

Garst-quake.

We are all very well with the exception of colds, which are on the mend. We are making fair progress in our studies. But when we hear from old missionaries that one does not feel at home and at ease in the spoken language under five years, we feel the need of fortifying our patience and the courage of the noble hearts at home. It seems a great compensation that this is such a wonderfully hopeful field, and that the missionary may expect fruits as soon as he can enter the work. During the week of prayer much interest has been manifested among both natives and foreigners. Bro. Smith preached the first sermon in the Union church and Mr. G. led the closing prayer-meeting the Sunday evening following. Bro. S. text was John 14: 13, 14.

We cannot really write very much about Japan now, for Yokohama is too thoroughly foreignized to give an adequate idea. But if we go into the interior in the spring, as we are contemplating, and get where we won't see a foreigner once a year (!) we will probably have plenty of strange things to tell.

The dear brethren and sisters at home are daily remembered in our prayers, and we rejoice to feel that we are in theirs.

Your sister in Christian love,
LAURA D. GARST.

Evangelizing.

Bro. Maloney commenced meeting at Fairview on the 4th Lord's day in Jan. Closing the meeting at Touchet on the 4th I commenced with him on the following Monday evening. The outlook was unfavorable in the start. The nights were dark and it was very foggy, and there was several cases of sickness in the neighborhood. After a week of solid work the interest appeared to be on the increase. The audiences increased and many prayers went up in behalf of the success of the meeting and much private labor was bestowed by some faithful ones. The meeting will, perhaps, close on next Lord's day, being three weeks during which the meeting has been running. The result of the meeting up to the present is 17; 15 by baptism and 2 that had been immersed. The success of the meeting was largely the result of the earnest workings of some of our faithful brethren, especially that of Bro. Maloney,

who assisted in preaching, prayers and exhortations.

Feeling somewhat necessitated to rest a few days from the work, I shall in all probability make a flying visit to my family and return in time to commence a protracted effort in Dayton on Friday, Feb. 15th. The brethren think they are ready for a good meeting there.

We have a great many precious brethren in Fairview as well as Touchet and other places the names of whom would be too tedious to mention.

T. M. MORGAN.

Announcement.

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Bro. Floyd:

Please announce through the HERALD the meeting of the Annual County Coöperation of the Churches of Christ, which is to convene on Thursday night before the second Lord's day in March (9th,) 1884, at Pleasant Hill, Lane county, Oregon.

The time being changed from Thursday night before the fourth Lord's day in February to the time as above indicated. It is very desirable that all the churches of the county be fully represented; there is business of importance to every brother and sister in the county to be transacted at that meeting. Come, brethren, and let us have a grand reunion, and become better acquainted with each other. All are cordially invited, and be assured that you will find homes with the brethren and friends at Pleasant Hill. We expect several preaching brethren to be present at that meeting.

Yours fraternally,
J. W. PARKS, Sec.

A machine has been invented that will turn out a ton of hob-nails a day, and, with only three men to work it, does the work that 100 men have been doing by the hand process. Since 1810, when Massachusetts put the first nail-making machine into operation, the industry has grown so fast that 253,000 tons of cut nails alone were made in this country in 1880, but the hand process has still been used for hob-nails, and for some other varieties largely in demand.

In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

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Brief Notes.

Three additions are reported by Bro. Frank Taudy, at Wheatland.

Dr. Belding, of San Francisco, exchanged pulpits with President McCollough in Santa Clara.

Bro. Rosecrans has lately visited Millions, and they report that he took all the conceit out of them.

Bro. Seaman will in all probability be employed by the churches at Elmira and Winters. This is a good move. He is a worthy young brother.

Three confessions reported at Lakeport, under the labors of Bro. S. J. Bruton. The working sisters of the church have raised \$100 to assist in carrying on the good work of that region.

Bro. Thos. Porter with his family is expected to arrive in San Francisco about the last day of February. He is noted for being a strong temperance man, out spoken on all occasions, but we do like this kind of Porter.

We have watched with interest the advent of Bro. J. W. Webb into Oregon, in the great work of temperance. He is a good lecturer as well as a good preacher, and has hundreds of friends in California, from hill to valley and from mountain to beach. Why, even all the little children love him. But we were greatly delighted when we learned that it is his intention to re-enter the gospel work with renewed energy. We have known him a long time and he is mighty "lofty" for his size—a man of piety, upright walk, extra social qualities, a man of ability and ought to be preaching all the time.

Bro. James Logan has just closed a grand meeting at Kelseyville in Lake county. This is a nice little village in one of the favored spots of earth; Lake county called the Sanitarium of California. Its numerous springs whither hundreds flock each year to be healed of their infirmities. We are glad to know that the people of that region have learned that these health giving fountains will fade, and that there is a Fountain that springs up into

everlasting life, one that was opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness. May many more drink of those healing waters. There have been 50 additions.

Bro. Rosecrans, the Sankey of California, is creating a general stir in the singing worship of the State. We have been expecting this from the first, because we have known for some time that the musical dry bones of the churches ought to be thoroughly stirred up. We hope the brethren will profit by his work, change their way of making melody in their hearts so that they shall be able by it to "teach and admonish" the brethren and all who hear. Let there be such an improvement and awakening on this question among the brethren and sisters of the State, so that when we re-assemble at the next State Meeting, the valleys will echo with jubilees of praise, such as was in our State never before, that when we return to our homes we can go singing, "Aint you glad your out of the Wilderness, glory hallelujah."

Bro. John Oiler, of Vacaville, in whose grove the last State Meeting was held, proposes to lease his beautiful grove of gum trees for the consideration of one dollar, for the term of 25 years, to a board of trustees of the church of California. There are about 6 acres of land, containing abundance of water, pleasant walks, and other appurtenances for the convenience of the meeting. He furthermore proposes to erect a suitable by the time of the next State Meeting that will accommodate 1,500 people. The building to be seated and free of charge to the meeting. Bro. O. will furnish all the cooking apparatus same as it was last year. The church to have the control of the grounds during the progress of the meeting. Bro. O. to have control of the grounds when not in use by the meetings of the church. He will reserve to himself all the privileges of the stands except the committee table and the restaurant. This is a very good offer, but if the meeting could be located further south, where a more even temperature could be found, it would give much more general satisfaction. Should one of those terrific Northerners sweep down the Sacramento valley at any time during the meeting, it would completely quiet the earnestness of the meeting I fear. The location ought to be nearer the center of the attendance. We trust however to the wisdom of the committee, who were selected at the last State Meeting.