

Job's ten children, three daughters and seven sons, seem to have all settled around him, and to have been prosperous, social and happy. The family custom was for each son upon each recurring birthday, to write his brothers and sisters to come and feast with him in his own house; and have a real enjoyable lively time. Job had taken great pains to train them in the fear of the Lord, and to be cautious and discreet in all they said and did, as those who are to give an account to God—taught them to feel their responsibility. No Christian parents should rest satisfied to come short of this. Even with all this, children may in hours of temptation, be thrown off their guard, and sin in the sight of God. Job was aware of this; so his regular habit was, at the close of each feast to send and sanctify his children, rise early in the morning and offer a sin offering for each of them. As rendered by Scott.

"Oft as these rounds of social joy
 expir'd,
 The pious father holy rites required;
 By due oblation cleans'd, the filial band,
 For solemn sacrifice around him stand.
 When rising with the morn, the princely sire
 Disposed the atonement on the hallowed fire,
 For every child a costly victim blas'd—
 For every child the fervid prayer he
 sais'd;
 Forgive my children's sin all-gracious
 Power,
 If some loose moment's gaiety of heart
 E'er said to piety and God depart!"

Time rolled on, and thus lived Job, prosperous and happy, honored and revered a blessing to his children and to all in that region of country, loved of God, blessed by him, and by him protected from all evil, from all adversity, from all the wiles of Satan, as Satan very well knew. Enjoying thus the friendship and protection of God, confiding Job fondly hoped to occupy this lofty eminence, till ripe old age should bring him in peace to his grave. But alas! a sad change came; of which in our next.

A DENIAL.

CENTERVILLE, OR.,
 Oct. 11, 1883.

Editor Herald:

In the weekly *Oregonian* of Aug. 31st, appears an article headed "Development of Man," written by S. C. Adams, of Salem. We, as a people, have been called infidels on account of it already. I therefore deem it important that a public denial of our belief in such

teaching should appear in our paper so as to take away as far as may be, the reproach that we are under because of its public appearance. I am conversant with the belief of many of our representative preachers and teachers, and I knew that they do not accept or teach either Darwinian or Theistic evolution. On the contrary, the two strongest and most complete overthrows of both that I have seen were written by men who received the intellectual training entirely among us. I refer to the *Problem of Problems* by Elder Clark Braden and the *Problem of Human Life Here and Hereafter*, by Dr. H. Wilford Hall. The first is a moral and religious presentation of the subject and remarkably strong in its arguments. The second is a most complete and masterly scientific argument, showing that there is no scientific basis for the theory, when the facts of science are properly interpreted. If any one wishes to read a most overwhelming overthrow of Herschel, Darwin, *et. al.*, let them procure this work and they can have that pleasure.

I wish to have it understood that the Christian church does not believe or endorse the teaching of the article mentioned above. They do not attempt to improve upon the divinely inspired *history of facts* as presented in the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Genesis. Genesis will be intelligently accepted and believed when the "Descent of Man" and "History of Creation" are looked upon as the rubbish of a past age or referred to as proof of the ridiculous vagaries that men have accepted.

In the love of truth,
 R. H. MOSS.

Notice to Delegates.

Bro. Floyd:

I desire to request all delegates and others who may attend the State Meeting, which convenes at this place October 3rd, to notify me by postal card at as early a date as possible, so that arrangements may be made for their entertainment. Please state *when* you will arrive and whether by train or other conveyance. Those who write in time will receive a card before leaving home introducing them to the family that will entertain them during the meeting. If any write too late to receive a reply they will please report at the church.

J. W. SPRIGGS.

Salem, Or., Sept. 4, 1883.

Correspondence.

Letter from Australia.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA,
 Aug. 5, 1883.

Dear Bro. Floyd:

It affords me great pleasure to hear from you and to learn that you are pressing on in the good work. It is with delight that I go back with you to our college days, and especially to Bro. McGarvey's room where we had such a fine time on "Acts." I often thought how hard the work was that we had to do, but I suppose that it came so hard to me because it was new and I had not been trained to think so closely as I should. I shall ever remember Kentucky, and especially the old university and my college mates. We are much scattered, yet I know that we will meet again. "Go into all the world," says the Master, "and preach." This will separate us for a time, but I feel that the time will not be long. The months to me pass away as a day.

Since I came to Melbourne I find the work much harder than the country churches of Kentucky. There are so many things to be done that it is a continual rush all the time, day and night. I have received one copy of the *CHRISTIAN HERALD*, and am very much pleased with it, and will take pleasure in sending you items of news from this land that you may know how we do. I also hope to get you some subscribers.

The work is going on steadily here. There have been two new churches built this year in the suburbs of Melbourne, and a more general interest is being awakened in the hearts of the brethren; yet we have much work before us and are greatly in need of energetic preachers. I am glad to learn from the papers that the brethren are making such great strides in America in bringing sinners to the truth. I wish that they would take better care of them and get them all in some way to do something for the Master while under his service. So many take for granted that all they have to do is to come into the church and they are safe. I feel that I was made safe by coming to Christ and doing as he commanded; but I have not forgotten that if I wish to continue safe that I must be about my Master's business and still do his commandments by doing all the good I can, so that all along my

journey I may be happy.

The church at Hotham, where I am now preaching, is being blessed by many being added. I have been about six months with the church, and while the work has been heavy and my health has been poor, yet I have spent a happy time presenting the gospel and persuading men to turn from evil. Seventy have been the result thus far; fifty of them by faith and baptism, and the others by letter and restoration, and still we have crowded audiences and many more we are expecting to decide for the Lord. All the churches are having additions also. From the *Watchman* you will be able to see how things are going. I have not had time to send to the *Watchman* or any of these papers a report yet. Farwell for the present with the hope that God will bless and prosper you in every good work.

Yours in the hope,
 C. A. MOORE.

Letter from Eden Valley.

EDEN VALLEY, W. T.,
 Sept. 9, 1883.

Dear Bro. Floyd:

Perhaps a few items from this part of the Master's vineyard would be of some interest to the readers of your most valuable paper, we send the following.

We are having regular preaching once a month each by Bros. T. M. Morgan and E. A. Ladow. Our numbers have been increased recently. Bro. W. E. Pedigo, wife and daughters, and Bro. John Watson and wife united with us a short time ago by letter; and while, doubtless, your town (Monmouth) will miss them greatly we feel that they will be a great help to us. Also Bro. C. J. Wright and wife, having moved from Spangle and settled in our neighborhood, united with us by letter of which the following are true copies:

SPANGLE, W. T.,
 Aug. 6, 1883.

To the brethren of the Church of Christ we sendeth greeting:

This is to certify that our Bro. C. J. Wright is an able minister of the gospel and a member of the church at this place, and is in good standing as a member, minister and neighbor; and as a minister we take great pleasure in recommending him to the brethren wherever he may chose to cast his lot as being able and faithful. He has been with us for near three years, and under his preaching our con-