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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The brethren at Helix have sent us a pamphlet to review in our columns which will receive our attention soon.

The commencement exercises of Christian College are going on this week with a reasonably good attendance. A fuller report will be made at the close.

The *Christian at Work* says, "Infant baptism increased in the Southern Methodist Episcopal church from 14739 in 1866, to 27,205 in 1882." Does that prove its divine authority?

The church at Pueblo, Colorado, has issued a call for help to build a house of worship in that city. That is an important point and we hope the faithful brethren there will succeed in this enterprise.

We learn that the idea of holding an annual camp meeting at Dallas this summer has been abandoned. It seems to us that we should have some kind of a county meeting for preaching the gospel and laying future plans for cooperation.

President Julius H. Seelye is to discuss "Dynamite as a Factor in Civilization," in the July number of the *North American Review*. The *Review* is a splendid magazine and always receives our special attention.

A German brother in Mo. proposes to publish a small weekly German paper in the interest of the cause of Christ among the German people of this country. The paper is to be called "the *Bible Herald*." We would be glad to see something of the kind, if it can be made a financial success.

The hot weather is approaching and large numbers of people are preparing for a few week's vacation. Whether we seek a pleasant retreat at the ocean beach or on the mountain's height, let us not forget our religion. If we have the spirit and light of Christ, it will shine wherever we go.

We presume by this time the temperance people of Oregon are beginning to feel that our prediction that Miss Willard would accomplish a vast amount of good for the temperance cause on this coast was not wide of the mark. Her reception at Portland was grand, and the people were very enthusiastic over her lectures. From all points in the State where she has been we hear glowing reports of her work. It is hoped that her brief visit and lasting influence in educating public sentiment will go far to finally root up this liquor traffic on this coast. Let the good work go on.

The English Presbyterians in their Synod recently, like most of the other denominations, have been considering the revision of their creed. It has been contended all along we believe that creeds contain nothing but the simple teaching of the Bible in a condensed form. Then why all this revision of the creeds? Is not the Bible doctrine the same to-day that it was fifty or one hundred years ago? If the creeds contained nothing but Scrip-

ture teaching then, it seems to us that there would be little use for a revision now. Better throw all human creeds away and take the Bible alone, and save all this trouble and vexation of spirit.

The *Catholic Sentinel* quotes our words in which we contend for but one true Church of Christ in opposition to denominationalism and calls it a "remarkable acknowledgement." We fail to see any kind of an acknowledgement much less a remarkable one in this statement, inasmuch as we have always contended for the one Church of Christ as expressly taught in the New Testament. The *Sentinel* then proceeds to ask the following two questions: "After confessing this much, will not our friend enlighten his readers whether or not Christ established a Church when on earth? If Christ did establish a Church, has that Church had an unbroken existence up to the present time, and which is that Church?" We answer:

1. Christ prepared the material for his one Church while on earth, and ten days after his ascension to Heaven, he established it through his inspired Apostles on the day of Pentecost.

2. In one sense it has an "unbroken existence" to the present time, because Daniel says it shall never be destroyed, and Christ says the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

3. The Church that goes back of all Popes, Archbishops, Archdeacons, Priests, Confessionals, Ecclesiastics, creeds, confessions of faith and the traditions of the "Fathers" and plants itself among the local churches established by the inspired apostles and adopts their faith in all its purity and their practice without change, is the Church that Christ established. In other words, all those local congregations of Christian people who are fashioned in all things essential after the apostolic churches, are the congregations of Christ. Does the Catholic Church fill the bill?

PERSONAL MENTION.

Bro. W. E. Richardson has returned from California.

Some of our Monmouth people have been going to hear Miss Willard, and were highly pleased.

We see from the *Christian Standard* that Bro. Timothy Cooper of England, is on our shores again.

Bro. I. G. Davidson, our agent at Portland, gave us a pleasant call last Saturday. He remained over Lord's day.

Last Lord's day was the time for brethren Doty and Spriggs to commence a protracted effort at Turner. We look for a good report.

We are sorry to learn by private letter that Bro. G. M. Whitney met with the somewhat serious accident of upsetting a bucket of scalding water on his feet. He writes us from his bed that his feet were on his pillow where his head ought to be. We hope he will soon "be on foot" again.

Bro. W. K. Azbill, our missionary in Jamaica, has visited Central America in the interest of a Panama Mission. We have a letter from him which we will print next week. When we see so many open doors for the pure gospel of Christ, we should all become more liberal and zealous in sustaining our missions and missionaries.

The church at Portland has called Bro. F. M. Rains of Leavenworth, Kansas, to preach for them. Bro. Rains is an earnest, able and successful young preacher. He was a college class-mate of ours, and a special friend, and is one of our contributors to the *HERALD*. Whether or not he will be able to accept the call we have not learned. Should he come to Portland we predict he will do a good work in building up the church in that city. We hope he will come at once.