

Letter from Bro. Davis.

FORESTVILLE, CAL.,  
July 31, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

Allow me to say to the brethren of this coast that Bro. K. Bailes, of W. T. but formerly of Oregon, has paid us a visit in California, and delivered us thirteen discourses at Forestville. He merited and received profound attention, and all were sorry when he quit; the praise he now gets is hardly proper to give to man. He spake as the oracles speak, and the Savior said, "My words they are spirit and they are life and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thought and intent of the heart." It was true then and is true to-day, my brother.

He and his wife left for Portland on the steamer of the 29th inst., and from there they will go to Castle Rock, which, I believe, is in Washington Territory. He will visit the Willamette valley before going home. He will be at Scio in about three weeks. He anticipates moving to this place, and for that purpose he has contracted for him a place. He is well pleased with our country. He appeared to enjoy himself to the fullest extent.

May the Lord be with and bless him wherever he goes is the wish of your humble brother in Christ,  
LEVI DAVIS.

Report from Bro. Easter.

HILLSBORO, OR.,  
July 25, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

Bro. Jas. Campbell and myself preached at the Gibb's school-house on the Chehalem the 3rd Lord's day. Had one confession.

If any one of your many readers know of the whereabouts of Bro. Soul, who moved to Washington Territory from Osage county, Kan., about seven years ago, will they please inform me by postal card of his address, if he still lives?

I think you paid Dr. Dodd's tract a deserving tribute. He is something like a disappointed politician, and his tract should be viewed in that light. I imagine that fully as interesting a tract might be written entitled "The Status of S. T. Dodd, A. M., M. D., &c., among the Churches of Kansas."

Your Bro. in hope of life,  
J. P. EASTER.

Announcement.

ELKHEAD, OR.,  
Aug. 2, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

Please announce through the HERALD that the county meeting for Douglas county will be held at Oakgrove, five miles east of Oakland, beginning on Saturday before the first Lord's day in September, and probably hold over the second Lord's day.

We expect Bros. Eledge, Shelley and others. Will be glad to see any other preaching brethren.

Yours in the hope,  
A. L. TODD.

Acknowledgment.

I wish to acknowledge the following sums for the support of foreign missions:

For General Fund: S. S. Hamilton, O., \$9.36; J. R. Graff, Hamilton, O., 5.00; A Disciple, Seneca, Ill., 10.00; J. B. Jones, Carlisle, Ky., 3.00; W. F. Cowden and wife, Lexington, Ky., 40.00; T. M. Johnson, Quaker City, O., 1.00; T. D. Butler, Johnstown, Pa., 20.00; Church, Palestine, Tenn., 15.00; J. D. Metcalf, Girard, Ill., 20.00; Church and S. S., Hopkinville, Ky., 17.72; E. Y. Waldo, Mendota, Ill., 5.00; J. F. Davis, Portsmouth, O., 1.00; A Lover of Missions, Cleveland O., 10.00; Church, Brush Creek, Ia., 2.00; Church, Greely, Ia., 2.00; Dr. I. J. Whitfield, Grand Rapids Mich., 10.00; A. B. Jones, Liberty, Mo., 20.00; Church, Liberty, Mo., 20.00; D. M. Kirkbride, Dayton, O., 100.00.

For Heathen Mission: Le Roy Wiley, Paris, Ill., \$5.00; Mrs. Julia Willis, Germantown, N. C., .50; S. S., Carbondale, Ill., 1.38; Phillips' S. S., Solon, O., 5.00.

Total receipts for week, \$342.95.

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Lane County Co-operation.

TAY, OR., July 28, 1883.

Bro. J. F. Floyd:

I send you the report of the Coöperation of the congregations of the Church of Christ in Lane county, Oregon.

Pursuant to an adjournment from Clear Lake, May 12, 1883, met at Hebron, (Upper Coast Fork) July 19th, at the hour of 6 P. M., at which time Bro. J. E. Roberts delivered an interesting discourse to a respectable audience, after which was adjourned to meet on Friday the 20th, at the hour of 10 A. M.,

FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

President R. G. Callison in the chair. Also Secretary and Treasurer present.

The Chairman after reading a chapter called on Bro. S. Baughman to lead in prayer.

The order of business was then announced.

1. Reading of minutes of the last Coöperation, which stood approved.
2. Reports of delegates.
3. Report of churches.
4. Discussion of question.
5. Miscellaneous.
6. Adjournment.

Motion that the Secretary, in making report for publication, need not burden the paper with the general reports of the congregations except the annual reports. Motion prevailed.

The 4th order of business was then taken up, to-wit: Discussion of question. Resolved that all officers, Evangelists, Elders and Deacons should be ordained by fasting, prayer and the laying on of hands.

As previously announced, Bro. D. R. Harris opened the discussion, taking strong affirmative ground as to the Scripture absolutely requiring that Elders and Deacons be set apart as above stated, but denying such office to be filled as the office of Evangelist, taking the position that there was the work now of an Evangelist, in proof of which he cited to 2 Timothy 4:5; Eph. 4:11; Acts 21:8. Proofs for setting apart Elders and Deacons: Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Tim. 4:14; 5:22; 2 Tim. 1:6; Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5. Bro. Harris affirmed that in the laying on of hands now, did not impart any spiritual gift, only qualified such officers to the work as delegated to them by the church, which is the highest ecclesiastical authority, and that they are servants of the church being subject thereto, for the power that creates can undo.

Bros. Davis, Baughman, Grubb, Powell, Whited, Roberts, Callison, Moore and White all came forward with the best arguments that they could present for and against, and after quite a lengthy discussion, all were finally a unit for the affirmative of the question, excepting the first officer named in the resolution, upon which all did not quite agree, but perfect harmony and Christian love prevailed, while all gave expression that it was good to meet in such assembly and discuss important subjects by which there

may be perfect harmony of action in the churches which form the great body of Christ.

5. Miscellaneous.

The time and place of holding the next quarterly Coöperation was discussed, which resulted as follows: Thursday evening before the 4th Lord's day in November, 1883, in Eugene City. It was moved and seconded that Bro. Sherman, the coming State Evangelist, be invited to meet the brotherhood of Lane county at that time and place, and hold a meeting. Motion unanimously prevailed.

Motion to adjourn to Saturday 1:30 P. M.

SATURDAY SESSION.

Bro. R. G. Callison being called home on account of sickness in the family, Bro. J. E. Roberts was called to the chair pro tem., who called on Bro. A. H. Powell to open with prayer.

The members engaged in discussing the duties of officers in connection with the former subject for a short time with much interest.

Motion, that the Secretary correspond with the churches of the county as to the time and place of holding the next quarterly Coöperation. Motion carried.

Motion, that the minutes of this meeting be sent to the CHRISTIAN HERALD for publication. Motion carried.

Motion, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the brethren and friends of Hebron for the Christian love manifested to the visiting brethren of this Coöperation. Motion prevailed.

Subject for next Coöperation: Woman's work in the Church. Bro. S. Baughman was chosen to open the discussion. A collection was then taken up to defray incidental expenses that grow out of the Secretary's office. Amount raised 82.45.

Motion to adjourn to meet again at the time and place as above stated. Motion prevailed.

The meeting was dismissed by Bro. Roberts.

J. E. ROBERTS,  
Pres. pro tem.  
J. W. PARKS, Secretary.

Hope is the ruddy morning ray of joy, recollection is its golden tinge; but the latter is wont to sink down amid the dews and dusty shades of twilight, and the bright blue day which the former promises breaks indeed, but in another world, and with another sun.—Richter.