

An Eastern secular paper has said, in substance, "The Baptists are a people who have learned to hold firmly to their religious convictions, and at the same time to treat the opinions of others with courtesy." It is to be feared that all have not yet reached such a happy consummation.

Yours fraternally,  
W. H. CARMICHAEL,  
Pastor Baptist church,  
Spangle, W. T.

[We are thankful to our Baptist brother for this word of explanation. We criticised the article referred to in order to correct an unnecessary and offensive manner some good people have of referring to us as a religious body. We have learned that it is best to call our religious neighbors by names they are willing to wear. We are glad to know that the article did not represent the spirit of the Baptists generally at Spangle.—ED.]

#### Letter from Bro. J. W. Osborn.

SEATTLE, W. T.,  
Jan. 7, 1884.

Bro. Floyd:

Bro. F. D. Holman preached for us on last Lord's day. His subject being "Bear ye one another's burdens," he handled it in an able manner. At the conclusion of his discourse he gave an invitation, and one young man came forward and made the good confession, and in the afternoon was buried with Christ in baptism and arose to walk in newness of life. The reason that we mention this case is that he formerly resided in Monmouth, and thinking that his friends would be glad to hear of his conversion; his name is Kirk Murphy; he lives about fifty miles down Sound.

We purpose commencing a protracted effort next week, and we hope to be able to give you a good report. Our membership at present is 34, an increase of 22 since we organized.

Bro. Bruce Wolverton has just returned from Tacoma, but I have not heard what success he met with this time; but he speaks very highly of the work there. He is to preach to the sectarians on Thursday evening of this week; this being the week of prayer.

Yours truly,  
J. W. OSBORN.

In God's salvation we can do but little, but there is a great deal to be received.—F. W. Robertson.

#### Letter from Turkey.

BARDIZAG, Nov. 22, 1883.

A. McLEAN, Corresponding Secretary of the the F. C. M. Society, Cincinnati, O.

My Dear Bro:—Your favor of October 16, with a draft for \$186.66 enclosed, was thankfully received by me a few days ago, while in Constantinople with my wife last week, where we had gone to look for a suitable house for us to remove there. We spent ten days in the city, but it being late in the season, we did not succeed to find a house in Stamboul, where we wish to locate. Some of our city friends, who are anxious for our return there promised to look out a house for us, and inform us, so we returned to Bardizag.

Bro. Garabed Der Tavitian knows but very little English. The \$20 for Bardizag church you can send in my name in a separate draft, if it does not make any difference, and I will hand to them. Your last draft was the "third" instead of the "first of exchange," for which I promised the bank to change as soon as you send me the "first," as you have sent me the "first" hitherto.

Our Bardizag church is now in a condition that needs a permanent position to enable our poor brethren and sisters to withstand the machinations of the enemy, who is desperately trying to sift them by all kinds of allurements and false promises. In my absence they succeeded to lead astray one man and his wife, whom we had placed among the strongest in this little band. This had its evil effects as well as its good effects upon the church. For these and many other reasons, I say, that they must take a permanent position as a separate people, which can only be done by giving them a house to worship in, and a small lot of ground to bury their dead. I have been very cautious in bringing the claims of this people and this mission before our brethren hitherto, but now feel compelled to invite your attention at once, though very reluctantly. If my proposition to our Sunday-schools in the United States of which I wrote in my last, meet the approval of our brethren and sisters, I think we will not have much difficulty in raising \$1,200 to \$1,500, which will be sufficient for a church and burying place for our noble band in Bardizag. Our opposing parties are spending their thousands to hold out their shattered position; only about two months ago they

paid \$2,000 for a house, as an additional building for their school. If we could have only one-tenth of the means placed in their hands by the good people of the United States, I am sure we can do much more than they are doing in evangelizing Turkey. After the above mentioned building was bought the people were invited into the church to hear the dedicatory address from the missionaries. Some of our brethren whose children go to their schools attended the dedication. The missionaries repeatedly said that the Board had bought the house only for the good of the people; that the house was (the people's), and many such words, well calculated to tempt the ambition of a poverty stricken people, were said, and I am rather surprised that their grand speeches and grander promises and allurements, led away only a man and his wife, while the rest remained faithful. This is only one instance out of many to show how the enemy is at work. Brethren, I pray you, I beseech, let us do all we can to establish the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in this land, which the Lord placed in our hands, and he will do the rest.

I have just received a good, long letter from our dear brother in Mar-sivan. He says that the people there are greatly shaken from their former faith, and there is an awakening among them to search after the truth. There are many who are fully persuaded, and not a few who desire to be baptized. The missionaries not being able to speak against our preaching in public as unscriptural, say that both immersion and sprinkling are Scriptural; also, that though it is better to baptize believers, but to baptize infants also, is not against the teachings of the gospel. For fear that our brother should persuade others also, they forbade him to speak, read or pray in their prayer-meetings; also denied him the right of voting. Thus they cast him out of their "synagogue;" yet he is strong in the Lord, teaches from house to house, holds meetings when opportunity presents itself, and says, "By the help of my Lord and Master doubtless I shall conquer, we shall conquer, for he himself and his sword is with me."

This brother is a poor man, has a wife and four children, himself not being yet thirty years of age; had a cow which helped him to support his family by her milk. He says that the cow died after I left Mar-

sivan. Though in need of his daily bread in this world, the consciousness of his being an heir of the kingdom of heaven, seems to have filled his heart with joy and contentment, which pervades his whole letter.

I have read of your offer and sacrifice of your labors in the work of foreign missions with admiration and satisfaction. I am sure the Lord will reward you a thousand-fold, dear Bro. McLean. You have chosen a good portion, and no one shall take it from you. May the Lord bless you, is my prayer.

G. N. SHISHMANIAN.

#### Evangelizing.

Reaching the Bundy school-house rather late we found the brethren waiting patiently. There were in attendance in business meeting, Brethren J. B. Bedford, I. N. Richardson, Hamilton, Marquies, Anderson, Dwire and others. The brethren disposed of their business in a very satisfactory manner. We were addressed on a gospel subject at night by Bro. Hamilton, the writer begging to be excused from speaking, being much fatigued by the journey.

A good congregation assembled in the forenoon and at night on Lord's day, to whom we discoursed resulting in two confessions. Storms coming on and the holidays interfering our congregations were small till the next Lord's day, we had good attendance. We closed on Tuesday night with one more accession from the United Brethren. We have a goodly number of excellent brethren in the vicinity of Bundy, but are not in working order. They will be favored during the year by the efficient labors of Bro. Hamilton. More anon.

T. M. MORGAN.

CHIEF END OF MAN.—The older I grow—and I stand on the brink of eternity—the more comes back to me the sentence in the catechism, which I learned when a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes—"What is the chief end of man?" "To glorify God and to enjoy him forever." No gospel of dirt, teaching that men have descended from frogs through monkeys, can ever set that aside.—Carlyle.

True bravery is shown by performing without witness what one might be capable of doing before all the world.