

strumental. I predict there is a field there nearly ripe for the gospel harvest.

T. M. MORGAN.

Co-operation Meeting.

EUGENE, OR.,
March 11, 1884.

Bro. Floyd:

Pursuant to notice the Christian brethren of Lane county met with the church at Pleasant Hill 10 A. M., Friday, March 7th, by delegates chosen from the various churches of said county, or a part of them at least, viz.: Trent, Pleasant Hill, Drain, Hebron and Eugene. Although there are other organized congregations in the county which we had expected would have been with us, and thereby very much strengtened our efforts in the much needed work now languishing all over our broad land. Nevertheless, those warm-hearted brethren who were sent up manifested a laudable desire to push this work to a practicable point. Much of the success of the business was due to the energy instilled into the meeting by the chairman, Bro. R. G. Callison, who seems to possess the happy faculty of knowing just how and when to move. However the whole delegation seemed to feel the importance of the occasion, and worked from the first hour to the last with Christian zeal.

This county meets quarterly in the coöperative work, and we are sorry to have to acknowledge that for several months passed our efforts have resulted in but a limited amount of practical work in spreading the gospel. This was fully developed in the elaborate report of the Executive Committee, which fully set forth not only the work done, but the work so vastly needed in many places in our own county not done. And although there was not a sufficient amount pledged by the churches represented to secure an evangelist for the whole year, the delegates felt the absolute necessity of securing a zealous, active, live brother, if possible, to take the field, confidentially believing that the good brethren would sustain him and keep him the whole year. The cause of the religion of the Bible must be sustained, and although it will have to be done partly at the expense and even sacrifice of many of this world's comforts, yet what is to be gained in the "everlasting kingdom" is worth intrinsically more than all those sacrifices.

We elect officers annually and this being election resulted as follows: For President R. G. Callison; Secretary, L. B. Rowland; Treasurer, Caleb Davis.

On motion, the chair appointed the Executive Committee, viz.: J. W. Parks, J. D. Matlock and Wm. Churchill.

Pleasant Hill was selected to hold our next quarterly meeting, which will be June 5th, at 4 P. M., including 6th and 7th.

At 7 P. M. each day and on Sunday at 11 A. M., we were entertained by the preaching brethren present who delivered some good discourses. Bros. W. Callison and I. N. Mulkey, assisted by Bros. Moore, Grubbs, and our aged brother, Philip Mulkey, and others, all of whom lent interest to the meeting. Taking it all together we had a most excelent, and, we hope, a most profitable meeting.

On motion, the Executive Committee was authorized to secure the services of a competent evangelist for the county.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to furnish a synopsis of the work done for publication in the CHRISTIAN HERALD. All of which we submit ever praying that the love of God may energize and intensify our zeal for the cause of Christianity in this our much favored land.

L. B. ROWLAND, Sec.

The Magnitude of the Work.

Two things operate against the Christian Sower Tract Fund. The first is the lack of appreciation of the power of tracts. This has been presented several times. The other is the failure to perceive the great need for tracts. This causes some to donate a dollar to this fund who would otherwise give ten. I have just received an appeal for a donation of several thousand pamphlet tracts from a well known brother whose congregation is strugglling for an existence in one of our large eastern cities. No better field for such work could be found, but I could only give him several hundred. I must give some tracts to all the worthy applicants. Another has just sent me a five column newspaper article with the request to print 20,000 of them. This will take \$100, but I searched the envelope in vain for the much needed money or any part of it. I can use ten thousand dollars per year in this good work. This notice will be read by many liberal brethren.

Let me exhort you to send a contribution at once. Postage stamps are acceptable. Do you wish to buy? or are you in need of a donation of tracts? Act at once. Address

J. W. HIGBEE.

Madisonville, Ky.

Current Religious News.

(Gleanings from our Exchanges).

In addition to Moody and Sankey, who are busy in London, Messrs. Whittle and McGarrahan have been holding evangelistic services in Ireland. In Dublin large numbers attended Major Whittle's Bible readings, and not a few Roman Catholics have been among his audiences.

Many Christians have been massacred in Anam since the beginning of January. The Anamese Minister of War is implicated. A Chinese viceroy, prior to the capture of Sontay, ordered the Black Flags to murder every Christian found in the City.

The probability is that hundreds of people are living in the unlawful relationship of illegal marriage, induced by fraudulent divorces procured by a fellow known as Munro Adams, who has figured as a divorce lawyer, but who has suddenly left the city. It is an awful condition of affairs. The one consolation is that it may serve to help forward the popular movement against the running of the divorce mill at the fearful rate of the past few years.

A bill is before our New York Legislature imposing a fine of \$100 for the sale of cigarettes to boys, under the age of seventeen. Change the seventeen to twenty-one, and then put it on its passage by unanimous consent. We notice a bill is also before the Legislature prohibiting the sale of liquors to any minor. That changes the limit from eighteen years as now to twenty-one years. Pass it.

The Jesuits, says the London Tablet, have ten or twelve men at work on the Zambesi in Central Africa, and within five years they have lost twelve by death. Ninety-two members have joined this African regiment of pioneers. A training school is to be established near Port Elizabeth, South Africa, under the direction of Father Weld, Superior of the order, and men will be fitted for the interior missions. The Jesuits have purchased an es-

tate of 7,000 acres for the school and mission house.

The English company for the revision of the Old Testament recently finished their eighty-third session at the Jerusalem Chamber, having sat for twelve days. The final revision of the company's work was carried to the end of Psalm 100.

The Methodists have 1,185 churches in Virginia.

The Salvation Army has commenced a campaign at Buffalo

The Moravians have in the United States 84 churches, 70 ministers, and about 10,000 communicants.

At Milbank, Dakota, on Sunday, February 10, a Congregational church building—probably the finest in Dakota—was dedicated. It was built by Mr. Jeremiah Milbank, of New York City, at a cost of \$15,000, and given to the American Home Missionary Society in trust for the Congregationalists, on certain conditions, which have been complied with, and the Congregational Society are now in possession. Milbank is a growing town of 1,500 people. The new church will seat 500, and is well filled at the Sunday services. The dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Hovey, of Minneapolis.

WHEN THE GENTIAN'S BLOW.

Not in any garden close
Where the lily and the rose
In stately sweetness grow;
But in some waste field, or nook,
Where you'd never think to look,
Do the gentians blow.
Radiant plume of golden rod
Twixt the purple asters nod,
Red the sumacs glow,
All the corn is heaped in shocks,
And the blue birds fly in flocks,
When the gentians blow.
High o'er rustling sedges dun,
Swaying sun-flowers watch the sun
Fearing signs of snow.
And the wandering cricket's note
In the chill air seems to float;
When the gentians blow.

ELIZABETH CUMINGS, in *Wide Awake*.

An old minister in Ohio seemed rather opposed to an educated ministry. Said he, "Why, my 'brethering,' every young man who is going to preach thinks he must be off to some college and study a lot of Greek and Latin. All nonsense! All wrong! What did Peter and Paul know about Greek? Why, not one word, my 'brethering.' No! Peter and Paul preached in the plain old English, and so'll I."