

place that he would rather stay there without his brethren, than that they should by coming to that place of torment to suffer as he was suffering.

The rich man gave it the name of "this place of torment." We presume, the name was suggested to him from his personal experience there. In answer to his earnest request last mentioned, "Abraham saith unto him, they have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them." We will presume upon the readers' patience long enough at this precise point, to note how strikingly true is the reply of Abraham even to this generation. Thousands now, not only have Moses and the prophets, but in addition, have the statement of Jesus in his history of these persons, and still after all, they will not believe there is a place of torment.

G. O. B.

Personal.

Bro. Amos Buchanan, now of Idaho Territory, is visiting old friends in the Willamette valley. We were pleased to receive a call from him one day last week, and to see him looking to be in fine health.

Prest. T. E. Campbell has been elected by the State Board of Education, as a member of the State Board of Examination.

Bro. E. J. Lampton has removed from Bushnell, Ill., to Texas.

The Convention.

The General Convention of the Church of Christ has met and adjourned. The meeting was in St. Louis, and we would like to give a full account of its doings as we find them in the *Christian*, but space will not permit. We however, clip the following as embracing the points of greatest interest:

The report of the Board on Home Mission Work showed the following results for the past year:

Amount of money raised, \$45,410 90.

Bequests for State and general work, \$51,500 00.

Subscription to Southern Christian Institute, for educating colored preachers, \$11 000.

Total amount of cash, bequests and subscriptions, for missionary purposes, \$107,910 90.

Number of additions through the missionary organizations, 3,786.

This, though perhaps far below what it ought to be, is no mean showing, especially when the stringency of the times during the past year is taken into consideration. There is certainly in it, no cause for discouragement. The report showed that those States in which an Evangelist had been employed to look after the general work, other things being equal, had raised the largest amount of means, and obtained the greatest number of additions. This fact ought to have its weight in the future of our State Boards.

The report of the Board was referred to appropriate committees for recommendations on its various parts. It was recommended, that the ground already gained should be firmly held, that the Board of Missions help the cause in the weak States and Territories, to the extent of its ability, and that in order to largely increase its ability in this direction, the churches were urged to make liberal contributions to the missionary work. It was very generally agreed that the lack of the earnest cooperation of the preachers, elders and deacons in the raising of missionary funds in their congregations is the one great cause of the meagerness of our missionary work. The preachers, elders and deacons present pledged themselves to faithfulness in this work in the future. Will they please remember that pledge and carry it out.

There was a very decided feeling that the plan under which we are operating was quite sufficient for mis-

sionary work, if carried out, and that extra organizations would not add to its efficiency. There is not the sublime faith in organizations alone, that once characterized our conventions. There seems to be an increasing conviction that no plan will work itself, but that it must be worked, in order to amount to anything.

The Hymn-book Committee made its report, as usual, showing that about \$1,300 had been paid to the Missionary Board, as royalty on the hymn-books and hymnals. A motion to refer this report to a committee to ascertain the actual cost of publishing these books, the propriety of receiving competitive bids for publishing same, and other matters connected with the hymn-book interest, prevailed, after some discussion.

Reports from the Field.

WOODLAND, CAL., Nov. 3, 1877.

Dear Bro. Porter:

Our protracted meeting of two weeks closed with only twenty additions to the church; eight by baptism, balance by commendation. But we hope much good has been done otherwise.

Yours in the Christian hope,
I. N. HODGEN.

HARRISBURG, OR., Nov. 5, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

We closed our meeting here on the 29th of last month. The attendance was good. We had one addition from the Baptists, one from the Methodists, and others took membership, making seven additions to the congregation during the meeting.

Next morning after the close of the meeting I went to Salem, to attend the Ministerial Meeting. I went with some misgivings as to the propriety of such a step, but I am now satisfied that there is no harm in it and that an untold amount of good will come of it if the brethren will go forward.

Your brother in the work,
E. W. BARNES.

PLEASANT HILL, OR.,

Nov. 3, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

A very interesting meeting of nine days closed here on last Lord's day evening.

Bros. Bailes and Burnett were here at the commencement of the meeting, but Bro. Bailes felt that other duties made it necessary for him to leave, after remaining with us for two days. After his departure the services of Bro. R. H. Moss were obtained, and he labored faithfully until the close of the meeting. Although Bro. Burnett did very little preaching, his promptness in leading in the singing and in the social meetings also made his presence almost indispensable.

Altogether we received much instruction and had a very refreshing time to Christians, and the close attention given by others to the teaching of the Word leads us to hope that the good seeds of truth with spring up and bear of fruit most abundantly.

That such may be the case and that we all may labor faithfully in the cause of our Lord and Master is the prayer of

Yours in hope of eternal life,

A. H. BECKWITH.

P. S.—Nov. 5th. At the close of a very excellent discourse given by Bro. Burnett this morning, the esteemed wife of our venerable elder, Sam. Baughman, came forward and made the good confession. She has been a consistent member of the Methodist church for many years, but now takes upon herself the name by which every disciple of Jesus Christ should alone be called.—A. H. B.

Personal Sketches.

We are indebted to the *Christian* for the following clipping from the *Globe Democrat*, of Aug. 28th:

Many able and distinguished men have been attending, during the past

week, the Convention of the Missionary Society of the Christian church. A short sketch of the following may be of some interest:

W. K. Pendleton, LL. D., the President of the Convention, is one of the most prominent members of this denomination. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia. In 1841, the year Bethany College was founded, he was appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy in that institution. Afterward he filled the position of Vice-President, and since the death of Alexander Campbell, in 1865, he has been the President of that now flourishing college. Hence, for the past thirty-three years, his life has been devoted to the cause of education. During this time he has been elected to several positions of honor and trust by the people of West Virginia. He was one of the hard workers of the Convention which revised the present Constitution of that State. Last year he was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and he fills that office at the present time. President Pendleton preaches this morning at the Christian church, corner of Twenty-third and Washington avenue.

Hon. R. M. Bishop, of Ohio, the Vice-President of this Convention, is known far and wide. For years he has stood as the leading grocery merchant of Cincinnati. Elected Mayor of that city in 1859, on the same ticket with President Hayes, he filled the position with honor and credit to himself and to his city. On the 9th of the present month he was elected Governor of Ohio. For twenty years he has contributed thousands of dollars for worthy and charitable objects. Hundreds of young men all over the land bless "Uncle Dick" for the education he has enabled them to acquire.

Alexander Procter, the philosophic thinker of the Christian church, has been for seventeen years preaching at Independence, Jackson county, Mo. A thorough scholar, an independent gentleman, noted for always stopping at a hotel, in place of imposing himself at any hour, upon some good deacon, he is a man of whom Missouri can well be proud.

Isaac Egrett is the editor of the *Christian Standard*, one of the leading papers of the Christian church in the United States. Besides being an able writer, he has no little reputation as a public lecturer.

Dr. W. H. Hopson, the polished pulpit orator, is well known to all St. Louisans. Reared in the home of the co-laborer of Alexander Campbell—B. W. Stone—for thirty-five years, man and boy, he has been a proclaimer of the "Faith once delivered to the saints." The following incident in the Doctor's life may be of some interest in these days of reconstruction:

During the war he was a chaplain in the Confederate army. One time, down in Tennessee, after several days' hard engagements, both commands rested on their arms. During this time the Doctor was not idle, but was declaring the Gospel to the poor wounded Confederate soldiers. Over across the river a brother laborer of the Doctor's was doing the same thing for the defender of the Union. It happened that both appointed the immersion for the same day, and as the Doctor, with his little band of Confederates, gathered on the banks of the river, he looked up and saw the Federals being led into the water on the opposite side. So both the Blue and the Grey were buried with Christ in baptism.

L. B. Wilkes has a wide reputation as a logical speaker and an able debater. He has achieved fame among his brethren in the past few years in the several discussions he has held with that distinguished linguist, Dr. Ditzler, of the Methodist church. At present he is located at Columbia. He preaches at the Baptist church this morning, Fourteenth street and Clark avenue.

John W. McGarvey, who has ob-

tained much renown as a religious writer on account of his Commentaries on the Acts of the Apostles, was born in Hopkinsville, Ky., March 1, 1829. He graduated at Bethany College in 1850 with the first honors of his class. He is a present Professor in the Bible College at Lexington, Ky. He preaches this morning at the First Christian church, on Seventeenth and Olive streets.

A. I. Hobbs, of Indiana, is a forcible speaker. A few weeks since he held a discussion with Dr. Sawyer, of New York, the eloquent advocate of the Free-thinkers. He preaches this morning at St. John's M. E. church.

W. T. Moore, T. Munnell, G. W. Longan, Enos Campbell, T. P. Haley and John A. Brooks are all well known as popular writers and pulpit orators.

Very many of the most prominent men have unavoidably been prevented from attending the Convention. Those whose absence has been commented on the most are Robert Graham and Moses E. Lard, of Kentucky, and that eminent philologist, Charles Louis Loos, of Virginia.

Obituaries.

SANTA ROSA, CAL.

Dear Brother:

By a dispatch from Fulton, we were called to attend the funeral of Bro. Butts's son, Oscar, who was crushed to death, by two cars, on the 30th Oct., as they came together.

The boy was in the habit of coupling them together, and in the attempt to do so, met with his death, by the cars being loaded with lumber that protruded over the ends, and when these came together, crushed him between the lumber.

Oscar was 14 years of age, and was highly esteemed by the neighborhood, for his very amiable deportment. The shock to his weeping parents and sorrowing brothers and sisters, was truly heart-rending. I pray God to temper the storm to the weeping mother. Sister Butts is held in high esteem, as well as the other members of the stricken family.

G. O. BURNETT.

SANTA ROSA, CAL.

Bro. Editor:

From a letter addressed to Dr. Allen, of Santa Rosa, the melancholy news of the death of Bro. John M. Shackelford, who died at Silver City, New Mexico, Sept. 15, 1877, aged 71 years, reached us. Our beloved and highly esteemed brother for his work's sake, was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, and emigrated to Missouri, some thirty-six years ago, and from thence, to California in the early days of the gold excitement, and settled near Red Bluff, in Tehama county, where he lived until about one year ago.

Bro. Shackelford will long be remembered by all who knew him, and by the disciples of Christ, especially, as an uncompromising friend, and believer in the inspiration of the Bible.

G. O. BURNETT.

LEWISVILLE, OR.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

It falls to my unhappy lot to record the death of Ella May, daughter of S. T. and Lucy Jane Darby, who died of diphtheria on the 21st of Oct. 1877; she was 1 year, 5 months and 17 days old. She leaves a father, mother and two little brothers to mourn her loss.

Also the death of Letitia Jane, daughter of T. C. and Sarah A. Darby, who died of diphtheria the 30th day of October. She was 4 years, 11 months and 1 day old. She leaves a father, mother and one little brother to mourn her loss, but our loss is her gain. She has gone to meet her little brother M. H. Darby, who died April 22, 1873; he was 2 years and 8 months old. Jesus says: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Oh, what a consolation.

Your brother in Christ,

T. C. DARBY.

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