

the grave, not so much on account of the waywardness of his son, as because of parental neglect which was in one sense the cause of that fatal waywardness.

Christian parent, have you a family altar in your home? Are you trying faithfully, in the fear of God, to surround your children with Christian influences? Beware lest your present neglect make bitter the days that are yet to come.—*Central Baptist.*

Missionary Column.

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MISSIONARY NOTES.

I desire to say to the brethren with regards to the work of the Evangelist, that the future, so far as mapped out, is as follows:

About the first of March he will begin a meeting at McMinnville. He will hold a meeting at McCoy in April, and the month of May will, probably, all be spent with three congregations in Benton county, beginning at Liberty school-house, going from there to the Fir Grove school-house, and from there to Chesher. The Evangelist has taken the most of this month to rest and visit his family, but will begin work by the last of this week. It has not been definitely determined where he will begin, but probably at The Dalles. I understand the churches at Hillsboro, Forest Grove and Sheridan desire meetings, but neither of them has asked through me for the Evangelist. If he does not now hold a meeting at The Dalles there will be the month of February that can be taken by one or more churches. There will, probably, be time in March and April for two other meetings. Churches desiring the time indicated should address me at once, and arrange the time. Portland would be glad to take all vacant time and compensate the Evangelist for it; but the Board think best to keep him in the general field as long as there is demand and funds to sustain him. While on the West side we would be glad to have him visit Dallas,

Amity, Bethel, Carlton, Lafayette and other churches if agreeable to the churches and likely to be helpful.

I hope the churches that have made pledges for 1884 will be prompt with the first quarter, and by so doing give the Board some evidence of what it can depend on. I also hope that many that did not make pledges at Salem because not represented may attend to taking the collection just the same and forward to I. G. Davidson, Treasurer, Portland.

Is it too much to hope for \$100 on this first quarter? We shall confidently expect this much. I think I see how we may possibly work through until the June meeting, keep all our promises and keep the Evangelist at work. The churches receiving his labors must do all they are able to do to compensate him. The churches that have made pledges must be prompt and pay in full; and those churches that have made no pledges must help out, then we can all rejoice at our next State Meeting.

J. W. SPRIGGS, Cor. Sec.

Salem, Jan. 21, 1884.

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SALEM, OR., Jan. 24, 1884.

Bro. Floyd:

Please say to the brethren that Bro. Cheetham has returned from his visit home, and is now at Hillsboro. Churches on the West side desiring his services during next month let me know at once.

OPEN LETTER.

SALEM, OR., Jan. 23, 1884.

E. Mays, Monroe, Or.:

MY DEAR BRO.,—Yours of the 18th at hand, and carefully considered. I had just written to the HERALD announcing the appointments of the Evangelist, and among others I announced that he would spend May with the churches at Liberty, Fir Grove and Chesher. Of course, if upon due reflection and proper explanation, you do not desire his services, the appointment will be called in. But I think you do not understand fully, and therefore I write this letter of explanation.

It is true the Evangelist receives \$83½ per month and traveling expenses. I will not stop to argue the justness of this compensation. I will just say that I have been raised on the farm, and have for over 15 years lived in town and am raising a family of five girls. Now I don't know how much of a

family you have raised, but if your family was but ordinary and you could live your life over again with the expensiveness of living as it is now, you would change your mind. The churches are asking us now to devote our whole time to our work and to follow no other calling. Now when you pay \$15 or \$20 per month for rent; \$5 or \$6 per month for wood, 12½ to 20 cts. for every pound of meat, 40 to 75 cts. for every chicken, 30 to 45 cts. for every pound of butter, \$6 per barrel for flour, 16½ to 20 cts. per pound for lard, groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes in proportion; then you raise and educate a family without one dollar from any source besides what you get for preaching you will have a different opinion; keep up your library, do your part for all benevolent work, do the work of a minister faithfully, and if you don't earn the little you get as hardly as most any other man, then I will say I am mistaken. I have been a farmer, teacher, lawyer and preacher, and I earn my money with more labor now than in any other calling I ever followed. But I shall not pursue this thought further.

You say the Evangelist is the servant of the Board. In this you are mistaken. The Board itself is simply the servant of the brethren. The churches represented by delegates chose us, and instructed us to do a certain work for them; among other things to employ and direct the labors of the Evangelist. After the Evangelist was employed at the present salary the engagement was submitted to the Convention made up of delegates from over thirty churches, and the action was endorsed by the Convention. You say the Board would better pay him his wages and keep him at work among them or discharge him from his obligation. Why, my dear brother, the Board has no work for him to do unless he works among the churches, and we are not at liberty to pay him off and discharge him, for the brethren have said and still say keep him in the field. There are places where they would be glad to have his services and pay the full compensation, but it would not be wise for us to have him work entirely among churches able to compensate him in full. But there are many weak churches unable to pay in full for his services, and we desire to have him help these. Then there are places where there are no brethren where a church might be

established. Now we ask all churches to assist by contributing to a common fund to sustain the Evangelist and aid other missionaries who are laboring where they cannot be wholly supported; and then when the Evangelist goes among these churches and gives them his labor that they compensate him to the extent of their ability. If they are able to pay him a full compensation so much the better. If only half, so good. If but a quarter or a few dollars it will be thankfully received. I know nothing of the ability of these congregations referred to in Benton county. But we will certainly ask nothing beyond a reasonable liberality according to ability. One church to which an appeal was made to help the missionary work said we are paying a preacher \$2.00 per month and with this burden we do not feel able to do anything this year. For shame! If I did not do more myself I would never ask for another dollar to help on the work.

Believing that what I have written might be of benefit to others beside yourself I transmit it through the columns of the HERALD. Trusting that we may all do the things that are honest in the sight of God and men.

I hope we may all get our jealousies about "Boards," "Stall-fed Secretaries," "Fat Evangelists," etc., etc., and go to work with the ability God has given us to save our fellow men. In all kindness and fraternal love.

I am yours,

J. W. SPRIGGS, Cor. Sec.

On looking back through thirty years of church life we are compelled to come to the conclusion that the most unsatisfactory members we have ever had have been those who were best satisfied with themselves. One brother became so thoroughly sanctified that he could not live with his wife; and another had so clean escaped from sin of every sort that he quitted us all in disgust. We find in the Sunday-school, the lay preachers' association; the Christian young men's meetings; and in all other forms of work, that as soon as any of the brethren or sisters begin to brag about their holiness they become wholly useless, and before long the place that knew them knows them no more. "Great cry and little wool" men are not very numerous among us, but we have a few now and then just by way of variety.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*