

Report.

IRVING, OR.,
Jan. 15, 1884.

Dear Herald:

We had a good meeting at Central, Linn county, on last Lord's day at 11 A. M. and at lamp lighting. One confession at the evening meeting. The baptism will take place on the 2nd Lord's day in February. The church is in good condition at that point. Our house of worship (Clear Lake Hall) was burned to the ground on last Monday morning; cause, a defective flue, I think.

Yours in hope,
J. E. ROBERTS.

Report.

DOWNEY CITY, CAL.,
Jan. 10, 1884.

Bro. Floyd:

Last Lord's day morning six united with the church here, and at night two made the good confession, whom I baptized next day.

Affectionately,
C. KENDRICK.

Report from Columbia County,
W. T.

TOUCHET, W. T.,
Jan. 14, 1884.

Dear Bro. Morrison:

Our county evangelist, Bro. T. M. Morgan, assisted by Bro. I. N. Richardson, have been, and are still holding a very successful meeting with the church at this place, and the result of their labors to the present time has been twenty-four additions to the church; ten by relation and fourteen by baptism. This has been one of the most successful meetings that we have ever had in this county. The material that has been gathered into the church has been of the very best character. Young men and ladies, besides several who are the heads of families.

The brethren here are well pleased with Bro. Morgan, and we are confident that if the different congregations and the brethren individually will cooperate with him as the church as a body and the members as individuals have done here, that the cause of our Master will be greatly advanced and many precious souls will turn to the knowledge of the truth in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in the hope of an eternal life,

R. L. DASHIELL.

An air of importance—one's first breath.

Current Religious News.

It is a noteworthy fact that President Arthur's father was a minister and pastor for a number of years of Calvary (Baptist) Church in New York City. Grover Cleveland, Governor of New York, is the son of a minister, as is also Governor Pittison, of Pennsylvania.

The New York *Christian Advocate* says the death of Rev. Dr. Weddell, rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va., recalls the fact that it was in that church—and not in Philadelphia—that Patrick Henry made his immortal revolutionary speech.

Rev. W. R. Ware, of Vanderbilt University, says that among the forty theological students at the University there are only four that use tobacco in any way.

The churches in Red Bluff, Cal., seven in number, were organized as follows: Methodist Episcopal, in 1855; Presbyterian, in 1860; Baptist, in 1861; A. M. E. Church, in 1876; the Disciples, in 1880; the M. E. Church, South, in 1880; and the Catholic Church, in 1866.

The Sunday-school army of the world embraces about thirteen million, four hundred thousand scholars, and 1,600,000 officers and teachers, or a grand total of about fifteen million.

The new Lord Mayor of London declines to take out his state carriages and liveries on Sunday, because it would give work to his servants, and he wishes them to have a day of rest.

Mr. J. W. Warner, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is erecting a beautiful structure in New York City in memory of the Hon. William E. Dodge. It is to have large temperance halls, reading rooms, coffee room, and offices, with the intention of having a place where the youth of the neighborhood will find a friendly pleasant resort without going to the saloon. It is expected that the building will cost \$100,000.

An every-day religion—one that loves the duties of your common walk; one that makes an honest man; one that accomplishes an intellectual and moral growth in the subject; one that works in all weather, and improves all opportunities, will best and most healthily promote the growth of a church and the power of the Gospel.—*Bushnell.*

Washington's ancestor, Col. John Washington, came over to this country in 1660 in a vessel owned by Edward Prescott; and on the way over the crew hanged a passenger, a Quakeress named Elizabeth Richardson, suspecting her of causing bad weather by witchcraft.

The Rev. Geo. Washington Nolley who died recently at Ashland, Va., aged eighty years had performed fifty-eight years' active service in the Methodist ministry. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, ever since its origin. He is said to have led a charge of Confederate troops in the battle at Brook Church, near Richmond.

John Wesley, a man of warm heart and active spirit, said, "I am always in haste though never in a hurry." He one day remarked to Adam Clarke, the commentator, "As I was passing through St. Paul's churchyard I observed two women standing opposite to each other, the one speaking and gesticulating violent, while the other stood perfectly still and in silence. Just as I came up and was about to pass them, the virago, clenching her fist and stamping her foot at her imperturbable neighbor, exclaimed, 'Speak, wretch, that I may have something to say!' Adam that was a lesson to me. Silence is often the best answer to abuse."

Harper's Drawer says it has never had so good a metaphor complete in all its parts, as the following, which is cut from a recent article in a prominent religious newspaper. We feel sure that the metaphor is all right, because the author of it is a Doctor of Divinity: "These seeds of pride are bursting with flame which might lay the foundation of a deluge that would with its fangs envenom my soul."

Jan. 1, 1884, was the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of the great Swiss reformer, Ulrich Zwingli. He was just seven weeks younger than Martin Luther. His parents were in humble circumstances, but he found the needed education to fit him for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1506. In 1514, he visited Erasmus at Basle; and, in 1519, he was appointed preacher in the cathedral at Zurich. When the struggle in Switzerland took the form of open war, Zwingli fought with the reformers, and fell at the battle of Cappel. His body was discovered

and burned by the enemy. What Luther was to Germany and John Knox to Scotland, Zwingli was to Switzerland.

Foreign Christian Missionary Society.

George Darsie, in the annual address, emphasized the thought that what our people need first and foremost on the missionary question, is light. The dying words of Goethe, "More light, more light," express the need of the hour. Competent judges believe that the only thing necessary to interest the entire brotherhood in this cause is a knowledge of the facts. This statement has been prepared with this thought in mind. Its aim is first to set forth what has been done by the Society; and secondly, to outline the work of the present year.

I. What has been done since its organization in 1875. Eleven missions have been established under its auspices. These missions are located in England, France, Denmark, Turkey, India, Japan, and on the Isthmus of Panama. Since the Convention, Garabed Kevorkian was sent to Tokat, in Asia Minor. He is a physician as well as a preacher. The total membership under its care is about 1,300. It has five chapels in England, worth in all \$80,000. Its receipts from the first amount to \$97,000. Last year they were over \$25,000. Several of these missions will soon be self-supporting, and will become sources of revenue. The efforts put forth thus far have been signally blest. The results have far exceeded all expectations.

II. The work proposed for the present year. It is briefly as follows; 1. To send three evangelists to England. 2. To strengthen our present missions in France and Denmark. 3. To send a physician to India. 4. To build a home, costing about \$4,000, for our missionaries in India. 4. To establish one or two new missions. We may have to revise and enlarge our plans as we go on. Our policy from the first has been to follow the leadings of providence.

To carry out these plans we will need a dozen missionaries. We will need besides \$60,000. We can afford to raise this sum, and at the same time give double as much as in any previous year for all home enterprises. The Disciples of Christ ought to pay \$0.10 a member, when the Methodists pay \$0.20, the Baptists \$0.40, the Presbyter-