

think you must follow everything done as therein recorded, then you are mistaken again.

Now as to everything being laid down. You can find no authority for building a meeting house, no direction for an hour of meeting, and no reference to a stated week day meeting, no provision for a Sunday-school, no direction with regard to providing a place for baptizing. It is doubtful whether there is any reference to singing in public service, certainly no reference to what you shall sing or how, whether by one or all.

There is no information as to the details of practical business life. But whether we eat, drink, or whatever we do we should do it unto God.

Now if there was no reference to praising God in song, it would be right to call upon all that is within us to praise him, to call upon every thing to aid us in our ascriptions of praise. Now you may take an instrument and use it to help revel or to aid you in praising God. The use of an instrument is not in itself wrong, but the manner of the use determines that. If a Christian can use an organ anywhere he can use it in the assembly of the saints. Christianity must enter into our eating and drinking, our waking and sleeping, our apparel, our occupations, our recreations, and everything in life; yet it has no dogmatic utterance on any of these, but he that by these serveth Christ is acceptable unto God, and he that does not serve Christ in every action of his life, and does not have new purposes and motives in all his conduct is just to that extent unregenerate. If it is right for an individual Christian or family to use an organ at home or anywhere it is not wrong to use it in the assembly. If it is right for an individual to furnish meals as a business for a profit, it is not wrong for a number to furnish meals, the profit to be used for the church. The same entertainment that a Christian might give or participate in, a number can do and be just as sinless. Everything we do or say in the assembly or out of it must be in the name of Christ and for the glory of God. Upon the other hand we are not to follow literally every example. Though Christ washed the apostles' feet and told them to wash one another's feet, I do not think that specific act binding on us. Paul shaved his head, made a vow, and circumcised Timothy. I do

not think we need to do any of these.

I have written hastily and I presume too briefly to be fully understood; but I must close this article. Let me say in conclusion that I cannot see how any Christian can do anything, anywhere, that is not done in the name of religion, or rather in the name of Christ. And this attempt to divorce the every day life from the church life is the fruitful source of great evil in conception and practice.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY.

Correspondence.

FROM T. F. CAMPBELL.

WARRENSBURG, MO.,
May 9, 1883.

Dear Bro.:

At Nevada I made three lectures to good audiences and with favorable results.

I went thence to Kansas City where I remained with my son, Dr. A. P. Campbell, and family, whom I found enjoying good health. The next day I went to Liberty to visit Bro. A. Proctor. I arranged to preach in his church on Lord's day and to lecture two evenings. I filled these engagements, returning twice to Kansas City in the mean time, as the distance is short and trains pass at convenient hours.

Kansas City is the modern wonder in city building. Since I passed through last October, vast structures of brick and stone have been erected which are now centers of activity and radiating points of commerce. Everywhere, the evidences of increasing prosperity meets the eye, and the incessant clatter of busy life greets the ear.

Bro. T. P. Haley is actively and vigorously engaged in completing the magnificent temple of worship, the basement of which he completed last fall, and in which the congregation has been worshipping ever since. The enrolled membership is said to be five or six hundred, while many in the city have not enrolled, some for one cause, some for another. The wisdom of that policy which would attempt to hold so many persons, widely separated in a large city, in one organization, may well be doubted. The efficient work of the gospel could be greatly enhanced by occupying at least two points in the city in well directed missionary effort. We ought to have in Kansas City now not less than three organized congregations; for the Disciples and those inclined

toward them and in sympathy with their views control a large part of the wealth of the city. The best men in the world are not always the wisest, nor do the wisest counsels always prevail.

I enjoyed a most delightful time with Bro. Proctor at Independence. He is one of the best fire-side talkers I have ever met. There is so much similarity between us in habits of investigation and modes of thought that we enjoy a grand social feast when together. Here I met several of my Montana friends, with whom I was very intimate many years ago in that far-off territory. Among these is Sister Cogswell, one of the noble women of earth. She lost her husband about two years ago, who left her with her daughter, Emma, and her two sons, Oscar and John, to provide by industry for their future wants. Though raised in the lap of luxury and unaccustomed to feel the necessity of personal efforts, yet by her own industry she provides successfully and abundantly for herself and all hers. I spent a social evening also with her brother, Isaac Rogers, and his estimable lady, with whom my family ascended the Missouri river in 1865 on board the good steamer *St. John*. Many pleasant memories were called up, and much subsequent experience, both joyful and sad, was recounted.

I returned to Kansas City last evening, remaining with my son and his family until this morning, when I boarded a train and sped away to this point. Bro. J. A. Brooks, the preacher in charge met me at the depot, and conducted me to his comfortable home, where I am now, in an elegantly furnished room, set apart as the "Prophet's corner," writing.

May the "God of Jacob who slumbereth not nor sleepeth," bless and keep the brethren of Oregon unto eternal life!

Your brother in Christ,
T. F. CAMPBELL.

Report.

TRENT, OR, May 24, 1883.
Ed. Christian Herald:

DEAR BRO.,—Bro. H. M. Waller, of Monmouth, commenced a meeting at this place on Thursday evening (the 17th,) and closed on yesterday evening (the 23rd). The immediate result of which, is as follows: 1 addition to the church by confession and baptism; 2 by

baptism who had confessed a short time ago at a meeting held by Bro. R. G. Callison, and 1 who had formerly been a Baptist; total, 4. Owing partly to the lack of a good place at which to meet (meeting a part of the time only at 4 o'clock each afternoon) the result was not altogether as good as we think it might have been under more favorable circumstances, yet we trust the brethren have been strengthened and built up by the instruction and admonitions of our beloved brother, who presented the truths of the gospel in his usual plain and forcible manner.

May God in his infinite goodness and mercy bless the labors of this meeting that they may yet result in the salvation of precious souls.

D. W. BRIDGES.

Annual Campmeeting.

The annual campmeeting of the Christian church north of Snake river, in eastern Washington and northern Idaho Territories, will convene three miles east of Farmington, in Whitman Co., W. T., on the 5th day of July 1883, and will continue at least over two Lord's days. The grounds are beautiful, plenty of wood, water and grass for teams. Everybody is invited to attend. The following preaching brethren are expected to be present: C. J. Wright, T. M. Morgan, T. J. Paslay, T. J. Cannon, E. A. LaDow, W. D. Craig, T. W. Buckland, C. C. Gipson. There are also other preaching brethren that will probably attend and participate in the services, and a cordial invitation is extended to all brethren from a distance who may wish to visit this country to come on that time if possible and help us to enjoy a season of refreshment in the presence of the Lord.

W. H. H. McCLURE,
Chairman,
A. J. GREEN,
Secretary.

Current Religious News.

Trinity Episcopal Church at Rome, Italy, was formally consecrated by the Bishop of Gibraltar, on the 25th ult. Rev. Dr. Saunders, of Philadelphia participated in the ceremony.

Nearly \$1,000 has been subscribed in Brooklyn towards the proposed monument to Martin Luther; and it has been decided to organize a permanent Lutheran society in that city.