

well appreciated by all present. We sincerely hope that we have the way opened for great good in the town of Dayton, the fruit of which we will reap on subsequent occasions. Our brethren here are determined to build a house of worship as soon as practicable, which seems indispensable to successful work of a permanent character.

T. M. MORGAN.

Answer to Puzzle.

IRVING, OR., March 5, 1884.

Dear Herald:

An old gentleman living in Marion county gave me the answer to the Scripture Puzzle that I sent to the paper a short time ago; he thinks it is the sperm whale. The soul that God put in it and took out again was Jonah. If those that noticed the riddle will read it again I think they will see that he has given the proper answer.

Fraternally, &c.,

J. E. ROBERTS.

Current Religious News.

(Gleanings from our Exchanges).

Looking out upon the mission field of Northern Persia, we see forty missionaries occupying the chief centres, and about a hundred out-stations clustered around. There are nearly two hundred native assistants aiding to man these centres and out-stations, and nearly two thousand communicants located at these points, so as to form an excellent leaven for the whole mass. And there is an open door to the gospel in every house in all this great field.

The statistics of the native or Maori church in New Zealand shows an aggregate of about 40,000 members in the northern island, and there are at least 2,000 members in the Southren.

The Church Missionary Society reports a most interesting incident in the case of a bribe of \$25,000 refused by a native Christian in India. His old invalid aunt came and embraced his feet, saying, "I will give up 50,000 rupees to you this moment if you will only come with me and promise not to be a Christian." He answered her, "I cannot sell my soul for money."

Bishop Crowther has succeeded in erecting a church at Chrik; West Africa. The work was done by the natives under the supervision of the Bishop and his party, who taught

them not only how to make bricks, but to do all the necessary work.

The American Missionary says that it is estimated that at the present rate of progress of missions in China, the next forty years will report 26,000,000 communicants and 100,000,000 adherents in the Celestial Kingdom.

The Baptists have 1,371 churches in Virginia, with 210,088 members. The Baptists have in the State of New York 872 churches with 114,237 members.

Only twenty-five Protestant bodies, each presenting the claim of its denomination, are engaged in mission work in China. And we are told the work languishes.

Spurgeon's College has sent 667 men into the world to do religious work. There are now 527 actively engaged in the great harvest field, of whom 503 are pastors, missionaries and evangelists. They have baptized 53,000 believers, and the membership of their churches was at last accounts over 55,000. What a power to go forth from a single institution sustained by a single church.

Among the adherents of the Mormon Church in Utah are 50,000 of Scandinavian and Lutheran stock. A special effort is being made to restore them to Christianity. The Presbyterians are working through Norwegian evangelists. The Methodists have appointed a Norwegian missionary to Salt Lake, where he has erected a church edifice and opened a school. The Swedish Lutherans have sent a minister, who has gathered a congregation, and a Danish Lutheran clergyman will soon commence operations.

In a district in Missouri nearly twenty miles square, a missionary found only one church edifice used for public worship, and this was unplastered, and only half provided with seats. Within the four hundred square miles of that region there are thousands of children who never heard the sound of a church bell. The missionary is doing his part in supplying the religious destitution of that region, and in the State in which the above country is situated he organized twelve new Sunday-schools in a single month. But the great West is full of such barren spots, and no time should be lost in taking them up for Christ. If the church does not occupy them right soon the devil will.

California Department.

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All matter intended for this department should be addressed to Prof. J. Durham, Washington Corners, California.

Grabbed Golden Grains.

Last report from Bro. McHatton at Cloverdale, three more additions, making an organization of 35. Bro. McHatton goes to Yuba City in Butte county.

Bro. Phil. Bruton will accept a call to labor for the churches in Colusa and Williams. The congregations are only ten miles apart, are in great need of a laborer. We bid him God speed; he will find many noble brethren and sisters in both localities.

A Sunday-school column has been opened in the *Pacific Church News* by Bro. J. H. Rosecrans, State S. S. Evangelist. His pithy, plain, pertinent, practical pacific points, pleasantly poised, like all such Sunday-school items should be closely heeded. Bro. R. is at work in earnest.

Bro. Eli Fisher, of Eureka, Ill., will arrive in California in March. He is an able and good man. His wife is a relative of the celebrated W. B. Bradbury, the great music composer. She is a most excellent singer and worker in the church. We were in college classes in Illinois 25 years ago. Brethren needing his labor can address our State Evangelist at Santa Rosa.

Bro. McHatton will go from Yuba City to Knight's Landing. The brethren at that point are weak but have a splendid house. We assisted them in dedication day over eight years ago; but many of the leading members have moved away, and the numbers thus decimated need help. May the Lord crown our brother with the best of results and the brethren with great courage.

Arrangements are made for a District Meeting to be held in San Jose in April. Several of the preaching brethren outside of the valley are expected to be present, besides the Sunday-school Evangelist, Bro. Rosecrans, and the State Evangelist, Bro. McHatton. At the close of the meeting and Sunday-school Institute, a protracted meeting will be carried on by Bro. Ingram, assisted by some other brother of the State.

"Out in the Storm" is the title of a fine piece of music received into our sanctum, by D. E. Hughes, published by Greene & Co., of Cincinnati, O. Mr. Hughes is one of our Christian brethren, whose early life I know well. He has been publishing his music in Chicago and St. Louis for several years, and his music is meeting with favor wherever it is known.

The first page of this piece has a lithograph of "Two little orphans out in a Storm." It ought to be sung many times over in every family. We put all the D's on it, and, of course, it rang out beautifully. Any one sending us 40 cents, we will see that they get a copy.

Bro. Henry Latham, of Springfield, Ill., a brother of Sister McCollough, came in a few days ago with Sister Maggie Leeds, one of the McCollough adopted household, who has been to Illinois visiting for a few months. Bro. Latham is a veteran benign bachelor, and a devoted Christian gentleman. He took part in our meetings in an interesting and profitable manner. He is drinking in the draught of California sights. He sat down by us after his return from his first view of the ocean. Joys ecstatic filled his heart as he contemplated the grandeur of the delightful scene. He would begin to paint the swelling bosom, angry waves, sparkling foam, rainbow spray, and curtained heavens enfolding it all, and his words seemingly would fall still born from his lips, as if it was not his thus to speak, but for Him who gave the ocean its grandeur, filled it with life, opened its fathomless depths, and set its bounds that it can not pass. Bro. L. will spend several weeks in enjoying the scenes of our sunny land.

Mrs. Vira Whitman D., our better three-fourths, paid Washington College a visit, spending about a week in a view of things. It was her first visit into these parts. She enjoyed the outlook of our future field of labor very much and made the acquaintance of several of the good people of the school connection. When we arranged to come to this point to labor, it was thought best for her to remain in College City, our former home, with the family, as all the house-keeping appurtenances were arranged for the remainder of the school year, besides our elder son, William Whitman, is under the in-