

California Department.

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A Correction.

In the HERALD of Dec. 21, 1883, we published an article in regard to the "Cause in California." The article has recently been republished in the *Pacific Church News*, and our venerable Bro. G. O. Burnett writes me, making a correction which we are glad to note.

We stated in the aforesaid article that "there was no evangelist put into the general field until the sisters organized a Home Missionary Work and placed Bro. Pendegast in the work in Sacramento." Bro. Burnett informs us that in the fall of '61 or '62 Bro. J. P. McCorkle was sent out as State Evangelist by the churches assembled at Dry Creek, and furthermore there was organized what was known as a Missionary Society, and Bro. Pendegast and Bro. Burnett were sent out soon after as State Missionaries. Very soon a General Missionary Society was formed and Bro. Burnett was elected as president of the society, and Bro. Hallam was the agent in the field during the same year. Furthermore, during the time of this missionary work, a long written controversy ensued touching the power to establish such a society, there being some of our good brethren who thought it out of the jurisdiction of the church to send out missionaries. The result of the discussion was that all concluded the church was simply doing her duty in thus sending out evangelists to build up the waste places and open new fields, so that at different times there were several missionaries in the field. These events occurred about ten years before we came to California, hence the reason for not being acquainted with them. Many thanks for the item of correction, for it is certainly due our old pioneers in the gospel that the facts be fairly stated.

Grabbed Golden Grains.

One addition at Santa Rosa.

Bro. McHatton goes to Yuba City.

Interesting meeting at Sacramento.

One confession at Williams, under Bro. Blake's labors.

Recently two more added to the church in College City.

Bro. Hands will hold a meeting at Sycamore, in Colusa county.

Four more additions at Santa Clara, under the labors of Pres. McCollough.

Two more additions at Milville, Shasta county, under the labors of Bro. G. R. Hand.

Bro. Pattee will fill the pulpit in San Francisco while Bro. Belding finishes up his work and builds the house in the city.

Bro. H. W. Wood, a student of Washington, is a good young preacher, and will preach in some of our neighboring villages this spring.

Bro. W. B. Foster, of Santa Rosa, opens a California Column in the *Christian-Evangelist*, and will keep the readers posted on California matters. Success to Bro. F.

Bro. Hand will hold a meeting at Meridian, in Sutter county. We have been interested in that point for several years, but could only go and speak for them occasionally.

The District Meeting for the Santa Clara Valley has been postponed till in May. A suitable place to hold the meeting could not be secured till several weeks later than was first announced.

Five confession at Colusa, under Bro. Blake's labor. Bro. Blake, we bid you welcome and God speed in your new field. It is like home to us. Hope you will have as many warm friends as we feel like we have among the Colusa county brethren. We shall look on with pleasure and greatly rejoice as you move on the fortress of the enemy. "Storm the Fort!"

Bro. Taudy will soon begin a meeting at Maxwell, in Colusa Co. We have had a great desire for years to see the work begin there. Have often consulted with others in reference to the work, but a way could not be opened till now. We have some good brethren there who will stand to the front, we trust, and soon the cause of primitive Christianity can be firmly established.

Bro. Thos. Porter has been employed to labor for the church at Oakland. He has also bought property in Oakland, the Brooklyn

of the Pacific, and settled down to earnest work and spend his days in his sunny home. The meeting house built there by our lamented Bro. Reagan, was sold, by a little unfair trick, and taken from our brethren. The South Methodist got the building. But the brethren are making an arrangements to build in a much better part of the city. With such men as Bro. Mazen Hoyt to direct the finances, and Bro. Porter to counsel and encourage the work, it will move on to a success.

Prof. Rattan, of the Girls High School, of San Francisco, lectured a few days ago in the college chapel, before the students and citizens on the science of sound and the use of the phonograph, all of which was amply illustrated. It was all very instructive. We, in a short time, formed a very pleasant acquaintance with him, and the more so when we learned that the Prof. is the son-in-law of our venerable old saint Bro. Geo. Kincaid. Another son-in-law of Bro. K., Pres. A. P. Aten, of Lampassass College, Texas, was a class-mate of self and wife in college. Besides we were collaborators for several years, and the intimacy goes back to when all four were in college together. Prof. Rattan is the author of a small work on the California Flora. From here he went to a canyon with his flower case on his back to gather posies. We certainly will avail ourselves of his solicitations to bring family and enjoy the associations of himself and family on California street.

Heart service is the only kind of service that is acceptable with God. We may work for others only with our hands, and receive our wages in due season, but if we do God's work we must work with the heart or there is no recompense for us, we shall be counted as unprofitable servants, unworthy of our hire. We serve a Master who "looketh upon the heart;" who knows the secret motives and purposes, and all mere outward show of zeal and devotion are mockery in his sight. Heart work is true work—the noblest, highest and best service which man can give, and the only kind that will ensure an heavenly and eternal reward.—*Ev.*

There is an ostentatious liberality which scatters bounty, but confers no benefits, and buys flattery, but not friendship.—*Dr. Johnson.*

Educational Department.

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Teachers' Institute.

The Institute of the Third Judicial District was held in Albany on the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th of this month. We have received the programme, from the State Superintendent, on which we notice the names of several of the leading educators of the district. Among whom we notice Pres. Stanley, Supt. Rigler, M. G. Lane, S. A. Randle and Miss Tatom, of Polk county; Supt. Gregg, Jos. A. Sellwood, H. B. Elworthy and W. R. Privett, of Marion, and others of whose good works we know something. The programme will furnish food for careful work during the time allotted.

We also reproduce an editorial from the *Albany Herald*, which expresses our sentiments on Institute work exactly, and of which we ask a careful perusal.

OUR DISTRICT INSTITUTE — ITS PURPOSES AND VALUE.

The teachers' institute for the third judicial district will be held in this city April 1, 2, 3 and 4.

According to section 5 of the Oregon school law, this is made a duty incumbent on the state superintendent of public instruction.

The object of our legislature in establishing institute work was to advance the educational standing of our teachers, and, through them, the public schools of the state. It was thought that the teachers needed more thorough preparation in their work, and that the institute, acting in conjunction with the state teachers' association, would afford them the means of making this preparation. This, then, they were expected to do, and to take advantage of this valuable and practical means for self improvement, becomes the duty of every *live* teacher. This is by no means a new method for the advancement of the teachers' profession, neither did it originate in Oregon, but for many years it has been used as one of the most potent of educational factors in the New England states, the Middle states and the Western states, and we note here the gratifying results of their establishment in most of the Southern states where they have been well attended and have undoubtedly produced good results.