

Letter from Bro. Edmunds.

COQUILLE CITY, OR.,

Nov. 12, 1883

Dear Bro. Floyd:

I take this method to let the readers of the HERALD hear from us here at Coquille City. I have been here but a few months and have had to devote a portion of my time to building a home; but the interest of the church have occupied my mind and my labors have been abundant, and by the blessing of him who has said, "Lo I am with you always." A deep interest has been created and the little band of brethren and sisters are greatly encouraged and hopeful. We held services here on Saturday evening and Sunday morning and evening. Last meeting the congregations were the largest witnessed here for a long time, and two happy young young disciples were added to the church by primary obedience. This is an important field and should not be overlooked by our home mission board; but aided for the year to come as for the past few months, and the church will not only be self-supporting but able to help other needy places.

This is a fine country, and fast filling up with good people. If any of the brotherhood are seeking homes, they will do well to visit the Coquille river valley before locating. More anon.

Fraternally yours,

G. R. EDMUNDS.

Report from Salem.

SALEM, OR.,

Nov. 26, 1883.

Dear Bro.:

I have been negligent about making any report of our church work here. I will say that during this month we have baptized two and received by commendation two. Though many of our members are absent our congregations are good and interest in the good work is good.

J. W. SPRIGGS.

Report from Irving.

IRVING, LANE CO., OR.,

Nov. 29, 1883.

Dear Bro. Floyd:

Our State Evangelist, Bro. Cheetham, held a good and successful meeting of some thirteen days at Clear Lake hall, commencing on Thursday evening before the third Lord's day in this month and closing about the time for the county meeting at Eugene. There were 5

added to the church during the meeting; 2 by primary obedience, 2 by relation and 1 reclaimed. Bro.

C. is a good preacher, and I do hope the Board of Missions will keep him in the field. Our people were very much revived and strengthened by the labors of our good Bro. Cheetham. To the Lord be all the praise.

Your brother in Christ,

J. E. ROBERTS.

Current Religious News.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union having failed through their committee to secure a day of prayer for temperance in the customary programme of the week of prayer, have decided to set apart the second Tuesday in January next as a day for special prayer in the churches for their work.

The C. M. S. Intelligencer gives the number of Maori Christians, in connection with the Church of England, in the Northern Island of New Zealand, as about 40,000. In the Middle or Southern Island are 2,000 more. The Native Clergy on the Northern Island are 29, Native Catechists 266.

The Cincinnati branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has raised during the past two years the handsome sum of \$22,000.

The following are the Presbyterian churches in the United States with over 1,000 members: The Tabernacle, Brooklyn, 2,735; Third, Chicago, 2,085; Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, 1,920; Fifth avenue, New York, 1,899; Fourth avenue, New York, 1,454; Bethany Mission, Philadelphia, 1,407; First, Rochester, N. Y., 1,335; University place, New York, 1,226; West church, New York, 1,077.

The Salvation Army is being excluded from one after another of the cantons of Switzerland. It is now under the ban in four cantons. "Captain" Beckett and her friends have been driven out of Berne. The President of the Geneva Council of State has replied to a petition from forty-three Geneva Salvationists that the late expulsion was not a violation of the law with regard to religious liberty. The petitioners announce their intention of appealing to the Federal Tribunal.

Young lady (catechizing the children on the plagues of Egypt):

"And what became of the plagues of locusts?" A pause. Then small boy at bottom suddenly: "Please, miss, I know! John the Baptist ate them."

Mrs. Leavitt, of the W. C. T. U., is doing good work in San Francisco and vicinity.—The Prohibitionists are preparing for the next campaign. Clubs are being organized in various parts of the State.—The Good Templar lecturers are commencing the duties of another year vigorously and hopefully.—Bands of Hope are being formed, and the question of temperance is rising into greater prominence than before.

A Baltimore woman by the name of Charity struck her husband over the head with a boot and came near killing him. Charity begins at home.

THE OLD TESTAMENT REVISION.—The American Bible Revision Committee held its annual meeting a few days since in the Bible House. Both the Old and the New Testament Companies were present. The Old Testament Company have completed the third revision of the minor Prophets, and the notes have been forwarded to England. Dr. Philip Schaff, the president of the committee, says that the English Company will doubtless complete its work in January, and the American Company about the same time, and he expects that the new revision of the Old Testament will be published next spring. There is reason to believe that there will be fewer important changes in the Old Testament Version than occurred in the New, and that the work of the revisers will meet with the general approval of Biblical scholars.

Of Mr. Moody's farm for boys in Franklin county, Mass., a correspondent writes: "The original farm houses were filled two years ago but four houses are now built, and will be furnished and ready for occupancy in September, each designed to hold twenty boys, so that about eighty can be accommodated in place of the forty now there. Twelve of those are from Manchester, England, and four from Liverpool. At family prayers this morning one of the lads presided at the organ, and his comrades sang with a vigor and earnestness wonderfully delightful. The boys assist on the farm, help milk the thirty-five cows, care for the horses and the pigs, helped last fall to pick and sell 175

barrels of apples, to market weekly 130 pounds of butter, to stack away in their huge barns some ninety tons of hay, with oats, rye, corn and garden vegetables. They are required to work about three hours a day, and in vacation are paid for working over-hours. Only two hours or so are devoted now to school study, but in September usual hours will be observed."

Luther at Worms.

The appearance of Luther before the Diet on this occasion is one of the finest, perhaps it is the very finest, scene in human history. Many a man has encountered death bravely for a cause which he knows to be just, when he is sustained by the sympathy of thousands, of whom he is at the moment the champion and the representative. But it is one thing to suffer, and another to encounter, face to face and single-handed, the array of spiritual and temporal authorities which are ruling supreme. Luther's very cause was yet unshaped and undetermined, and the minds of those who had admired and followed him were hanging in suspense for the issue of his trial. High-placed men of noble birth are sustained by pride of blood and ancestry, and the sense that they are the equals of those whom they defy. At Worms there was on one side a solitary low-born peasant monk, and on the other the Legate of the dreaded power which had broken the spirit of Kings and Emperors—sustained and personally supported by the Imperial Majesty itself and the assembled princes of Germany, before whom the poor peasantry had been taught to tremble as beings of another nature from themselves. Well might George of Frensburg say that no knight among them all had ever faced a peril which could equal this.

The victory was won. The wavering hearts took courage. The Evangelical revolt spread like an epidemic. The Papacy was like an idol, powerful only as long as it was feared. Luther had thrown his spear at it, and the enchantment was broken. The idol was but painted wood, which men and boys might now mock and gibe at. Never again had Charles another chance of crushing the Reformation.—J. A. Froude.

We never read that Joshua's hand was weary with wielding the sword, but Moses's hand was weary with holding the rod. The more spiritual the duty, the more apt we are to tire of it.—Spurgeon.