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THE NEW YEAR STANDS AT AN OPEN GATE.

BY MARY E. BURNETT.

The New Year stands at an open gate,
And the eyes of my soul are blind;
Oh! just for a moment let me wait,
For the old road lies behind!

Let me remember, while I can trace
The steps on the wandering track;
Let me say "Farewell!" for a moment's space
I shall never, never go back.

Let me look forward and humbly pray,
Ere the gate shall be closed behind;
How can I tell on the unknown way
What sorrow or joy I shall find?

There's the New Year's chime! Be glad and bold;
There is light on the other side.
Go through, remember The Promise old;
Go through, for the portal is wide.

—*The Independent.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

ATTENTION READERS!

All private letters and all other matter demanding the special attention of the editor should be addressed to J. F. Floyd, Albany, Oregon. All subscriptions for the HERALD, all matter intended for publication and letters in reference to the business connected with the paper should be addressed to CHRISTIAN HERALD, Monmouth, Oregon.

The *New Northwest* and *West Shore* both issued splendid Christmas editions.

Bro. Peter Burnett delivered an excellent sermon in the church at this place last Lord's day.

Bro. Berry Ingram writes that Monroe, Or., is the nearest Post office to the Liberty church.

Happy New Year greetings to our readers everywhere and may we all be able to renew the same a year to come.

Please read the circular of the Foreign Missionary Society which appears in another column. How shall we aid its advancement?

Sister E. Himes writes from Elma, W. T.: "Our church house is being finished, and we have a minister hired. Our prospects are looking up."

Will the subscriber who sent us a postal order for one dollar from Dayton, W. T., without letter or explanation, tell us what it is for that due credit may be given?

Our appointment at the Oak Creek church, Linn county, will be on the third Lord's day in this month, at which time the Lord willing, we will be there to preach our first sermon at 11 o'clock A. M.

NOTICE.—Our readers will please remember that all orders for books, tracts, etc., should be sent to Albany instead of Monmouth. Also all queries, to receive prompt attention, should be sent to the CHRISTIAN HERALD, Albany.

The Old Year has passed and the New one has come. What do we propose doing for the cause of Christ during 1884? Let us look back over the past year and see our mistakes and endeavor to do better in the future. As we approach eternity year by year we should draw nearer to Christ day by day.

The HERALD enters upon its fourteenth volume with a larger list of subscribers and brighter prospects than ever before. We are now situated so as to devote more attention than ever to thoughtful and solid writing, for its columns. Let our agents and friends generally rally to its support, and we promise them a paper worthy of their respect and confidence.

We spent most of our Christmas packing our household goods and removing to Albany. We left Monmouth on Thursday morning, Dec. 27, and arrived at Albany the same evening in time to find comfortable quarters in the pleasant home of Bro. and Sister Isaac Hays, who cared for us till we were ready for house keeping. A warm reception never fails to make a preacher feel like his presence and work are appreciated, while a cool reception or an indifferent departure is not calculated to strengthen his idea of the spirituality of that church.

We are now located in Albany, and have commenced our work in earnest. So far we have been unable to secure a church house, and have been occupying the court house with good audiences and a live interest. We propose to begin at the bottom and build up a permanent work. Hence it will require much labor to firmly establish the cause in Albany, and the process will be slow. Let no one expect too much in a short time. The brethren and sisters here are zealous and persevering, and from present indications, they propose to hold up our hands that we may do the more for the Lord. We expect therefore that this work will receive the moral and financial support of the brotherhood of Oregon.

Bro. Peterson writes thus cheerfully from Central Point: "We are having a very dry winter. During this week I preached five nights at a school-house two miles south of my residence to very respectable and attentive audiences. More than ordinary interest but no additions. We have built a school and meeting house, half a mile north of our home, where Bro. H. C. Fleming and I hold meetings each alternate Lord's day, I on the first and third, he on the second and fourth. We have some prospect of a forward movement. There are quite a number of new comers settling in our valley. Among the rest some members of the church. One of the greatest hindrances to the cause of Christ is indifference. Oh, that there might be a general awakening, both in and out of the church, is the prayer of your brother in the Lord."

The Linn county Coöperation convenes in Albany on the 16, of this month, and will continue over the following Lord's day. Let the churches of the country get ready for this meeting by selecting their delegates, making their pledges, etc. We hope all of the churches will be represented, and a large number of the Sisters and brethren will be in attendance. We will try to take care of all who may come. Let all who propose doing so, drop us a card at once that we may provide for them comfortable homes. The following names are on the programme, most of whom have promised to be with us: Neal Cheetham, J. E. Roberts, G. M. Whitney, H. T. Morrison, H. M. Waller, P. R. Burnett, James Moor, D. M. Doty, I. N. Mulkey, A. C. Vernon, T. Goodman and Mrs. A. M. Bedwell. Come sisters and brethren and let us have a good meeting.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We acknowledge a call, while at Monmouth, from Bro. F. M. Vanderpool, from Prineville. He is our efficient agent at Prineville.

Bro. H. T. Morrison has been making his headquarters at Monmouth for a few days, and we are sorry to state that part of the time has been quite unwell. He left for