

Book Notices.

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY VOL. II: This the second in order, is the third in order of publication, the commentary on Matthew and Mark, and on Hebrews having been issued from the press several months ago.

LIFE AND EPISTLES OF SAINT PAUL: Conybeare & Howson. We have received from the Columbian Book Company, Hartford, Conn., the "People's Edition" of this standard work.

We have received from the publishers A. Roman & Co., San Francisco, a lecture by Chas. D. Poston on the "Sun worshippers of Asia," to which is appended a description of the ruins of Persepolis, all making a neat little volume of 100 pages.

Reports from the Field.

Bro. Wolverton preached in Monmouth last Lord's day, and he and Bro. Muncy both spoke at night. Bro. W. united with the congregation by letter in the morning, and in the evening there were three additions; one reclaimed and two confessed faith in Christ, and were immersed on Monday afternoon.

HARRISBURG, LINN CO., OR., Nov. 25, 1877.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

I closed a meeting to-day of a little over a week's duration on Muddy, four miles east of here, with ten additions to the church; nine confessed their faith in the Christ of God, and were baptized, and one restored. May it turn to the faithful praise of our Father in heaven.

In the vineyard of the Lord, E. W. BARNES.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Nov. 20, 1877.

Dear Bro. Porter:

At the request of the church at Napa City, I visited them last Lord's day to set in order the things that were wanting, by ordaining Bro. J. L. Marshall as elder, and Bros. Butler and Pearson deacons, and Bro. Gardner an evangelist.

The church is in good working order with a fine and well appointed Sunday school, presided over by Bro. Gardner. I was pleased to see the advance under Bro. Gardner's efficient labor, the church is making. The brethren have succeeded in paying off the debt on their beautiful and well finished house, and have employed Bro. Gardner to minister to them in spiritual things.

We met some old friends that we have known for many years, among whom was our beloved and venerable Bro. N. Porter, who has passed his four score years. May God's blessing rest upon his hoary locks and gently lead him and his old companion in peace to the grave.

G. O. BURNETT.

DANVILLE, CONTRA COSTA CO., CAL., Nov. 20, 1877.

Dear Bro. Porter:

I have just returned from a meeting held at Modesto, Stanislaus county. I found the congregation had run down, had become discouraged and dispirited by reason of failure in crops, &c. They have a good brick house and the nucleus of a good and prosperous congregation, but need help and building up. My work for over two weeks, consisted of collecting together the scattered fragments of the church and warming them up to duty, which I succeeded in doing, and the result was, that at the end there was but one feeling, that I should become their pastor. I had no baptisms but sowed the seed to be reaped hereafter.

I commenced my work there Lord's day, December 2d. I intend subscribing for the P. C. MESSENGER, and shall advocate it strongly to my congregation. But more anon.

Your Bro. in Christ, HENRY COGSWELL.

UKIAH, CAL., Nov. 1877.

Bro. Porter:

The MESSENGER comes to hand regularly, and our hearts rejoice from two reasons, when we read it.

1st. That we have at last succeeded in getting a permanent paper for the brotherhood of this State.

2d. From reading reports of different brethren all along the coast we see that the work is being carried on and we go forward for better results.

Bro. James Logan is laboring with us now, and the cause is gradually moving on. He preached an excellent discourse last evening to a crowded house, and the best of interest prevailed. I suppose he will send you a report soon of his meetings in this county and Lake, so I shall not say anything about them; but send an item of Sunday school news.

We have a splendid Sunday school, the writer being superintendent; C. W. Tindall, assistant; H. H. Frazier, secretary; Nettie Siddons, librarian; Miss Georgia Ester, organist. We have a splendid lot of teachers too, that are always at their post. They don't go on excursions on the Lord's day. Our school hour is 2:30 P. M., and is largely attended. Attendance last Sunday was 106, and is gradually increasing both in number and interest. We labor in hope that great good shall come from this valuable adjunct.

Yours, D. M. GIBSON.

Send us new subscribers.

Obituary.

Our columns have become too much crowded for the insertion of long obituary notices, except in cases where the deceased was extensively known among our readers on this coast. In all cases we will insert 100 words free. For each additional 100 words we will charge \$1. When long notices are not accompanied by the money, the editor will abridge them to suit.

Died, at Bethesda Springs, of consumption, Mrs. P. S. Henry, aged 39 years, 1 month and 28 days.

She leaves a son and daughter and many friends to mourn her loss. She has been a consistent and faithful member of the Christian church for several years.

ALICE HUNT.

Sadly I record the death of Louella, the beloved wife of J. T. Harrington of this place. A fond husband, affectionate mother and sister, and two sweet children sit in grief, mourning the loss of one dear to them as life itself, seeking consolation in the knowledge that though she cannot return to them, they will some day go to her. Mrs. H. was not a member of the church, and most deeply do I deplore the fact, for I know that it would have been a comfortable reflection to her in her last moments. Her last conscious hours indicated how deeply she lamented that she had not united with the church. But while she was not a member of the church, she was deeply interested in its welfare and solicitous for its success. Every good work and worker had a friend in Mrs. H. A kinder heart seldom beat in a human breast; she ever had an encouraging word for the suffering and ready help for the needy. Her charity was without ostentation and her good deeds were never paraded with her consent. All classes of this community deplore her loss. We humbly pray that this dispensation of the Divine providence may be sanctified to the good of her sorrowing friends.

Mrs. H. was born near Harrodsburg, Ky., in the year 1833; came to California in the year 1869; was married at Colusa in 1871, and died at the same place Nov. 19, 1877.

Lord help us to prepare to meet thee in peace.

T. PORTER.

BROWNSVILLE, LINN CO., OR., Nov. 21, 1877.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

I regret to write to you this letter, as I feel in the deepest sorrow. I was called to attend the funeral of our worthy brother and associate, William E. Maxim, who was buried to-day. Bro. M. was a good Christian, and in early days when there was but few preachers in our midst, he used to gather his little flock together, and preach to them, and told them what the Savior said for us to do to become Christians. The many mourning friends that were standing by with weeping eyes, felt like they had lost their guide. Bro. M. belonged to the Mount Zion Baptist church in Virginia, and has lived a Christian life over thirty years; twenty years of which he has lived in Linn county, Oregon. He is well known in all parts of the State. He leaves a wife and daughter, and an adopted son, whom he brought across the plains and adopted in Oregon. Perhaps you may know something of his whereabouts. His name is A. C. Maxim. His proper name is A. C. Warren. He is not here, and Mrs. Maxim would like to see him. I would like to have this letter inserted in the P. C. MESSENGER. Probably he may see it. Brother M. was sensible to the last. He made a will, and then summoned all the household to the bed side and requested them to sing songs of holy ecstasy to waft his spirit on high, and then closed his eyes never to open again.

Bro. M. was a very charitable man. I never heard of his refusing aid in building churches or for other purposes. In his will he left his wife and daughter five thousand dollars

each, and five thousand to A. C. Warren, and five hundred to the church at Brownsville, and made several other donations.

I remain respectfully your brother in Christ,

SAMUEL DUNLON.

Our Troubles.

NUMBER III.

It being settled, that one religious paper, for the Church of Christ, on the entire Pacific Coast, is sufficient to supply our wants, and all that we are able to support in a judicious distribution of the means we are able to collect for religious purposes, we begin to look around, and while engaged in deep meditation upon the future, then loomed up another trouble in our

EDITORS.

It is not in every good man to make an editor, nor is it wise to place every good journalist in the editorial chair. Looking from my stand point, it would be much better to fill the editorial chair with good brethren who are good writers, but not good speakers; some have the gift of writing but are very poor speakers, while some others have the gift of speaking but are very poor writers.

Now, it seems to me, that every member of the church should be put to work in the vineyard according to the gift God has been pleased to give him; the good preacher to preaching, and the good writer who is not a fluent speaker, to writing, and thus utilize all our forces in the house of God. If the conductor of a religious paper will remember that Christianity consists of facts and truths to be believed, commandments to be obeyed, and blessings to be enjoyed, and that no opinion is taught either in the constitution or laws given us by the Great Law Giver, either to be believed or obeyed by the subjects of his kingdom, and in his editorials confine himself to Bible subjects, and give full credit to all Bible testimony and never introduce any foolish or untaught question, which is sure to gender strife, we can preserve the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace on the Pacific Coast, otherwise we will be divided as our brethren now are, by following the opinions taught by religious papers in the east.

All the switching off or divisions that have occurred among us during the last fifty years, have been the result of unlearned questions taught from the religious press.

May our P. C. MESSENGER ever come to us heavily laden with Bible truth and free from the opinions and doctrines of men.

HENRY THOMAS.

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 20, 1877.

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