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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A brother in our Linn county meeting, representing the Mt. Pleasant church, stated that that church had "determined to live preacher or no preacher." This is certainly a good resolution, and we would be glad to see it adopted in all the churches in Linn county, and in Oregon. Preaching of some kind must be done; but if a church can not always have a regular preacher, then let some of the members do the necessary teaching, and that church will live and prosper. Many churches depend too much on the preacher to do most or all of the work.

Last week there were in one day 13 persons brought into the Police court charged with being "drunk and disorderly" and fined \$10 each. It would seem from this that the high license system in Portland has not stopped drunkenness and is not likely to do so. Put them a little higher. The Daily News says: "Officer Flynn was promenading the streets yesterday looking after the licensed liquor dealers of the city, and from him it was learned

that 109 have taken out their license, and some forty-five more are getting their bonds ready. It is not believed that any of the saloon men will close their doors and retire from the business." Is it possible that nothing can be done to check nor crush out the whisky traffic of our State?

One speaker in our coöperation at Albany said he was getting "tired of playing at missionary work in Linn county." Is this not just as applicable to the counties generally in Oregon? There is entirely too much playing all along the line. We have too many children in the missionary work. It is high time that the people of God were putting away childish things and striving to be full grown men and women in Christ. The command of Christ to preach the gospel to every creature is just as applicable now as then. The apostles to whom the command was directly given are not now living to do the work in person, but this preaching is committed to the church, the ground and pillar of the truth. Hence instead of child's play, we want more active, earnest work in sounding out the pure gospel of Christ to perishing humanity.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Bro. Neal Cheetham is spending a few days at his home in the Territory.

Bro. H. T. Morrison has been holding a meeting at Waitsburg, W. T.

Bro. D. M. Doty and wife, of Scio, made their home with us during our county meeting.

We have had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. E. Roberts in Albany. He preaches regularly for the Central church, Linn county.

Bro. Craigie Sharp spent a few days in Albany last week. He dropped in at some of our meetings and gave us a few words of encouragement. He is a good and earnest talker.

Prof. Durham has accepted a position in Washington College, Santa Clara county, Cal., where Bro. J. H. McCollough is President. His correspondents will please notice the change of his address from College City to Washington Corners, Cal. He has the best wishes of the Herald in his new field of labor.

We learn that our young brother, Elijah Richardson, is preaching very acceptably for the Scio church since Bro. Doty has been compelled to give up regular preaching for the present on account of throat trouble. Bro. Richardson is a worthy young man, and if encouraged by the brethren as he should and doubtless will be, he will make an able minister of the gospel.

Bro. James Moore gave a sensible talk on the atonement, during our meeting. He said some of our brethren hold that the atonement was made on the cross when Christ died for the world. We never heard the idea presented that the atonement was completed on the cross, and those holding such a strange notion, are certainly wide of the mark. The death of Christ was only one link in the process of atoning for the world. It was also necessary for him to be buried and raised up again; and still the atonement was not completed till his blood was offered in heaven for the sins of the people.

LIVING EPISTLES.

In addressing the brethren at Corinth, the Apostle Paul says: "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men." 2 Cor. 3: 2.

When Paul wrote this epistle his apostleship had been called in question. It was also customary to give letters of commendation in those days. But notwithstanding these facts the apostle neither desired nor needed such letters to commend him. He had better than these. He had living epistles. "Ye are our epistle written and

engraven in our hearts." Taking the word epistle in its ordinary sense there are five things necessary to its production and existence. There must be the material, the writer, the pen, the ink and the impression. If any number of these should be lacking we can not write an ordinary letter. So it is in the production of the living epistles of which the apostle speaks. Keeping up his allegory, let us notice in what these five things consist. The human heart is the material on which the writing is to be done. Hence says the text, "Not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart." Paul and the other apostles were the pens. The Holy Spirit was the ink. "Written not with ink," says Paul, "but with the Spirit of the living God." All spiritual knowledge and the Christian graces constitute the impressions made on the heart and mind. So God has by his Spirit laid hold on the apostles and other inspired men and has written out these things in the hearts of his people. Hence we have the living epistles of the passage. This matter is made still plainer by the language of Paul to the Hebrews. He says: "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel in after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."

Such epistles as these are superior to all others in several respects.

1. Because known and read of all men. All men do not read the Bible; but where is the one who does not closely read these living epistles, or Christians? And too often this reading is anything but fair. They read the character of Christian people after the fashion the proof reader reads his proof. They are all the time looking for the errors. The beauties are not brought to light and held up as any part of true Christian character. Hence the Christian life may properly be compared to the work