

have come to perform an important task in whose benefits the whole civilized world has an interest; and if Mr. DeLesseps and others who have planned this stupendous piece of engineering are to have the applause of the world, the poor fellows who construct the cofferdams and do the dredging and digging should at least have humane attention while they live, and decent Christian burial when they die. I have come to establish a Christian mission for the benefit of the laborers along the line of the Panama Canal.

"*L' Service des travaux.*" The canal business is done in French, the railway business in English, the local traffic in Spanish, and the swearing, quarreling, brawling and cheating are done in all languages. The headquarters of the canal works is at Panama, on the Pacific shore. But there are some twenty stations or encampments along the line where preparations are being made, and at each station there is a "chief" of the local operations. Already, about twenty thousand laborers have gathered, and thousands more are expected. Houses, offices, stores, shops and hospitals are being put up; tools, implements and machinery are being imported; surveys, plans and charts are being made, and the first steps are being taken as fast as possible.

I went to Panama to see the Director General of works. As he could not speak English and I could not speak French, we had to talk with the aid of an interpreter. I represented as best I could the needs of the people in the matter of religious and educational training, and pointed out the advantage to the company of throwing around the laborers the strongest moral restraints, that the ends of righteousness and order might be accomplished. I asked him for three things: 1. To give our missionaries the privileges of encampments on condition of not interfering with the "*service des travaux.*" 2 To give us ground for mission premises, and 3 To build chapel, school-houses and mission houses on them. All this he promised to do; and he gave me a letter to the chiefs to facilitate me in the selection of sites, etc. I then visited the principal stations and located the chapels, which it is hoped will be ready by the first of September.

The Jamaca people whom I met welcomed me with great enthusiasm,

and I promised to aid the mission in every way. There are many other things of interest which I hope to relate in my next letter, one of which is how I was in a railroad smashup when the whole train went off the track and the engine and three cars went to splinters: but you can wait for that—and the like. What I want to say is that we want *men* rather than *money* for this field.

"O, who will help us to garner in the sheaves of the good from this field of sin?"

Colon, United States of Columbia, May 21.
LATER—I have just reached home and find my family and other missionaries well.

W. K. AZBILL,
Marble Hall, Kingston, Jamaica, May 25.

Report.

MONMOUTH, OR.,
June 22, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

I wish to report a good meeting held at Damascus, Clackamas Co., including the 2nd and 3rd Lord's days in this month.

On my arrival at the meeting on Tuesday the 12th, I found that Bro. G. P. Rich, the minister of the church, had been preaching several days, and had gained a number of additions. When I left Sunday evening there had been 13 accessions, mostly by baptism, and the meeting still going on.

Bro. Bailes, of Etnsburg, W. T., on his way to California, stopped and helped in the meeting.

The church at Damascus is in a live condition under the labors of Bro. Rich. Nearly all the members take an active part in all the meetings for prayer and exhortation. They also see the necessity of having good singing in the church, and to this end they have money made up to send for the New Hymn and Tune Book.

At the meeting a collection amounting to nine dollars and twenty cents was taken up for the missionary work of the State.

Your brother,
P. R. BURNETT.

Agents Wanted.

The Christian Sower Tract Fund wants a live agent in every congregation who will press the importance of tract work, solicit subscriptions and distribute and sell tracts. There are many who are anxious to work for the Lord who do not know just what to do. The difficulty need no longer exist,

There is a work that all can engage in. I cannot offer you money for your work, because the Fund is not able. My work is given entirely free. You can then do a good work without hindering you from the business you now follow. If you will take an agency and promise to do all you can the Tract Fund will furnish you with the necessary instructions and a supply of tracts. There are many preachers who can thus greatly increase their usefulness. If we are faithful it will not be a great while before this tract work will be a mighty power in the land. Frontier fields should be thickly sown with tracts. The city mission work problem will never be solved without a liberal outlay of money in tracts. Brothers and sisters, now is the time to work; let me hear from you at once.

J. W. HIGBEE,
Madisonville, Ky.

Minutes of the Second Annual Co-operation Meeting of the Christian Churches in Columbia Co., W. T., held near Dayton, June 1st to 4th inclusive.

UPPER TOUCHET, W. T.,
June 2, 1883.

The County Coöperation was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. June 1st by the Secretary, the Chairman of the meeting of 1882 being absent.

Motion that Bro. R. L. Dashiell act as temporary chairman prevailed.

Motion that the chair appoint a committee of three on credentials prevailed. Bros. H. Lindsay, C. Musgrave and Joseph Donaldson were appointed. While the committee was out Bro. S. Hamilton made some pointed remarks on the works of the church.

The committee on credentials found the following brethren and sisters entitled to seats. Touchet congregation, Bros. Lindsay, Dashiell and Redford, and Sisters Bailey and Williams. Bundy congregation, Bros. C. Musgrave and C. L. Lauson and Sister M. J. Musgrave. Fairview congregation, Bros. Joseph Donaldson and John Hall.

Motion that we now effect a permanent organization prevailed. R. L. Dashiell was elected chairman and J. B. Redford secretary. Minutes of the meeting of 1882 read and approved.

Motion that the chair appoint a committee of three on arrangements for this meeting prevailed. Bros.

H. Lindsay, Joseph Donaldson and E. Pintler were appointed.

Motion that any brethren present from unrepresented localities be appointed delegates to this meeting. The chair appointed Bro. J. R. Ware a delegate from Highland and Bro. W. F. Anderson from Lost Spring.

After a few remarks from Bros. Ware and Hall on our work, adjourned until June 4th, 9 A. M.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises at the time appointed.

Minutes of the previous sitting read and approved.

Motion that all preaching brethren present be invited to participate in our deliberations prevailed.

Motion that we adopt a system of finance to enable us to employ an Evangelist lost.

Motion that the chair appoint a committee of five to devise a plan to raise funds to employ an Evangelist prevailed. Bros. Ware, Richardson, Anderson, Lindsay and John Hatley were appointed.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Opened at the appointed time with devotional exercises.

Minutes of the last sitting read and approved.

Committee appointed to devise a plan to raise funds reported as follows: We, your committee appointed to devise a plan to raise funds beg leave to report as follows: 1. We recommend that this Co-operation adopt the plan of free-will offerings. 2. That the chair appoint an Evangelizing Board of seven to solicit funds, employ an evangelist and pay the same.

J. R. WARE, Chairman.

Motion that the report be received and the committee discharged prevailed.

The chair appointed the following as the Evangelizing Board: J. B. Redford, W. R. Marquiss, J. L. Shepherd, J. L. Smith, I. N. Richardson, W. F. Anderson and C. Musgrave.

I should have said just above that each section of the report of the committee was adopted.

The chair appointed the following committees: On arrangements for our next meeting, John Hatley, James Swinney and C. Musgrave. On order of business, Jeremy Bailey, I. N. Richardson and H. Lindsay.

Motion that a copy of these minutes be furnished the CHRISTIAN HERALD for publication with a request that *The Pacific Church News* please copy prevailed.

Motion that these minutes be