

**California Department.**

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**Grabbed Golden Grains.**

Pres. McCollough is conducting a meeting at Santa Clara.

Bro. H. J. Seaman has located for a time at Yountville, Napa county.

Six additions reported at College City through the labors of Pres. J. C. Keith.

Bro. McHatton, at the last report, was in a protracted meeting at Colusa.

A District Meeting for the Sacramento district will convene at College City on the 27th of March. The programme will soon appear.

Bro. L. B. Wilkes, of Stockton, is not permitted to be away from home on account of sickness of Sister W. We hope she will soon recover.

Bro. Blake has really arrived in California and engaged to labor for the churches at Williams and Colusa. May great success crown his efforts.

It is stated that the Christians, or Disciples, have 4000 Sunday-schools, 20,000 teachers and 500,000 pupils. They ought to give much Bible truth.

Bro. F. W. Pattee, just from Virginia, has come into California. He will spend some time in Oakland. He is said to be a brother of ability and we bid him welcome.

Bro. A. W. Sanford has had two more additions at Glen Valley school-house, in Colusa county. Bro. S. preaches only once a month at that place, but is doing a good work.

Dr. Payton, now of Stockton, but formerly of Salem, Oregon, gave the students of Washington College and the citizens of the village, a lecture on Hygiene, a few evenings ago. The lecture was very interesting and profitable.

Bro. Thomas Porter is for the present in San Francisco at the residence of Bro. H. H. Luse, No. 14 Essex St. As soon as he rests up you will hear of some mighty Australian Porter blows in behalf of the truth. May the Lord pros-

per his labor. Bro. P. will find as many friends as he left.

Bros. Seaman and Berry have had four additions at Yountville and Napa City lately. Bro. Berry, do not become discouraged; there is a harder kind of rock in California than in Illinois or Missouri. Here 'tis granite and quartz mostly; back East it is mostly sandstone. It takes more work here perhaps to convert men, but verily you shall not lose your reward.

It is said, and truthfully too, that Col. Peter Wilkes, of Stockton, is one of the best Sunday-school teachers of the State. With all his business in his law office and banking business he takes plenty of time to prepare himself thoroughly for his Sunday school work. When he appears before his class he is brim-full of the lesson, and it is a grand treat to sit at his feet and learn those lessons of truth. Sunday-school teacher, take an item will you?

For some weeks the almond trees in this vicinity have presented a beautiful appearance. A fitting representative of hoary hairs so much so that we have often been reminded of the words of Solomon, "When the almond tree flourishes." A Hebrew scholar, a few days ago, reminded us that he had learned that the Hebrew word for almond means "watchful," and that one of the best authorities on that language supposes the meaning is so because the tree is the first bloomer of the year, and hence is on the "watch" for the first dawn of spring.

The Santa Clara District Meeting will convene at San Jose on April 1st. The following programme has been made out for the addresses during the meeting:—W. A. Meloan, "Faith and Opinion;" W. A. Belding, "Union of Christians;" R. N. Davis, "Power and Purpose of Prayer;" L. B. Wilkes, "The Missionary Work of the Church;" J. Durham, "The Public Worship of the Church;" J. H. McCollough, "The Relation of the Church of Christ to the Denominations;" W. H. Martin, "The Special Plea of the Christian Church;" E. B. Ware, "Church Literature." The State Sunday-school Evangelist and the State Evangelist are expected to be present.

Mrs. John Brown, wife of John Brown, of Ossawattomie and Har-

per's Ferry fame, died in San Francisco on the last day of February, and was interred in the San Jose cemetery on March 2nd. Mrs. Brown had a little home near the foot hills of Santa Clara county and an encumbrance on it a few years ago, but a subscription was started, which relieved the indebtedness, and gave the old lady quite a surplus. She had been living quite comfortable for several years. At the time of her death she was in San Francisco under medical treatment, and it was thought that she was improving. She was well advanced in years. She has a son in the northern part of the State, a married daughter and son-in-law in Saratoga. He is a teacher of the public school at Saratoga. There is also a daughter in the mint in San Francisco.

**General News Basket.**

Washington is now crowded with visitors. Every day the West End is thronged with equipages bearing woman beautiful and most beautiful, in gorgeous attire, to make "official calls." No prominent lady expects to receive less than one hundred callers between two and five o'clock on her receiving day.

Colonel and Mrs. Robert Ingersoll and their daughters have gone to New Mexico on a visit, accompanying Mr. John Alley, the Lynn millionaire, who, with his wife and daughter, has gone to the land of the Pueblos to contemplate a wonderful ranch which he has just purchased for six hundred thousand dollars.

When two young ladies kiss each other they fulfill a Gospel injunction. They are doing to one another as they would men should do unto them.

The will of Wendell Phillips leaves his entire property, valued at from two hundred thousand to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, unconditionally to his wife. It specifies that, though she die before him, the property shall go to his nephew, S. P. Blagdon, of New York, to be held in trust for the wife of George W. Smalley, of London. Mrs. George W. Smalley is Wendell Phillips's adopted daughter.

The wealthiest woman in the world, by reliable accounts and comparison, is the Grand Duchess of Russia, Catherine, widow of George

of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. How she happens to be such can be understood when it is stated that she inherited more than her one-half of that illimitable fortune brought together by the Empress Catherine II, and Paul, her son. The Grand Duchess actually maintains a dozen large hospitals in various towns, is responsible for the education, tailors' bills and every expense of a great number of proteges in all ranks and has lately established a new private eating-house for students in St. Petersburg.

More than 3,000,000 trees were planted in Great Britain during the season of 1881-82.

The value of the hog products exported from the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, was about \$71,000,000.

A Burlington mother has miraculously cured her youngest hopeful of smoking by the laying on of hands.

The first sugar refinery ever established in Cuba will soon be ready to begin work at Havana. According to a pamphlet issued by the company the refinery will cost \$313,258, while the capital provided for the construction amounts to \$360,000.

Mrs. Tom Thumb, who modestly announces herself as a "wee and winsome widow," has opened a museum in New York, with herself, of course, as the principal attraction.

Male education and female education in India, when compared with each other, present a striking contrast. The total female population is 99,500,000 and the total male population 103,000,000 but only 127,000 females are under instruction at school, as against 2,517,629 males. In one case the percentage at school is .84, in the other it is 16.28.

Eighty-three per cent of the population of the United States is composed of white natives and the immigrants from Germany and Great Britain, leaving four per cent from other countries and thirteen per cent for those of African descent.

HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO FILL THE SAHARA?—In view of the recent project to fill up the Desert of Sahara by connecting it with the Mediterranean Sea, a correspond-