

The *Christian-Evangelist* says, "Employing preachers by the year has no support either in reason or revelation. It is time we had abandoned it." Amen and amen. When our preachers cease to be tools for the churches, quit preaching trial sermons and do not ponder to their depraved tastes, the annual "call and answer," the modern church abomination will cease.

The first of April J. W. Foster entered the field as evangelist, for Owen county. His first meeting was at Morgadone, where he had 26 confessions and organized a church. His next meeting was at Sparta. No confessions, but some evil practices, such as members tipping—were corrected, and thirty dollars in pledges secured for county mission work. His next meeting was with us.

There still remains traces of sectarian views in certain quarters. Not long ago one of "our preachers" sent a sectarian preacher word that he was invited to one of our meetings. He replied that he did not want to be swallowed up by a Campbellite. Our preacher sent him word not to be alarmed; for nothing common or unclean had at any time entered his mouth.

We visit many poor Sunday schools that want papers and lessons, etc., but are not able to supply them with "our papers." Our brethren publish, we believe, about three series of S. S. papers. If they published only one, they would be cheap enough for many schools that cannot now afford them. We recommend the brotherhood to demand one series of S. S. papers, otherwise many of our schools will have to do without papers, or patronize David C. Cook.

The good old apostle, whose teachings we profess to follow, says something about "accusers of the brethren." We suggest that all of our editors and scribes study this passage. Not that all are guilty. Those that are guilty, study it to learn better, and those who are not guilty, study it in order to avoid future wrong doing. We would prefer heresy to that faultfinding brother accusing spirit that knows no words but maledictions. We are glad that the number of such writers are small, and their influence likewise.

Pres. Loos denounces the actions of certain Irish American agitators, who protect themselves by our laws, and wage a clandestine dynamite war against England. Their actions are highly blame worthy. Speedy steps should be taken by the authorities to silence them. We are of Irish extraction, but have no sympathy with the dynamite conspirators. The Irish suffer, truly; but they are largely to blame. Their blind devotion to Catholicism and drunkenness cause them more suffering than landlordism. The three are the causes of their poverty and suffering.

That Promise.

What promise is referred to in the above? It is often said the word of a Christian should be as binding as his oath, and how careful even men of the world are not to perjure themselves. When a man puts his signature to a note, or subscription, to whom is that promise or oath made? Is it simply to the person taking said paper, or does he not pledge the same before the great Judge of the universe just as you do when you hold up your hand and say before the great Judge, so help God?

Now, as an officer of the Board of Trustees of Christian College, I find a large number of notes and subscriptions unpaid, and parties gone off into unknown parts with that promise *unredeemed*. Now, brethren, I want you to call to mind if you are the one that that promise refers to, and if you are too poor to pay just now write to us and tell us where you are. We can't see the propriety, simply because your whereabouts are unknown, that you are released from *That Promise*.

The Board has demands against it, and to relieve itself Pres. T. F. Campbell took promises by note and subscription and I can't see that *time*, or *space* relieves that *promise*. Write a card and let us know where you are.

A. W. LUCAS,
Secretary Trustees of Christian College.

Letter from Elkhead.

ELKHEAD, OR., June 3, 1883.
Bro. Floyd:
I wish to suggest through the HERALD to the brotherhood the propriety of holding a county meeting for Douglas county as soon as harvest and threshing is over, say Friday before the second Lord's day in September next. The place most central and convenient, I

think (and I have talked with some of the brethren there in regard to it) will be Oakgrove, on the swail five and a half miles east of Oakland. I would further suggest that brethren and friends that can come with their wagons prepare to take care of themselves, that the neighbors

may have a better chance to take care of those that cannot, and that the meeting hold over two Lord's days at least. Now brethren and sisters, we will be glad to hear what you think of this meeting, as to the place, time, etc. Bro. Shelly says he will assist in preaching and find one other brother that will help, and it may be that A. D. Goodwin, a relative of mine, will be there. I see from the HERALD that he is expected in June. Now brethren, let us meet together and try to make some systematic arrangements for regular preaching. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ help us to come up to the work in the full assurance of faith.

Yours in the the hope of immortality,

A. L. TODD.

Linn County Co-operation Meeting.

SCIO, OR., June 4, 1883.

The delegates representing the churches of Christ extant in Linn county convened at the appointed hour. The meeting was opened by reading and prayer by Bro. D. M. Doty. In the absence of the President Bro. J. W. Propst was called to the chair.

On motion the reading of the minutes was postponed until we had a more full representation present.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed on credentials, consisting of Bros. John Shore, A. G. Marshall and Sister J. C. Johnson.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Committee on credentials reported the following named persons entitled to act as delegates from the different churches: Central—A. G. Marshal and J. W. Propst. Scio—J. B. Coffey, W. W. Richardson and Sister J. C. Johnson. Albany—Sister Barker and S. Slater. Mt. Pleasant—S. P. Goodman, W. G. Montgomery and Father Crabtree.

Address of J. W. Spriggs in the evening.

On motion, adjourned to meet at half-past nine A. M. next morning.

MORNING SESSION.

Minutes were read and stood approved. The President appointed a committee of three as a finance committee, consisting of A. C. Chrisman, W. W. Richardson and A. G. Marshal.

Then followed the address of Bro. G. W. Whitney upon the subject "The church the highest executive authority on earth."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by Bro. J. W. Propst.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers. S. P. Goodman of Mt. Pleasant was elected President; R. F. Ashby of Scio Secretary; and J. W. Propst of Central Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

On motion, all visiting members permitted were requested to take part in the deliberation of the hour.

Treasurer's report read and received. The address of Bro. Bruce Wolverton was read by the Secretary, after which the subject was discussed at some length.

The next question for discussion was the "Laying on of hands necessary for full ordination as church officers."

On motion, the chair appointed J. W. Richardson, S. Slater and J. W. Propst as a committee to designate the place to hold the next meeting.

On motion, it was recommended that the manuscript address of Bro. Bruce Wolverton be published in the HERALD.

On motion, Bro. G. M. Whitney's address was ordered to be published in the CHRISTIAN HERALD.

On motion, the proceedings of this meeting was recommended to be published.

Afterward a general report in regard to the numerical strength and financial condition of the several churches situated in Linn county was then made by the delegates and reported in fair working order.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

That we raise one hundred dollars for general missionary work in Linn county, and the following named persons were appointed of each congregation to solicit contributions for this work and forward the same to the Treasurer (J. W. Propst) of the Linn County Board: Central church, A. G. Marshal; Albany, Sisters J. Barker and Miss Clara Cowan; Mt. Pleasant, A. C. Chrisman and B. F. Darby; Scio, J. C. Johnson and Sister M. C. Gill, and the churches that are not here