

burg for Wallula Junction, where after a delay of several hours we boarded an emigrant train, the first one we were ever on in our life. There was simply one coach, attached to a freight train, and this coach has served all the way through for dining, sleeping and smoking car. Yes, and far more low and degrading talk than we have heard for many years. Our fellow travelers have been miners, lumber-men, mechanics and Indians. Just before reaching Billings some twenty-five Crow Indians filed in to the car and nearly took possession of it. The Indians, we are told, are allowed to take a free ride, once in a while, and be it said to their credit, they act more like white people than some we have traveled with, that have had a much better chance in the world. During our stay on the Pacific coast we heard very much against the Chinaman, his morals, &c.; but from what we have seen of them, in trains and other places, they are gentlemen when compared to a certain class of so-called Americans. We know not what the common experience is, of persons who travel upon emigrant trains on the Northern Pacific; but if it is the lot of women and children to be thrown among the class of persons it has been our lot to travel with during this journey, we pity them. A dense cloud of tobacco smoke has filled our car by day and by night ever since we started, the floor has been one sea of tobacco spit, while the air has been made constantly to ring with oaths and the vilest language we ever heard. Let no one imagine that because we thus write we had any trouble with the class of people we are speaking of, for we had not. We have been on good terms with them all the way through. Sometimes we did feel like rebuking them for their vile talk, and thus our mind would revert to what our Savior said, "Cast not your pearls before swine," and we remained silent. We time and again thought of the church member who had been away from his brethren, among strangers, for a year or two, and who when he returned was asked how he got along with being a Christian made answer that he got along "first rate." Said he, "I did not let any one know that I was a Christian."

In conclusion, we would advise our friends to take a trip in an emigrant train on the Northern Pacific, if they wish to see frontier life just as it is. M.

### Selections and Comments.

"IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH."

—This sentiment is as true in Christianity as in politics and could be used to much better advantage in the salvation of the world. On this line of thought, the *Christian Union*, under the head of "Religious Luxuries," says:

A luxury is defined to be "that which gratifies a nice and fastidious appetite." It is just that gratification which is sought in maintaining two churches where one would suffice except for nice and fastidious preferences for a peculiar *ism*, or for the flavor of old associations, or for a partisan side of an unhappy dissension, less religious than worldly, or for a favorite preacher, or for a special set of people. If people are able to pay for such gratifications after meeting all the just demands of the missionary work for which Christ instituted his church, let them do it, provided no detriment is involved to the spirit of Christian fellowship between church and church. But to lock up in these costly gratifications of personal tastes and feelings the money that the Lord's missionary work is starving for, and to repudiate its privileged demand by saying, "We must be just before we are generous," is the deepest dive of absurdity. In the name of Christian common sense, "just" to what and to whom?

Enough money is raised by the American churches for objects with Christian names. The pinch comes from perverting so much of it from objects essentially Christian to objects doubtfully such. Let the treasure lock up in sectarian competition be set free by Christian co-operation, and the Lord's poor would no longer go half-fed. Let the parallel roads, that waste so much, consolidate. Too often and too selfishly have we cried after the workers sent to the front, *Retrench!* In face of the vast fields now offered to Christian work at Christian cost there must be retrenchment somewhere. Only put it in the right place. Try it where it has never been tried—at home. For the sake of undoubted Christian necessities strike out some religious luxuries. Let us be just to others before being generous to ourselves. Retrenchment on any other principle is embezzlement.

Just so; but how this much desired and talked of union to be brought about? Of course two or more congregation in a city of the same order could unite to advantage, and in many cases they ought to do it. But how about uniting the different orders? for the principle also holds good when applied to these. They can not unite upon any of the human creeds, party names or *isms* of the day; so these must all be

abandoned, while all parties must seek a complete return to primitive Christianity on the Bible alone.

### Missionary Column.

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#### Treasurer's Report.

PORTLAND, OR.,  
Feb. 3, 1884.

Dear Bro. Floyd:

It is with pleasure that I can make the following report; it being more favorable than the last one. Some of the churches are still behind on pledges of 1883. I hope to be able to report them clear by next time.

Junction City.....	\$ 6 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	2 40
Central.....	5 00
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00
Fairview.....	2 00
Trent.....	30 00
Carlton.....	6 00
Bethel.....	5 00
Monmouth.....	9 60
Portland.....	8 65
Salem.....	10 00
Bethel.....	5 00
Bethany.....	5 00
Fairview.....	2 75
Hillsboro.....	5 00
Independence.....	10 35
P. R. Burnett.....	2 00
Clear Lake.....	22 35
Eugene City.....	8 00
Drain.....	20 00
Hebron.....	4 00
Hillsboro.....	6 75
Total.....	\$191 35

The last seven items—amount \$73.45 were collected by Bro. Cheetham.

Fraternally,  
I. G. DAVIDSON,  
Treas. O. C. M. C.

SALEM, OR., Feb. 1, 1884.

Please say to the churches that the church at Salem has some church and Sunday-school singing books which it will dispose of cheap. We have the old Hymnal with the Supplement, fifty or more copies, in fair condition, would sell for 10 cts. per copy the lot; purchaser paying cost of transmission. Have also as many or more copies of Gospel Hymns No. 2, and Jasper & Gold, all in good condition. Will sell these at same price.

The State Evangelist will probably cease working for us the first of April, at the conclusion of his six month's engagement. The brethren in Eastern Washington think they have the first claim and are disposed to assert their

rights. We regret this very much, as Bro. Cheetham is the right man in the right place now.

LATER.

SALEM, Feb. 2, 1884.

Bro. Cheetham will work with the churches at McCoy, Amity, Hillsboro, Forest Grove and McMinnville until the last of March, when his engagement expires. Bro. Burnett will continue to work with Forest Grove.

J. W. SPRIGGS, Cor. Sec.

### Original Contributions.

#### CHRISTIAN PRIESTS.

BY M. R. LEMERT.

(Continued)

"Where remission of sins is there is no more offerings for sins." Being thus blessed and "having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus . . . and having a high priest over the house of God, let us draw near," burn incense upon the golden altar, "with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and bodies washed in pure water." Paul thus addresses the brethren as priests, speaks of their ordination or sanctification to the priesthood when their sins were forgiven, their bodies washed, and their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and exhorts them as priests to draw near—worship God with true hearts and continues his exhortation, "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another." Heb. 10:18-25. All these, assembling, drawing near, worshipping God, exhorting, encouraging or provoking to love and good works, Paul represents as duties, growing out of their office as priests. Did the sanctified in Christ understand and appreciate their priesthood, we should have few dull meetings—few thinly attended and the labors of an evangelist in the church would seldom be needed. Their constant labors in the church, is one of the greatest hinderances to its growth, prosperity and enjoyments, tending to keep its members dependent babes.

Provoking or exciting to love and good works are priestly duties; but how do these? Love begets love. "We love God because he first loved us." If we were excited to love, by being loved, we can excite others to love us by loving them and this we