

Notice.

To the Brethren of Lane County:

I am requested to say to you that the Executive Committee of the County Coöperation have employed Bro. R. G. Callison to labor as County Evangelist, who will enter immediately upon his duties, and that the committee hopes and confidently believes that the brethren will fully realize their privileges, and will lend all necessary aid, financially and otherwise. Take steps immediately, so as to be ready when he comes, and we will be able to do a good work this season.

L. B. ROWLAND, Sec.

The Bible Reading Alliance.

As President of this alliance, it is my duty and privilege to present and insist upon its claims as a means for doing great good before the reading public.

First, consider the object rather than the alliance itself, "To read and induce others to read the Bible regularly and systematically." It is not necessary for any man to understand the languages and dialects of earth, comparatively few are and only a few need be thoroughly conversant with the science and arts.

But every son and daughter of Adam must know and obey the gospel of Jesus in order to enjoy the life that now is as well as the life that is to come. Here is a work in which every Christian can engage, however humble, and a work which is as far above denominational lines of creed or color as the heavens are above the earth—to read and induce others to read the word of God.

Our alliance is but the scaffolding to the building. A year's experience, struggling with almost every adverse circumstance, has demonstrated that our little card arranged for reading regularly and systematically the Bible through annually, is an invaluable aid. The card is given freely to any and all who apply. The optional dues of one dime per year is to supply cards, pay the printer and cost of correspondence. The reports asked for stimulate others to faithful reading. To date we have had 25,000 cards printed and over 15,000 are now in circulation.

We need the aid of every minister especially to attain the grandest possible success in this work. We solicit the cooperation of every

lover of God's word in this effort to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea with a knowledge of God's will to man and man's duty to his God.

We need dimes and dollars to efficiently and rapidly advance our work. The majority of those receiving cards, have neglected to forward even the mite we have asked from each—not one, if personally appealed to, would refuse one dime or even more to promote such work. Such an appeal is impossible, but we write in hope that the pure minds of many will be stirred up to promptly forward their dues. The aggregate of these small mites, if each is faithful, will refresh our work as rain drops refresh the earth after drouth. Those desiring cards, send to R. B. Neal, Secretary, 841 Franklin street, Louisville, Ky. Those who have dimes or dollars to contribute to this work, send to John T. Frazier, Treasurer, 352 West Jefferson, Louisville, Ky. The cards state concisely and clearly the plan and work of the alliance as well as outlining a year's reading of the Bible. Inclose stamp when you send for cards.

GEO. J. PEAK, Pres't.

Chinese Bible Meeting.

A very interesting and successful Chinese Bible meeting was held at the Baptist Chinese Mission Chapel in Portland, Or., on Sabbath evening, February 24, 1884. The various Chinese mission schools in the city with their superintendents and teachers, came together, and with one accord united in the services of the evening. There were over two hundred Chinese in attendance, including several Chinese women and children.

The services were opened by singing the hymn commencing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," in which the whole congregation joined, singing most heartily as unto the Lord. Seven brief addresses were made by persons connected with the several missions.

These addresses were interspersed with appropriate pieces sung by the audience. A statement of the work being done by the American Bible Society in China and elsewhere for the Chinese was made by the District Superintendent for Oregon and Washington Territory. A brief statement of the Society's work was made in the Chinese language by Rev. A. J. Hansen, Superintendent of the Methodist Episco-

pal Chinese Mission School. A collection was taken up for the Bible cause, amounting to \$63.40. One Christian Chinese merchant gave \$20 in gold coin. All appeared to give in the spirit of the gospel, "liberally and cheerfully."

May not other societies and congregations, more highly favored, learn an important lesson from this noble example of benevolence, from those who have so recently been converted from the darkness of heathenism? Doubtless the influences of this Chinese Bible meeting will reach home and hearts in the far away land from which these Chinese have come.

A Perfect Marriage.

A wise preacher once remarked, the largest remnant of Eden left, was lodged in the home. A lovely oasis would truly have been snatched from Eden's shut gates, and planted in our midst, if husbands and wives, in their special relations, obeyed Bible commands. The rhapsodies of poet and lover fade into tawdriness, compared with inspiration's conception of wedlock. The brief commands enforced in Ephesians, chapter v.—"Of themselves complete in beauty." Reverence and duty from the woman; love and providing given by the man; such a heart-satisfying picture. The single world indeed have a right to bemoan, were marriage what the Lord would have it.

There is a marriage mystical, glorious, sweet and eternal, to which every human soul is wooed who has heard of Christ. To this marriage "the Spirit and the bride say, Come." Christ pleads for it when he entreats "that all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in Us." "That they may be made perfect in one," and "that the world may know that Thou has sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me." To be one with God in Christ, is the true soul-marriage.—LEIGH NORVAL in *Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine* for April.

"It saved my wife from the grave or an asylum," writes a gentleman whose wife had been a fearful sufferer from Neuralgia. She had used Compound Oxygen for a few weeks. All information about this new agent of cure will be sent free by Drs. Starkey & Palen, 1106 Girard Street, Philadelphia.

All orders for the Compound Oxygen Home Treatment directed to H. E. Mathews, 606 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, will be filled on the same terms as if sent directly to us in Philadelphia.

The Book of Nature.

In this dilemma where is man to look for truth? Where can he read the history of the past? Is there nothing reliable and enduring? Is there no truthful record of the earth's history that can be transmitted throughout all time? Yes, she writes her own autobiography, which can perish only with a perishing earth. She needs no amanuensis, no book of parchment, no historian, to record her epochs serene or catastrophes stupendous. Her great volume lies open before us. Even if not mendacious, man is but finite and imperfect. Nature is Infinite in all that she does. The earth rolls through space, impelled and restrained by invisible and infinite forces. Man cannot comprehend them, much less the manifestations of an infinite power that is exercised alike upon a twilight monad or a whirling planet. The great volume of Nature is open for all. In it we may read, in God's own handwriting, which no man can counterfeit or imitate, the history of the illustrious past. Study it; ponder upon it; believing nothing which man has written unless it harmonizes with this grand history.—*West Shore.*

Do you want to know the man against whom you have the most reason to guard yourself? Your looking-glass will give you a very fair likeness of his face.—*Whately.*

Do you think of one falsity as harmless, and another as slight, and another as unintended? Cast them all aside; they may be light and accidental, but they are ugly soot from the smoke of the pit for all that.—*John Ruskin.*

Eight Years' Scrofula Cured.

A valued correspondent, Albert Simpson, Esq., writing from Peoria, Ill., says: "Samaritan Nervine cured me of scrofula, after having suffered for 8 years with the disease." Mr. Simpson lives in Peoria. Ask him. Your druggist keeps it. \$1.50.

If, on looking back, your whole life should seem rugged as a palm-tree stem, still never mind, so long as it has been growing, and has its grand, green shade of leaves and weight of honeyed fruit at top.

If you feel dull, drowsy, debilitated, have frequent headache, mouth tastes bad, poor appetite, tongue coated, you are suffering from torpid liver or "biliousness." Nothing will cure you so speedily and permanently as Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery." By all druggists.