

SCRAPS.

It is not a wise thing for a Christian, in his anxiety for the things of this life, to move into a locality where there is no church, unless he has the ability to gather one together. Better live on two meals a day and have the privilege of Christian association.

It is a wise thing for Christians in moving into localities where they are unknown, to fortify themselves against evil, by making themselves and their profession as Christians, known to their brethren, particularly to the pastor of the church. Many a young person has made shipwreck of faith by neglecting to do this. "Blessed is the man that goeth not in the way of the ungodly."

God is great and wise, but he has said more to us of his love than of his wisdom and power. "God commandeth his love to us."

The preacher is responsible to God for his teaching, not simply to the church, for the church may become corrupt and he may satisfy the church and not satisfy God. His ability and opportunities are the measure of his responsibility. How shall he know when he discharges his obligation? When he shuns not to declare the whole counsel of God. The counsel of God is in his word. If he teach more or less as a matter of faith, he is unfaithful and will not be excused though faithful to his church.

They who talk of non-essentials, in the teaching and commands of God, have not learned the rudiments of the doctrine of Christ.

"I was hungry and ye gave me food, thirsty and ye gave me drink, naked and ye clothed me, &c. Brother, does that mean you? Be watchful, the judgment is coming, and the Saturday night of life is at hand."

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the house of the Lord." Reader, do you feel like that?

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might become rich." What have you done, or what are you doing for him?

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Somebody has said, "Well he might, for there are so few of them."

"Be sober, be vigilant for your adversary, the devil goeth about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." Watch, brethren, for the devil has an insatiable appetite; he is always hungry.

Brother, have your children ever heard you pray? Do the praises of God go up from your hearth stone?

Are you as polite to your wife and children as you are to other people's wives and children? If not, doubtless they would enjoy a change.

Do you find joy in believing? Tell it. There are thousands of cheerless spirits who might seek joy from the same source. Does your preacher warm your soul? Find some soul that needs warming, and take him to the house of God with you, maybe he may be warmed to. In eternity that soul will bless you.

Is anybody stumbling into hell over your example? There are many stumbling blocks in the world. Do not be among the number.

Your business is increasing. Does your contribution to the cause of grace. Christ enlarge also? "Where much is given much will be required."

Did you ever sing
"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my life, my soul, my all."
With your hand in your pocket searching for a dime? Music cannot change a lie into the truth.

If God withheld the fruitful rains you would murmur, yet you allow a wet Sunday to keep you from duty. Does not that look like ingratitude?

Do you pay your preacher what you promise for his support? Do you enable him to comply with the apostolic injunction, to "owe no man anything."

The apostle said, "Brethren, pray for us." Do you pray for your preacher?

The more error a man has in his religion the more zealous he is likely to be. The more truth he has the more apt he is to lack zeal. Why is this? The nearer you get to God the harder you have to fight the devil, that is the reason.

Do you think any about foreign missions? Are you rejoicing over the successes of Christian missionaries in England, Jamaica and Denmark? Are you devising some plan by which you can help on the good work?

Will some wise brother tell us what would be the effect if we were as anxious to be rich in faith and good works, as we are to be rich in this world's goods?

Reports from the Field.

PINE CREEK, WHITMAN CO., W. T.
Nov. 4, 1877.

Bro. Stanley:

I will drop you a line and let you know how the cause is here. I am sorry to say that it is poor, and we have not had any preaching here since last winter. Bro. A. Buchanan was with us a few times, then he declined preaching entirely. We offered to pay him for his labor; also tried Bro. Matheny, but from some cause he did not come. These two are the only preachers north of Snake river that I know of. We have a church organized here with thirty-one members, and the prospects of a good harvest to the Lord, if we had a good preacher. If you know of any one that will come up here and preach, not only for us, but for several other churches, we will reward him liberally. Also there is a good chance for teaching school. Send them or him along, we need help and must have it if we can get it.

Yours in Christ,
J. M. PROBST.

NAPA, CAL., Nov. 14, 1877.

Bro. Porter:

During the three months of my preaching here, five have been added to the church by letter; one immersed here, one immersed at the late State Meeting, and one restored. On the books are now the names of nineteen persons with whom the preacher is not yet acquainted; these live from one to one hundred miles from the meeting house, and most of them cannot meet with us. Eleven others are known, but attend not our meetings because of distance, infirmities of age, &c. Some few of these two classes might frequent the Lord's house if full of the love of God. The occasional attendants number six. Of regular attendants we have but twenty-five, some of whom cannot be present more than once a week. The congregations are therefore less than Moody's were in Philadelphia. Hardly can we reasonably hope to convert the entire town during this year of grace.

The Sunday school is also small. About as large a per cent, however, of

sisters and brethren are interested in it, as it is common to find in California churches. Want of natural musical ability, diseased vocal organs, and coldness of heart make our singers few. There are a few faithful ones who study the lessons from week to week. In truth, we expect by perseverance, to teach two-thirds of the school to know before "summer sweets shall bloom again" the difference between Jews and Gentiles, Pharisees and Sadducees, and that there are two Testaments in the Bible.

Let us have the prayers of the faithful in Christ that we may have zeal to work as perseveringly as if we were converting a dozen per day.

Your brother,
B. S. GARDNER.

ROHSERVILLE, HUMBOLDT CO., CAL.
Nov. 5, 1877.

Dear Bro. Porter:

A copy of the P. C. MESSENGER of Oct. 18, 1877, was received by me last week. I am thankful to the sender, and I want to make a statement for the consideration of the brotherhood.

I have been trying to preach here for over a year, and it seems an uphill business to establish the cause of Christ in this place. I believe the convictions of the people are in our favor, for the plea we make in regard to the teachings of the New Testament. It is rather impossible, however, for me to do anything, on account of politics, secret societies, and such things, which I contend are at war with Christ and his cause.

Then again, we have no house here in which to worship, and our members are about eight or ten, most of whom are cold and dead, spiritually. I cannot do anything with them, and I will therefore preach for them no more as a pastor. I will, however, be glad to have some brother in the ministry come here and remain a month to conduct a meeting, in order to establish the cause and awaken the people out of their sleep. I will remain and do what I can to assist. Where is the State Evangelist? Cannot he be allowed to visit this part of the country? I have preached more than a year for my board and a suit of clothes. Cannot some other preacher come and preach a month? I will help. Publish this, and hasten some preacher to this place.

Your brother,
P. H. CUTLER.

UKIAH, CAL., Nov. 11, 1877.

Dear Bro. Porter:

You ask for items, and I send you the following:

First. A brief history of the church at Kelseyville, Lake county. Bro. S. Logan preached one sermon in the school house, in this place, in May last, and organized a congregation of twenty-six members, who were living in that vicinity. After the State Meeting he returned to hold a meeting for them. He rented the Methodist church, and began to preach on the fourth Sunday in September; on Monday he telegraphed me to come and help him. I reached Kelseyville on Tuesday evening and found brother sick. Things looked gloomy indeed; but finding no way to back out, I went to work and remained over two Lord's days. The meeting resulted in thirty-five additions, twenty of whom made the good confession. The congregation now numbers nearly sixty, with good officers. Bro. Sam will preach for them one-fourth of his time for one year.

After the State Meeting I came to this place (Ukiah) to visit old friends, and also for the health of my wife, and as a result have engaged to stay and preach for the church for one year. The church is in a good condition and alive to the work. There have been three added to the number, one by confession and baptism. I will write again.

Yours in the one hope,
JAMES LOGAN.

Personal.

Bro. J. M. Harris and family started for Texas last week, where they will remain, if pleased with the country. Bro. Harris has been a faithful proclaimer of the Gospel in Oregon for many years, and his loss will be deeply felt. He is getting very old to be seeking for a new country, but we trust his last days may be his best days.

Bro. P. R. Burnett, of Eugene City, expects soon to move from that place, but has not decided on his future location. We regret this move, as we fear he will find a home outside of Oregon, and we can ill afford to lose so valuable a proclaimer of the truth just at this time. But we know how it is. He is doubtless driven to it for want of sufficient support in the work of the ministry. Brethren, wake up!

Don't you see that our preachers are all leaving us, and unless we do something to change the current of events, we will soon cease to have an existence as a people? Three preachers leaving the State in two weeks! There is blame somewhere. We are amply able to support them all. Brethren, begin to act before it is too late.

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