

Reports from the Field.

DAMASCUS, CLACKAMAS CO., OR.,
Aug. 13, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

The 2d Lord's day in this month we met at the church house to worship, after which one more soul showed her willingness to become a child of God. After hearing her confession of her faith in Christ, we went down to Rock creek, where she was buried in baptism, to arise to walk in newness of life.

May we all be faithful until death is the prayer of

Your Bro. in Christ,
R. G. PEW.

HARRISBURG, LINN CO., OR.,
Aug. 20, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

Our prayer meetings are growing in number and interest; our Sunday school is also growing both in number and interest; there were fifty-eight in the classes on yesterday beside several visitors.

The attendance was good at church, there were four additions by letter, three who had been members of the Church of Christ, and one who had been a member of the M. E. Church South.

At my regular appointment at Muddy, one week ago yesterday, there was one who took membership with the church there, who had been baptized at the Annual Meeting, two years ago.

The brethren are aiming to elect officers at Harrisburg next Lord's day, and at Muddy one week from next Lord's day.

Yours in Christ,
E. W. BARNES.

MOHAWK, Aug. 22, 1877.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

I send you a card informing you of the result of our meeting on last Lord's day: two confessions. Bro. I. N. Mulkey was our speaker. Notwithstanding the opposition we have to contend with, we, with the truth, are gaining strength. We feel to thank God and take courage.

Your Bro. in hope,
J. F. M.

FIFTEEN MILE CREEK, OR.

Dear Brother:

We are struggling hard for the existence of the congregation here. We feel to thank God our efforts promise success. We begin to realize that Christianity is an individual matter, and not something for the preacher alone to do.

May God bless you in your endeavors to send forth "the glad tidings of great joy," and assist us in our humble efforts to serve him.

Yours in Christ,
G. H. BARNETT.

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into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Were they to use this authority immediately. No. "And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you. But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." Why have them waiting? Because the comforter had not yet come. Jesus had not been coronated. But after he gave this commission to the twelve he ascended the heavens and was seated at the right hand of the throne of God. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they (the apostles) were all with one accord in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts ii. 1, 4.

They must be endued with power from on high in order to be qualified for the important work for which the

Lord had chosen them, which was accomplished on the momentous Pentecost, on which occasion was inaugurated the Christian Dispensation. "The law was to go forth out of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the scripture, and said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third; that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke xxiv. 45, 47. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning. Acts ii. 15. The foregoing Scriptures show conclusively that Jerusalem was the

place, and Pentecost the time of the beginning of the Gospel Dispensation. When the Savior was exalted at the right hand of God, the foundation was completed, and ready for the building of the temple to commence. Previous to this time the Gospel had never been preached, in fact the keys of the kingdom had never been used. But when the Holy Spirit or comforter came and took his abode in the hearts of the apostles the building commenced, 3,000 on Pentecost, 5,000 soon after, and so on, until finally a great number of Priests become obedient to the faith. The old Jerusalem church is a complete model. It was built upon the newly laid foundation when there was no rubbish in the way. It was built by men divinely inspired by preaching the Gospel in its heaven-born purity, uncontaminated by the man made doctrines of modern times. In the 42 verse of the 2d chapter of Acts we have a perfect organization, in living working order, and how it was made we have a full account in the same chapter.

Friends, do we want to build a church? If so the foundation is already laid for us. But by what means must we build it? Have we any creed to be governed by? Yes. What sort, human or divine? In the first place we have a divine creed. In the second place we have human creeds "until you can't rest." The apostles used divine means and those means are committed to our hands. And by those means and no other shall we build upon this foundation. More anon.

T. M. MORGAN.

Coquille City, Aug. 3, 1877.

Fifty Dollars or Fifty Cents.

There is on the borders of Connecticut a small town, which, though weak and feeble, still, with the help of a "Home Missionary Society," supported a minister and maintained regular divine worship.

About the time when it became necessary to pay the minister's salary there moved into the place a man who gained his living by carting coal and other similar labor. It was noticed that this man was very regular in his attendance at church, and was never absent from the prayer meeting, but in a pecuniary point of view was not considered a valuable acquisition. It was a custom, when the salary was due, for one of the deacons to collect all he could from the people, and then to get the balance from the Home Missionary Society. In accordance with this custom, one fine morning Deacon A—, a man of considerable means and considerable penuriousness, started forth, subscription paper in hand, to see how much he could squeeze out of the parish for the support of the minister. The first person

he met was above-mentioned coal carter, moving along the road with a cart load of that material. The deacon considered within himself that it might be worth while to ask him to contribute, seeing that he was a good sort of a person, and every little helps, and so accosted him with "Good morning, Mr. B—, are you willing to give anything toward the support of the pastor?" at the same time handing him the paper.

The man stopped, stood thoughtfully for a moment or two, drew a pencil out of his pocket, and with his dirt-begrimed hand he headed the list with the sum of \$50.

The deacon was taken by surprise that he could hardly believe the evidence of his eyes, and thinking the man had made a mistake, and not wishing to take the advantage of him, he asked him, "Did you not mean that for fifty cents?" The coal carter turned and drew himself up to full height, and with great earnestness replied: "I do not value the Gospel at fifty cents a year." This answer placed the case in a new light. The deacon went immediately to the pastor, related the incident, and said: "If that man can give \$50 I can give \$500."

The same spirit actuated the rest of the parish on hearing the story, and in a few days the salary was raised by the people themselves without the necessity of applying for outside aid.

Reader, it becomes you to consider the question suggested by this incident. How much do you "value the Gospel at?" for upon the answer may depend your fate for eternity. If by a whole-souled Christianity you prove that you have consecrated time influence, money, all that you have and are to the service of the Master, at that dread all will be well. But, if not, then this question may well startle you. For according to your valuation of Christ here will be his valuation of your services there.—Etc.

Nearer Home.

BY MRS. LAURA ROSSE OSBORN.

How sweet to think when the shadows fall,
And the gloaming comes,
And a silence settles over all,
And the day succumbs to the evening pall,
And the night bird roames.

Mid the folded flowers and the hush of song,
And the gleam of stars from the azure dome,
The soul's assurance steals along,
We're nearer, nearer home.

At morn we rise when the early dew
Is sparkling bright;
And the day's stern duties stand in view,
And we work with a courage tried and true,
Till the waning light;
But glad are we in the breezy calms,
To think of a quiet rest to come;
And how, like a shepherd gathers his
Lambs,
The Father is bringing us home.

How fond we gaze on the task of life,
In its morning hours;
And eager start on its varied strife,
Dreaming its labors may be rife
With fame and power;
But ah, methinks in the twilight shade,
When the heart's affections cease to roam
Our lives more glorious may be made,
By being nearer home.

And now in the hush of life I stand,
Mid the golden wheat;
Ready to work at thy command,
For I long to come with a well filled hand
In the gloaming sweet;
And to think as I wait on the rest above,
And the pure delights of the heavenly
dome,
And to hear as I reach those strands of
love,
The joyful chorus "Welcome home."

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, Nelson Neally, administrator of the estate of Samuel S. Neally, deceased, will, by virtue of an order of the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, will at public auction, at the Court House door, at Dallas, in said county, on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1877, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. of said day, the following described real estate, to wit: The Donation Land Claim of Samuel S. Neally, Not. 7497 in sections 21 and 22 in T. 9 S. of R. 5, W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon, and in lots 4 and 5 of section 22 in said Township and Range, and also of that tract beginning at the S. W. corner of Claim No. 60 Not. 2470, in said sec. 22, T. 9 S. R. 5 W., thence E. 26.50 chs., thence N. 6.50 chs., thence N. 51° W. 31.50 chs., thence S. 23.86 chs. to the place of beginning, there being in all of said premises 226.86 acres, more or less.

NELSON NEALLY,
ADMINISTRATOR.

J. L. COLLINS,
Attorney. 7-24-6t

Who so stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.—Solomon.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS.

By order of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, applications for Scholarships, entitling the holders to tuition free, in the State University, will be heard in said Court, on Wednesday, the 3d day of September, 1877, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day.

WARREN TRUITT,
COUNTY JUDGE.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that Joanna Harris, Administratrix of the Estate of J. S. Harris, deceased, having filed her final account and petition for final settlement of said trust.

By order of the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, made at the August Term thereof, A. D. 1877. Tuesday, the 4th day of September, A. D. 1877, at the Court House, in the town of Dallas, in the aforesaid County, is fixed for hearing said matter.

All persons are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and make objections to said settlement if any there be.

JOANNA HARRIS,
ADMINISTRATRIX.
N. L. BUTLER,
Attorney. 7-23-4t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Lewis Helmick has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Henry Helmick, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, at the July Term thereof, A. D. 1877.

All persons having claims or demands against said Estate, are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at his place of residence near the Luckiamute, in said County, within Six Months from the date hereof. And all persons knowing themselves indebted to said Estate, are required and notified to make immediate payment thereof.

Done by order of the aforesaid Court, August 9th, A. D. 1877.

LEWIS HELMICK,
ADMINISTRATOR.
N. L. BUTLER,
Attorney.

J. L. COLLINS,
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