

37. Statements of the authorities of the cities of the United States say that the majority of fallen women of the cities owe their first steps in that direction to the ball-room.

38. There are parents—not Christians—who, when young, were fond of the dance; when they became heads of families, would not permit their daughters to attend. Why?

39. What would be a preacher's influence, if found to frequent the ball-room? Since we are to "pray without ceasing, and for everything give thanks," what would be the feelings of the Christians if a pious minister should go in and pray for blessings on them before the dance should begin?

40. If the ball-room is not a suitable place for a pure-hearted young lady, it certainly is not the place for a pure-hearted young man.

4. People generally believe that it is wrong. If a preacher should state on a funeral occasion, that the lady or gentleman was an accomplished dancer, the friends would be greatly insulted.

42. Where spoken of in the scripture, except in the case of the death of John the Baptist, dancing was:  
1. Rejoicing over divine blessing.  
2. Men and women never danced together.  
3. It was always religious.

**Brief Notes.**

The Tulare County Coöperation have called the State Evangelist to labor a short time for them.

Sister S. E. Teal and her husband, who is known in Colusa county, as Captain, have moved from our midst to Ashland, Oregon. They think that Sister T. will have better health. Our sister united with the congregation in College City about the first year of its organization. We trust they will realize all their anticipations in our sister State. We will miss their merry cheer. We wish them success and a large circle of friends.

Bro. Hand is in Shasta county in a meeting. A cry has been sent to us for several months; neither Bro. Keith nor myself could answer the calls.

Bro. Hand delivered in College City some of his religio-scientific discourses that were very instructive, and a general satisfaction was expressed. He ought to be busy all the time. He wants to wear out in the Great Work.

The singing at the last State Meeting was considered the best we have ever had, and to say the Popular Hymns were used is a sufficient guaranty. The work is the best selection for such occasions that we have seen. But we would have had good, yes, first rate singing if any other good hymn book had been as universally distributed. Almost every singer on the ground was supplied with a book.

The work at Modesto, under the State Evangelist, has been quite successful. The meeting resulting in twenty one additions to the church. Bro. Henry Shadel will be Bishop of that Diocese, and devote all his time to the care of the flock. Bro. S. is a young man of strength, mental, moral and physical, and he will study carefully how he can best break the bread of life to that people, that, as babes, they may grow thereby. He is an earnest, faithful worker and never tires.

When we read of the success of the General Missionary Convention which lately held its meeting at Cincinnati, we were full of the desire to be present, at least, at one of such meetings. Dollars and cents cannot make an estimate of many of the great benefits that come to the human soul by being associated with those who are thoroughly educated in head and heart. Those whose souls are overwhelmed with Christian love, sacrifice and work are like the bubbling chaldron, that seethes and quivers because of a fire within. May this influence, like leaven, reach every other particle, till all of God's people be thoroughly infected with the "Go, preach the gospel" desire. Christ came to purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works. If the disciples of the Lord are not zealous of good works they will not be that peculiar people.

A move was made in the General Convention to establish a church building fund, an enterprise that is greatly needed. By this means many localities can be assisted by the income from such a fund, and thus can destitute places be assisted in building churches.

Bro. John Sanford is expected out from Missouri in a few days. We promised that if he would come to our county and locate we would give up to him our appointment at Williams. We are unable to de-

vote more than one Sunday in a month, while they need some one one-half or three-fourths of his time at least. Bro. S. has a brother there who is principal of the public schools. When Bro. S. comes we will, probably, put that fourth of our time with the church at Sycamore, which will give the brethren at Sycamore preaching twice a month.

The State Evangelist is now at Chico, in Butte county. Heretofore the brethren have been meeting in a private school building, but since the meeting has begun they have rented the Baptist church, and are holding their meetings in it. Bro. Mc. writes us that that city is a hard place to work; but he has one grand assistant in Bro. Hartly, who is a good singer, a good preacher, and has not a jealous nor envious spark in his heart. His good works are well known. Lord, bless the work.

Bro. Hartly wishes to withdraw his appointment at Butte City, in order to give all of his time to the work in Chico. Butte City is in Colusa county, and where Bro. H. has lived for a number of years and besides, where he began his first work. The brethren will need a preacher soon to hold a meeting for them and to enter on the work. They will probably not yet be able to employ a man all his time, but there is work at other points near by. The brethren at Butte City have decided in a very substantial manner to hold Bro. Hartly and also "the fort."

A Christian Woman's Missionary Society has been lately organized at Modesto.

President J. C. Keith has entered upon his fifth year with the church at Colusa. His work is entirely satisfactory. He gives them only one-half of his time; his obligations to the College keep him a half of his time at this place, so that he can not do as much preaching away from home as he would like. There are several points near us where they are calling for help, and we are doing our utmost to supply them. We can do no more than "all our might" to help them. People are wanting the Bible and its doctrine pure, they are seeing where the facts and truths and principles of the gospel are obeyed, that this gospel is just what it

proposes to be, that its words, that its divine origin is becoming more evident. May Holy lives commend it in every day life, while each shall be able to give a reason for his hope.

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**Tasks.**

It is a principle of human nature to dislike restraint. We like to be free. A man will work harder for for himself, than for another; he takes more interest in that which he does, if he is at liberty to cease working at any time he may choose. The hireling who slights his day's labor done for another, generally does very carefully work arranged and executed for himself.

So the child, when the teacher arranges his work in such manner as makes him think he has some part in it, usually prepares his lessons with more care, than when his work is marked off in the form of a task. The child-mind is naturally active, and if this activity is simply led, the lesson—work is not so difficult. It is easier to lead than drive, and more effectual.

If on the play ground the teacher should assume control of the child's amusements in such manner as to bear with it the appearance of restriction, the child immediately becomes dissatisfied. It is not then play, it is a task. As some one says "Work is that we have to do, play that we do not."

In the schoolroom the child has the same disposition to be free to manage for himself. The knowledge gained under suggestive rather than compulsory measures is much more valuable to the learner. It is not only more lasting on account of its vividness, but more useful because the mind tends to repeat it work and thus the next time the mind springs to its labor with an eagerness that simply means education itself.

We can all remember the true teacher who used to instruct us so easily and naturally, by getting an interest in us for all our work, and we can also remember the task-master who simply marked off an allotment of work, and left us to our "lesson" and misery.

The children should be made to feel that the teacher is a helper a co-worker, and not simply an over-