

Correspondence.

Letter from Bro. T. J. Cannon.

PALOUSE CITY, W. T.,
Jan. 31, 1884.

Bro. Floyd:

Allow me to drop you a few lines for your most valuable paper. I attended a grand birthday dinner at Bro. C. J. Wright's on the 26th inst., that had been prepared by the brethren and sisters of that neighborhood in honor of Bro. Wright's 43rd birthday. Many were the nice and valuable presents that he received, and all, both old and young, enjoyed the many luxuries set before them. After dinner we were favored with an interesting address from Bro. Wright. He stated that he had been preaching for 12 years and had baptized over fifteen hundred persons.

After the assembly had dispersed we returned to Palouse City, where a meeting was in progress, conducted by Bro. Wright. It lasted 13 days; organized a congregation with 40 members; had a splendid meeting. Bro. W. has done a grand work in this country; he is a splendid worker, and contends earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. He is now recovering from a very severe attack of heart disease. It is hoped that he will soon be in the field again.

Your brother in Christ,
T. J. CANNON.

Letter from Bro. W. R. Marquiss.

COVELLO, W. T.,
Feb. 11, 1884.

Bro. Floyd:

Thinking the brotherhood at large would be pleased to hear how the cause of our dear Master is prospering in Columbia county, I herewith drop you a few facts which to the world may seem small but to the Disciples of our common Master in Columbia county who have long waited the consolation of Israel, we feel like exclaiming, our eyes have seen thy salvation.

Our meeting at Fairview was commenced on Lord's day, Jan. 20th, by Bro. W. H. Maloney, who is laboring for the church one-fourth of his time. On Monday following Bro. T. M. Morgan, our County Evangelist, fresh from his glorious meeting at Touchet, like a skillful leader, which he is. He carefully examined the situation, and, as it is said, "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the

word of the Lord from Jerusalem," it was found that our Jerusalem needed some things set in order that was wanting. Steps were taken, which, we trust, will harmonize all differences. And I wish to say here that the cause of our dear Redeemer in this portion of Eastern Washington has suffered beyond measure just for want of a disinterested God fearing man who has the fear of the Lord continually before his eyes, and with malice toward none and charity for all in a spirit of meekness to offer words of wisdom chastened by experience. Such a one could long ago have removed the principal hindering causes to our prosperity. Bro. Morgan placed our plea before the peoples' mind as they never heard it before, and after almost a week of hard work without any success the spirit of the Lord seemed to move on the great deep, and from that time until the close of the meeting, which was on Lord's day, Jan. 10th, we had a glorious time. The immediate results were 13 by confession and baptism, 1 from the Methodists, 3 from the United Brethren, 1 reclaimed and 2 yet to be immersed, making 20 in all, besides strengthening the brotherhood and thoroughly establishing our plea. We had splendid audiences with the best of order, and closed with ever increasing interest. Bro. Morgan was ably assisted by Bro. Maloney in preaching, exhortations and pastoral labors. Bro. Morgan leaves us to engage in a meeting in Dayton, to commence just as soon as the brethren can secure a house. We ask the united prayers of the brotherhood everywhere for the success of the cause in this county. "The harvest truly is plenteous and the laborers are few." As yet the Disciples have not got the cause established at any central point south of Snake river, if we may except Waitsburg. We ought, by all means, to take steps for permanently establishing the cause in Walla Walla, Dayton and Pomeroy. We have a membership with a means sufficient within the limits mentioned if we could utilize it. We are thoroughly disorganized, we don't know our own strength, and as a consequence our talent is being buried and the cause languishes.

We have in this county three organizations, Bundy congregation with about 20 members with preaching once a month; Touchet, 70 members, preaching once a

month with Sunday-school and prayer meeting weekly; Fairview, with about 35 members, preaching once a month. In addition to the above we have a County Evangelist laboring under the management of a County Board. We pay our Evangelist at the rate of \$800 per annum, quarterly in advance. So you will observe when our funds fail our work will have to stop. But we are not going to let it stop.

Faternally,

W. R. MARQUISS.

From Bro. G. W. Richardson.

WAITSBURG, W. T.,
Feb. 11, 1884.

Bro. Floyd:

To gratify many inquiring friends I address a card to the HERALD. I have been sick since the 19th of October; have not been confined to bed but little of the time. My physicians think I will get around and be able for light work when warm weather returns. I am greatly reduced in flesh. My principal trouble is neuralgia. I may return to Oregon in a few weeks, and I may not return till June. We expect to return to California this summer. Warm weather agrees with me. If able to do so I will see you when I return to Oregon. We aim to stay in Oregon long enough to visit old friends, and, if able, will preach at different point on our visiting tours. Hoping this will satisfy those enquiring friends.

I remain your brother in Christ,
G. W. RICHARDSON.

Letter from Turkey.

BARDIZAG, Dec. 1, 1883.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters in the United States:

I consider myself happy and most fortunate that, before my eyes closed in death, the good Lord graciously, and by your instrumentality, led me to find and join with his true church, which in vain I sought to find in human teachings, and like a ship without a rudder was tossed about upon the ocean for twenty-eight years. I thank my God and his church for this great consolation: that now I am able to say in the words of Paul, "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ;" and greater is my joy when I see that I am not alone in this country in the enjoyment of this comfort. We all thank you,

dearly beloved, for your sending us our beloved evangelist, G. N. Shishmanian, and his dear and cheerful wife, who, by her sweet disposition, like the silent but faithful sun, helps not a little in this great work. But I am sorry to see Bro. Shishmanian alone, though he strives to do more than he can, and he has done, and is doing, more than several missionaries; but his whole time is not sufficient to battle against his Jesuitical enemies, were he to do nothing else. Besides the care of the churches and scattered brethren throughout the land, there come to him Macedonian cries for help from all sides. When I learned that in the United States the Lord has a faithful and true people who are 900,000 strong, my gratitude and joy knew no bounds. But permit me also to speak freely, as a brother in Christ, to all and every one of our 600,000 soldiers of the cross. If all of you are true to yourselves and to the Master, do you, or can you, realize what a power for good you possess? If you do, let me ask you why, then, your leading men are left to bear an unbearable load of mental anxiety for the support of the most noble work of missions? Beloved in Christ, remember that in our great and terrible warfare they are your Moseses, whose hands must be lifted up, if you would triumph and conquer the enemy. In a recent number of the *Christian Standard*, I saw an account of your gifts for the support of the mission work, and there was no comparison between your great number and your support of the Society. Brethren and sisters of a happy country, God has placed in your hands the gospel of his Son Jesus, and with it he has given you ample means to "preach the gospel to every creature." You are, indeed, the stewards of God. Share with him, then, the wealth he has lavished upon you. Spare not what belongs to the Lord. Open your hearts and your purses, and see that your Society and your institutions may be well supported, and you shall be rewarded a "hundredfold." How true are the words of the wise, especially for the people of God, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth." I have no other excuse to offer you for my taking the liberty of addressing you this letter, than that I am,

Your servant and brother in Christ,

GARABED DER TAVITIAN.