church, but others, equal in zeal and ability, have come after them, and their work has now developed into large proportions, and is telling powerfully on Syria. It is creating a new country."—*Ex.*

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