

came rolling in 'mid the firing of the canons and playing of music by the band. Villard, with a few of his distinguished guests, marched up Pacific Avenue, passing under the grand arch which was engraved with evergreens in the most artistic style with the following mottoes on the east side: "Western Welcome Terminus," and on the west side: "East united West."

At the station house door Villard made a short speech, delivered in his familiar business style, in which he referred to the through train, the hearty welcome he and his guests had received all along the line, and closed by saying that New York City once had stumps, and that he hoped the people of New Tacoma would do like them, clear them up. It is good and right that railroads be built, but would that they were built in a more honorable way, and in celebrating their completion no liquor was used.

Now that the N. P. R. R. is completed many of our eastern brethren will visit the famous Sound country seeking homes, and some even fortunes. To all such the brethren on the Sound would bid you come and welcome. Hoping that you may never, no never become *Sodomites*, but earnestly work in the divine life; that at Seattle, New Tacoma and Olympia, the leading towns on the Sound, the cause of the Master may be advanced and the name of God glorified.

GEO. SHARP.

Letter from Bro. Hubbard.

AMITY, OR., Sept. 13, 1883.

Dear Bro. Floyd:

Amid all the doubt and uncertainty emanating from certain sources, I thank God there is certainty and Rock upon which to stand. The only hope, for all perilous times, and all evil and doubt, is in the gospel of Christ. There never was a time when the preaching of Christ crucified was as much needed as now. Paul, in philosophical and dissolute Corinth, determined to know nothing but "Jesus Christ, and him crucified." And the same grand truth will prove, as it always has hitherto, the "power of God and the wisdom of God." The word of the living God is a remedy which has never failed in all the ages since Adam's race commenced its wonderous career, and the Church of Christ was established in Christian hearts. Yes, as members of the body of Christ we are bound to let the word of Christ

dwelt in us richly in all wisdom. If we develop Christian character and build up the body into an holy temple, we grow by the pure milk of the word. In all our private Christian life, and in all the internal life of the church, we live by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God; and, in the grand aggressive mission of the Church of Christ, to conquer the world to Prince Immanuel, the sacramental host, is massed by means

of one common faith; the only reliable weapon is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God invincible. The method of wielding it is from the same source infallible; and the "Captain of our salvation" is the "word made flesh," in whom and by whom and for whom are all things. Where then, if we follow the divine method,

is there a possibility of failure? Arms invincible, directions infallible, and the Leader himself all-powerful. Should not the church and its ministry then with boldness demand the surrender of all means and all things to the service of Christ? Confidently setting forth the doctrines, and all the doctrines of the divine word, in all their simplicity and power, and baptizing disciples and teaching all things whatsoever Christ has commanded? We have here, in the Bible doctrine, the means of slaying the "Man of Sin," and making the downfall of the "Babylon-harlot," and all her children, sure and speedily. Here, too, are the sure means of resisting the tide of infidelity under whatever name or disguise it may or shall appear, as well as bring the soul-ruining superstitions of China, Burmah, and the "islands of the sea" prostrate at the feet of the all-conquering Son of God.

Here we have the chain which linked with the faithful prayers of God's people shall "bind Satan a thousand years;" and these doctrines lived in the lives of men, shall prove the "light of the world," which, in its coming clear and full orb'd rising, shall usher in the glorious morning light of that day which is the theme of prophets and poet's song, and Christian hope. If then, in our march toward that final goal, as we, in thought, review the condition of our congregations, some shall be found to be weak, let us look to the doctrine of God's word alone as a source of strength. If delinquency shall cause stumbling in the ranks let us try anew and faithfully the direc-

tions of the word of Matt. 18, and Gal. 6: 1, as those who have no right to amend God's plan: "See thou do all things according to the pattern."

If courteousness mars the beauty of Zion and cripples her work, let us remember the plan of systematic benevolence, which God has given in 1 Cor. 16, as his divine plan. "It is a sure cure." If destitute of a minister, seek one in God's plan, as the gift of the Holy Spirit, and

then retain him until, in consistency with the same word and spirit, they direct otherwise. There can be no unstable church, clinging to the word of God only. There can be no weak church, built of Osaspel material. There can be no poor church, if enriched with Bible doctrines appreciated and practiced. Every church becomes powerful and approaches the beauty of the all-glorious Bride, just in proportion to its strict adherence to the doctrines of the Scriptures, calling nothing that God has commanded nonessential. God is in the midst of her, and she cannot be moved. When the apostolic churches were established in the faith they "increased in numbers daily."

Let us recognize God in all our past history, and thankful for the present, and hopeful for the future, let us take fresh courage and go forward with increasing faith in God and God's plan for the salvation of the world. For we need have no fear that men will ever become so wise that the truths of God's word cannot enlighten them and subdue and save them. They are God's appointed means of impressing and moving the heart, of awakening and saving the soul; and preaching, to have power, must base itself on these truths and be sustained and animated by them.

I was finishing this article when this week's HERALD came containing your just criticism of Mr. Beecher, namely, "Beecher's Visit," as well as "Beecher Against Paul." You notice that I shake hands with you in this article in a entire adherence to the word of God. God bless you in the defense of his word. Much more I might write, but more anon.

There is too little gospel preached in the pulpits of our land; the Christianity of our time is adulterated; infernal poisons are partaken of by famishing souls, and multitudes eat, pine and die, and are lost. A covetous and mammon loving church united to a time-serving

pulpit is the curse and blight of this age. But do not let the weakness and mistakes of professed Christianity be a block of stumbling before us, for we have our own life to live, and our own account to render. Do not forget that God is your Father, and invites you to his love, that his claims are just which call upon us for our love, manhood, influence and our lives.

S. M. HUBBARD.

Report.

ELK HEAD, OR.,
Sept. 12, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

By request I write you a short report of our Douglas County Meeting. It was a success to the end for which it was intended, and many hearts were made glad by the renewing of their long neglected devotion to the Most High. The meeting was conducted by Bro. Shelley, of Drain, A. L. Todd, of Elk Head, and Bro. Grubb, of Coast Fork. Bro. Shelley spoke long and well on the subject of the duty of Christians, and we must say that he is a perfect little giant, and we only feel sorry that he and all other such men cannot be kept constantly in the work. The brethren of that place have secured his services for once per month; this much is good, but should be increased as soon as possible.

The meeting lasted over two Sundays, and closed the second at 4 o'clock with as an effecting a farewell as I have witnessed for many years. We extend our sincerest thanks and Christian love to our Baptist brethren who greatly assisted us throughout the meeting. Brethren, pray for the union, for Christ himself bowed and prayed for the same; then is it not worth your most earnest efforts.

Douglas county is in great need of such meetings, and would that I could see them held through the entire county. But ere this reaches the reader I shall be on my way toward the sunny South; how far I shall go I do not know; I shall, probably, spend the winter in Los Angeles. I kindly ask that your prayers may journey with me and shield me from the trials that I shall have to pass through.

Yours in Christian love and hope,
L. J. TODD.

Many Thanks.

The brethren and friends of Eden Valley, W. T., will receive my thanks for the present of a nice little riding animal.

T. M. MORGAN.