

without cover. I shall see what can be done towards providing a refuge for such, for I learn that both the Panama R. R. Co. and the Canal Co. are making strenuous efforts to take care of the health of their employes.

I go to-morrow to look out the best place for our residence, for I expect Mrs. Williams and the children in about a month. They are at present in Jamaica, 600 miles north of here.

More soon. Asking the prayers of God's people in our behalf and that of this mission, I am yours, fraternally. W. H. WILLIAMS.

Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 15.

Inclosed please find statement for the month of September. As stated in my last letter, we have lost a brother by death. Our Sunday-school is now increasing again; it is always largest here in the winter time. I am glad to report that my weekly paper has got a good many more subscribers this fall. It has increased from 3,000 to 5,000 subscribers. I have, of course, done a great deal of advertising, but now by the increase the expense has come in again. I can now say that I am preaching to at least ten thousand persons every week, besides giving them a lot of other good moral reading, so we have always something to rejoice in. Of course, all this keeps me busy; but now, as a matter of course, I have several contributors and translators, besides a young lady in the office. Most of my helpers belong to the church. The other day I sent Bro. Errett a translation into the Danish language of his "Letters to a Young Christian," which I have published. I hope I shall be able to sell the edition—2,000. It is now in all the bookstores, and I hope to dispose of some through the paper. It is, however, not so easy to sell books here, unless they are published by one of the *priests*.

A. HOLCK.

FASTEN TO THE WHARF.—An old sea captain riding with a young man on the cars, said to him: "Where are you going?" "I am going to the city to live." "Have you letters of introduction?" "Yes," said the young man, and he pulled out some of them. "But have you a church certificate?" "O hyes, but I did not suppose you desired to look at that." "Yes," said the captain, "I want to see that. As soon as you reach the city don't fail to present it to some Christian church. I am an old sailor, and I have been up and down in the world, and it is as a rule of mine, as soon as I get into port, to fasten my ships fore and aft to the wharf, rather than have my ships floating hither and thither with the tide."

California Department.

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To Bro. and Sister Royal.

Self and wife shake hands with Bro. and Sister Royal across the Rockies and give a California howdy. I well remember words and expressions of Bro. Royal's over thirty-five years ago, and when he was present at the time of my maiden effort in the gospel. We have planted our own vines and fig trees and are eating of the fruit thereof, and from these we look out to the Prairie State and gladly learn of our friends and their success. The voice of Bro. R., of Vermont, Illinois, brings up my boyish days, when along her streets in play and in business I wandered to and fro. At the "Old Union Church" I saw the first Sunday-school; the mail was carried in a one horse buggy, and its arrival was announced by blowing a horn; an old log school house stood on the public square; years passed away, Bro. J. H. Hughes presented the word of life in the Christian church, while Bros. Royal and Toland were among the earnest Sunday-school workers. Thus thousands of recollections come crowding to my mind of the ups and downs of early life, and when I read of the death of Bro. Thomas Royal, I thought of our boyish sports together on the school ground and gathering nuts among the falling leaves near the creek banks; but an early frost has taken him away; the autumnal winds now scatter the falling leaves over his grave and enshrine his tomb in their yellow cloak. Scarcely had he reached his middle of life when even beyond he expected to minister to the wants of his father in his declining years; but no, the parents must minister to the children to the last, and then, like the full ripe sheaf, be gathered into the garner with the family gone before. Wife and I love, in this Golden State, to leave for a time its mountain slopes, sunny vales, and forget for awhile her fig trees, vines, fruits and oranges, and wander through our old prairie home; we love her soil, for in her bosom sleeps the precious dust of our parents. Those sacred urns will have to give up their dust in time; they opened to receive them, but they must yield to the great Deliverer who opens the

grave and will give us back our treasure.

My brother and sister you have had many dark clouds gather over your homes, but the "Rock of Ages" has opened its cleft, and, when the storm cloud lifted, the bow of promise spanned the danger and hope bright and glorious showed the way to a better land. "A few more days, or years, at most," and you shall reach fair Canaan coast. I hope some time, in the flesh, to grasp your hand, look in those eyes as in days gone by. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

Brief Notes.

One more confession and baptism at College City.

Bro. Belding gave us two discourses at College City.

It is not certain that Bro. John Sanford will come out this fall.

The State Evangelist is now at Modesto in a protracted meeting.

Bro. H. D. Connell has begun his work at Madison and Capay, in Yolo county.

Bro. R. N. Davis will begin his labors with the church at Saratoga in January, 1884.

Pres. J. C. Keith filled Bro. Belding's pulpit in San Francisco lately, while Bro. B. preached for Bro. Keith the same day in Colusa.

Bro. Belding is visiting the brethren in different parts of the State and soliciting funds for building a church in San Francisco. He is meeting with good success.

Bro. R. N. Davis, of Watsonville, delivered the opening sermon in the new house of worship at Nicholas, in Sutter county, on Oct. 21st. This is one of the points where Bro. Frank Tandy is laboring.

Bro. G. O. Burnett was present during the State Meeting, which he enjoyed very much. We asked him all the questions we could think of about the people in Oregon. We were pleased to hear his voice again among the prayers and exhortations.

Bro. Gano. Kennedy, formerly one of the deacons in the College City church, and has been teaching in our neighborhood for several years, is now living in Oakland. He expects to begin missionary work at Suisun, in Solano county. Bro. K. was educated in Kentucky University, May he have abundant success.

Missionary Board.

The Executive Board of the W. C. M. S. of Oregon met at Mouth, Nov. 1, 1883, at 9 A. M.

Officers present: Mrs. A. M. Bedwell, President; Mrs. E. J. Barker, Vice President and Mrs. E. W. Spriggs, Rec. Secretary.

After due consideration the Board decided to except the aid of a circular letter and a printed petition to be circulated as directed by the President, to be used in organizing auxiliary societies, with the understanding that the President visit all societies at her earliest convenience. We then adjourned to attend the Ladies Aid Society at 2 P. M. They meet monthly. Late in the evening we were joined by our Cor. Secretary. We went to Independence and held a public session in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 P. M. Following is the programme: Open by singing. Reading by Miss N. Springer, Cor. Secretary, from 1 Peter 5: 2-12. Prayer by Bro. Osborn; Singing. Address by Mrs. A. M. Bedwell, President; Prayer by pastor Presbyterian church; Remarks by Mrs. Spriggs and Mrs. Barker.

The Constitution of the W. C. M. S. was read and petition circulated. The sisters responded readily to the call for names to organize an auxiliary society. The audience was then led in prayer by Mrs. Barker, after which they were dismissed by Mrs. Spriggs.

The sisters who had given their names remained to elect their officers. They are as follows: Mrs. L. Osborn, President; Mrs. M. A. Richardson, Vice President; Miss E. Butler, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. M. M. Fryer, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. S. M. Dodder, Treasurer.

Committee on Solicitation: Mrs. Hodgkin, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Ella Butler.

The State Executive Board then adjourned to meet the first Thursday in February, at 2 P. M., at Salem.

MRS. J. W. SPRIGGS,
State Rec. Sec.