

The Episcopalians are about ready to begin the erection of their chapel at St. Helena. Over \$1,600 has been pledged by subscription for the purpose, all by St. Helena people.

San Fernando has raised \$1,300 toward the construction of an M. E. Church building at that place.

The Established Church of Scotland has 1,275 parish churches, and 110 chapels, or unendowed churches, and 530,292 communicants. The Free Church of Scotland has 1,009 charges, and 314,604 members—being a net increase of 577 over last year.

The beautiful new church presented to the Methodists of Wyoming, Pa., by P. Pettibone and family, was duly dedicated on the 18th ult. The building is of pressed brick, with light and well-placed stone dressings. A graceful spire is at one corner. The architecture is of the Gothic order. The financial statement made at the dedication showed the total cost of the church and furniture thereof to be \$24,449.

The revival services in Kansas City, Mo., conducted by Rev. Thos. Harrison, has been signally blessed. Immediately after the meetings began a remarkable interest was manifested. They continued with undiminished spirit and success for six weeks. During this time the altar was thronged with penitents every night. As a result of the services, 280 persons have united with the church on probation and by letter, though the conversions are far more numerous, many having connected themselves with other churches in the city. There are twenty-six entire families who have been converted and are now probationers in the church. Mr. Harrison is now holding a camp-meeting at Jacksonville, Ill.

Dr. Bruce, Professor of Divinity in the Free Church College of Glasgow, Scotland, delivered the address at the closing of the Lancashire Independent College. It was throughout a remarkable one; and his view of the Church in the future will awaken a considerable degree of interest. Dr. Bruce does not think that the Church in any of its branches is doing its work—at least, the work which requires to be done. Neither by the church of the past nor by the church of the present had the Divine glory been fully manifested. There was need and there was room for improvement.

California Department.

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The latest report from Bro. McHatton in his meeting at Fulton, Sonoma county, is, that there have been eleven additions. Thus the good work moves on. May the Lord bless him.

Which?

About the time Bro. McHatton's meeting closed at Willows, Cal., two of the prominent saloon keepers of the town were discussing their interests, when saloon keeper No. 2 asks No. 1 what he thinks of high license, will it injure our business much? No. 1 replies not much, but he says, "Of all things deliver me from Campbellite preachers, for they will close up the saloons quicker than anything else."

Good for No. 1.

Along the Road.

We turn our faces for a short time in another drive from the broad fields of grain to the great fruit region of California. We leave the great valley of the Sacramento and enter some of the smaller ones that lie nestled between spurs of the Coast Range Mountains.

On the Vaca Valley and Clear Lake Railroad are the towns of Madison and Winters, the former at the terminus of the road. These are thriving little towns, I would suppose, of four to six hundred inhabitants. We have good church building in each place and pretty good congregations. Both places are without a preacher at this time. Bro. Hiram Wallace has been with the brethren at Madison for the last two or three years, and did faithful work during all of this time. A portion of the time he preached for the brethren at Capay, a small village at the entrance of a mountain valley some six miles distant. Bro. Wallace accepted a call from the church at Healdsburg a few months ago. The church at Winters has lately parted with the labors of Bro. J. P. McCorkle who has moved down into Southern California. Bro. Mc. has been preaching also for the church at Vacaville since his return from Oregon. Bro. Alex. Johnson is preaching for them now. In the region of these churches there is an abundance of work for two men who can utilize all of their time. It is a rich country closely settled

with a good class of people. The brethren should hasten to call faithful men to occupy these inviting fields. The Lord expects his people to place laborers into these harvest fields as well as into the endless grain fields that may be waving for the hum of the sickle. How true that the "harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." When will we learn to be as ready in the Lord's work as we are ready to do that which so immediately concerns us and ours. We soon drove through Putah canyon, Hypocrite canyon, Pleasant valley and Vaca valley. These locations represent one of the greatest fruit districts in California for its quality, quantity and the earliness of its ripening; every little hillside, plateau and spot of lowland that will raise a tree, contains a peach, pear, plum, apricot, fig or almond tree, grape vine or tomato plant, while the tons of fruit and vegetables that are taken to San Francisco every day from these locations is truly astonishing. Much more attention is given to the propagation of fine varieties of fruit than grafting into the True Vine or budding into the True Olive. Land is rapidly advancing in price and new houses, many very nice, are springing up in every direction. The Creator has done much for this part of the State. This locality is the home of Bro. W. W. Smith, who has just treated himself and family to an elegant mansion. Bro. and Sister Smith are both faithful workers in the church, ready to do good and help on in word and work. His fruit farm is one of the finest in the State. He is very popular in the State as a fruit raiser. We hope they may have many years to enjoy their surroundings, and do greater good for the cause. Bro. N. Cutler, one of the California pioneers is with Bro. Smith. Bro. C. is one who has not lost any of his Christian life by the early trials of mining and allurings of California.

We spent one Lord's day with the brethren at Napa City. It is much like home to be at Bro. and Sister Marshall's. In fact, wife, children and all consider it a great treat to get to Uncle Jo's and Aunt Susan's. Our acquaintance with them dates back to when a college student in Abingdon, Ill. They have ever been true and self-sacrificing for the gospel and its defense. They are making their arrangements to move to Sonoma, Los Angeles Co., Ca., thinking its

climate and surroundings will be better for their health. We will miss them much in Napa. May their last days be their best, their sunset of life be tinted with the golden halo of eternal joys, and in that "Suny Land of Song" meet in our Father's house all the dear and loved ones of earth.

Bro. and Sister Geo. W. Deweese are still at their posts. They stood by and sang near twenty-five years ago, while Uncle John Miller baptized their son Douglas and myself into Christ in Cedar creek in Illinois. The baptist and my young brother passed over the river years ago. May we all live to meet them. I see, since I last saw Bro. and Sister Deweese, that age is telling on them; soon will their voices no more be heard in song. May their lives have a happy close, and when they meet the boatmen at the river's brink, the darkened stream lose its darkness, because of the Sun-lit hills of Peace that beckon them on to a higher life. Near Napa, also, is the habitation of Bro. A. D. Butler, whom I learned to love when he was a student in Abingdon College many years ago, yet he is claimed as one of Oregon's noblest sons. I enjoy his society much. He is a member of the Board of Education, a popular teacher, fruit grower and a devoted Christian worker. He is living a very lonely life, but he possesses the happy disposition of being contented, and making the best of all surroundings; qualities which few possess. A man of judgment, he will not move too hastily. His children, Lena and Ralph, are in Monmouth, Or. His brother Gus. is a partner in their farming. He is still single but is discussing the matrimonial problem.

Bro. W. B. Berry, from Illinois, has lately settled at Napa, and preaches there and at Yountville. We had not seen Bro. B. since we left Illinois, when he was a student. If I mistake not, through my solicitations, he entered college, secured his boarding place, and stood by and sang when Bro. Butler baptized him. I was doubly glad to meet him and his pleasant wife and little Berries. We heard him in one discourse, clear, plain and earnest. He is taking hold of the work in a way that shows he understands it. May the Lord bless him and his, and the brethren hold up his hands that he may carry on a good work in that beautiful city. He is pleased with the State thus far, and we hope he will make it his permanent home. We need more such men.