Reports from the Field.

MOHAWK, OREGON, June 19, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

I send you the result of our meeting on last Lord's day. Bro. I. N. Mulkey was the principal speaker. Four confessed their faith in Christ and were buried in baptism. We thank God and take courage. To God be glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Your brother in Christ,

J. F. M.

COQUILLE CITY, OR.,
June 11, 1877.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

Bro. J. M. Harris visited our part of the country and held meetings, commencing in Coquille City, on Friday evening, before the fourth Lord's day in May, and ending on Friday evening after the fourth Sunday; and at Burton Prairie, commencing on Saturday evening and holding over the first Lord's day.

This was an unfavorable season for an interesting meeting in Coquille City, on account of so many being engaged at logging camps and otherwise. Nevertheless we had good attendance and profound attention on the part of the audience to the able manner in which the claims of the Gospel were presented.

The immediate result of which was one reclaimed.

The brethren received much instruction and sinners were made to feel the effects of the power of the truths of the Gospel.

The meeting at the latter place was short, but we trust much good seed was sown that will be reaped hereafter. The immediate result at Burton Prairie was one by confession and immersion.

Times are very hard in this country and the "how and wherewith to make a living" is engrossing the minds of many, even to the hinderance of the Gospel.

Our prospects are indeed gloomy for the present, but we hope and pray for better times.

In hope of life,

T. M. MORGAN.

HALSEY, OR., June 11, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

Yesterday will long be remembered by many, for I heard some saying that that was the first Universalist meeting they had ever attended.

The forenoon discourse was conducted by a Mr. Morrison, of Grande Ronde. He gave us a very modern rendition of the rich man and Lazarus, calling the former the Jewish and the latter the Gentile nations.

After a very illiterate attempt and a great deal of misquoted Scripture, he opened the door of the church. Some three or four presented themselves for the right hand of fellowship, they retaining a sitting posture, among whom was a man about 50 years of age, who kept his hat on all the while.

Afternoon discourse by Mr. Aughter, a Unitarian preacher, who took for his text "Blessed are they who keep his commandments."

After throwing considerable dust into the eyes of those who were already blind, he convinced, sufficiently to make them think that he (the preacher) was an efficient D. D. to give them a true explanation of God's holy word. Jesus said: "If the blind lead the blind both will fall into the ditch." This surely will be the pitiable condition of this leader and his followers, unless they cease to pervert God's word.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. H.

A youth who starts out in life with an earnest determination to be honest, upright, faithful to all trusts, punctual, attentive, and, above all, God-fearing, has a promise of abundant success. Though he be without money, or wealthy friends, he will be sure to gain all that he most desires.

Words by the Way.

There are two ways of resisting the devil. We may try to shut every avenue of the soul against him, or we may so fill the soul itself with the happiness of Christ's salvation, that it will be absorbed in that, and have no attention for his seductions. The latter is by far the better. When Ulysses came near the island on the beach of which the Sirens were sitting and endeavoring by their music to allure him and his companions, he stuffed the ears of fellow voyagers with wax, and had himself tied to the mast, so that they could not hear, and he could not yield, to the seductive strains. But when the Argonauts sailed by they had Orpheus on board, and his music so surpassed that of the sea-nymphs that they sang again in vain. He who has Christ in his soul has a greater than Orpheus on board with him, and by giving expression in song to the happiness which dwells within him, he will make himself deaf to "the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely."—*Christian at Work.*

Considerate Bears.

A gentleman was once making inqueries in Russia about the method of catching bears in that country. He was told that to entrap them a pit was dug several feet deep, and after covering it over with turf, leaves, etc., some food was placed on top. The bear, if tempted by the bait, easily fell into the snare. "But," he added, "if four or five happen to get in together, they all get out again."

"How is that?" asked the gentleman.

"They form a sort of ladder by stepping on each other's shoulders, and thus make their escape."

"But how does the bottom one get out?"

"Ah! these bears, though not possessing a mind and soul such as God has given us, yet can feel gratitude, and they won't forget the one who has been the chief means of procuring their liberty. Scampering off, they bring the branch of a tree, which they let down to their poor brother, enabling him speedily to join in the freedom in which they rejoice."

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