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The following note explains the shortness of matter from Bro. Porter's pen:

COLUSA, CAL.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

For nearly five weeks Bro. W. H. Martin has been preaching night after night in this place, and I am happy to say with good results. Twenty-six were added to the church. I have never before seen so great an interest in Colusa. Our house is commodious, but could not contain all who sought admission. Bro. M. has done us good service, and has won the esteem of the brethren and the good will of those who heard him. I am pleased to know that he is likely to remain in Cal. We will be strengthened by his labors. Bro. M. is a good preacher, his sermons are well prepared and forcibly presented.

PORTER.

The *Catholic Sentinel* speaks of the N. Y. *Sun* as a non-Catholic paper, which has written a sensible article on the new Pope. It will be news to Americans that the *Sun* is non-Catholic.—P. C. Messenger.

If by *Americans* the *Messenger* means the Indians, it may be just as much news to them that the *Sun* is not a non-Catholic paper as it would be to learn that Campbellism was Christianity! The New York *Sun* is older than the Campbellite sect itself. Archbishop Purcell put an extinguisher on the leading light from which the sect has never recovered.—*Catholic Sentinel*.

How nicely the point is dodged. It is a well known fact by those acquainted with the *Sun*, that though run under the guise of a general newspaper, that it is operated in the interests of Catholicism. Will the *Sentinel* tell us this is not so?

The *Sun* may be older than the Campbellite sect for aught we know, as we have not become acquainted with that sect, though we have heard much of it. If by Archbishop Purcell's putting "an extinguisher on the leading light of that sect," the *Sentinel* refers to the debate between that gentleman and Alexander Campbell, we would like to have one matter explained: why is it that Catholics do not circulate that book extensively containing the debate, to extinguish protestantism in general; and why is it that protestants of every denomination circulate the book as an opposition of Catholicism. A good Methodist brother once told us that if Mr. Campbell had done a great work in so presenting the truth in his debate with Purcell, as to set Catholicism back fifty years in this country.

The Woman Bible College at Binghamton, N. Y., which affords a free University course to the daughters of disabled or diseased ministers without regard to sect, is full to overflowing.

The Moore Murder Case.

Monmouth is deeply agitated because of the arrest and trial, now going on, of Bro. John S. Churchill, at San Buena Ventura, Cal., as a participant in the murder of Moore. There is but one feeling, and that is that he is not the man to be guilty of any such crime. Not guilty is the uniform verdict. His parents, who live here, have the warmest sympathy of the entire community in this their deep affliction. We hope the truth may prevail.

The California State Sunday School Convention will be held in Vacaville in April.

Brief Notes.

—Spurgeon has gone to France to recuperate in health.

—Philip Phillips, the "singing pilgrim," is now in Texas.

—It is said there are already 5,000,000 signers of the Murphy pledge.

—The M. E. church has nine conferences and 124,000 members in Illinois.

—Texas has a new sensation in the shape of the white ribbon anti-tobacco movement.

—Two sons of a Methodist circuit rider were immersed at Bro. Munnell's great meeting at Brooklin, Iowa.

—Rumor says that Queen Victoria's youngest son, Leopold, will enter the ministry of the church of England.

—Dr. Ray, Baptist, and J. W. Stine, German Baptist, have had a public discussion at Nentonia, Mo.

—The number of Protestant Christians in the Turkish Empire is given at nearly 40,000 by the *Independent*.

—Dr. Jacob Ditzler is to have a debate with the Spiritualist, Jamieson, at Kirksville, Mo., beginning April 6th.

—It is estimated that more than two-thirds of the Catholics of this country—nearly 7,000,000 in number—are Irish.

—The Universalist church is now having a season of unusual rejoicing, since hell has been demolished by the learned "divines."

—As a result of a recent revival in Peking, China, a hundred Chinese have professed to believe in Christ as their Savior.

—Lutherans number 75,000 in Minnesota—more than any other denomination in the State. These are nearly all Germans and Scandinavians.

—A Massachusetts minister, offering his services to a church, was asked what doctrine he would preach. He answered, "Any you wish, I understand them all."—*Ex.*

—Mr. Barclay, a well known Quaker, estimates the present membership of that people at 17,000 in England and Wales. A few years ago they were estimated at 100,000.

—The ministers of Pittsburg are discussing the need of better marriage license laws. Something needs to be done to improve matters in the matrimonial line, especially on the subject of divorce.

—Says an exchange: Two thousand London preachers preached in favor of war on a recent Sunday. And yet they claim to be ministers of the Gospel of peace, and followers of the Prince of Peace!

—The first meeting house ever built by the Disciples of Christ in America, was built at Austintown, Ohio. The organization still continues, but the third house has been built upon the old foundation.

—The papers say that a Methodist minister by the name of Mason, was murdered at the door of the meeting-house, at the close of the service, by a man whom he had excluded from the church, in Carpentersville, Ind.

—The *Columbia Statesman* says that since Gov. R. M. Bishop came to the capital, he has been a regular attendant "at the little, shabby Christian meeting house," and at the Wednesday evening prayer meetings.

—Knowles Shaw is to begin a meeting of a month or more at Dallas, Texas, on the 4th of May. The brethren of that young city invite the brethren of the State to come and share their hospitalities during the meeting.

—Bro. Earl, our missionary at Southampton, Eng., reports twenty-seven more additions to the church at that place. About two thousand persons crowd the hall where he preaches every Lord's day, eager to hear the ancient Gospel.

—Dr. Jacob Ditzler said in his debate with Bro. Wilkes, in Missouri, that the reason Philip baptized the Samaritans before they received the Holy Spirit was that Philip was a

RAW hand! That is rather hard on Philip.—*Christian Messenger*.

—The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has spent \$938,000 since its organization, or \$23,000 annually to Christianize the Indians of this country. Twenty-five years ago they had more Indian communicants than now.

—Dr. Angus, one of the English revisers, says that, although the Bible revision has been going on seven years, and will perhaps occupy three more, when it is done we can not tell the difference in the readings without comparing them together.—*Ex.*

—Two white ministers and a Mississippi negro, graduates of Oberlin College, are candidates for the Presidency of Bryan College, in Texas, and Jefferson Davis and Senator Lamar approve of selecting the negro for the position.—*N. E. Journal of Education*.

—The Central Christian church, Chicago, was started as a mission about four years ago. It has been meeting in a hall, but recently purchased a house owned by the Church of God (Winebrethrens), and occupied it for the first time Feb. 24th.—*Record and Evangelist*.

—Taken as a whole, there is no state in the union that can boast of as well printed newspapers as the far-off state of Oregon. Far removed from the head waters of patent outsiders and slop-shop advertising, the publishers there may justly claim the credit of issuing the best daily and weekly papers of this country to-day.—*Peoria (Ill.) Journal*.

—The following sensible talk is from the *Primitive Christian*, Huntington, Pa.: "Because Beecher and a few other dignitaries have raised a sensation about hell, all the young striplings throughout our cities and towns, must try their hand at it too. The popular announcement is, 'Rev. — will, or has been requested to preach on hell next Sunday.' This is no new subject and the better plan would be to preach the Gospel, and thus avoid a practical knowledge of the place."

—The manner in which the new Pope took the name of "Leo" is thus described as follows: Monsignor Lasagni (Pro-Secretary of State during the Conclave) had already risen to despatch Tommaso Tosi, Captain of the Conclave with the official announcement to the Marshal, Prince Chigi, that the Conclave would be opened at 4 o'clock P. M., and that the Marshal should be the first admitted to kiss the sacred foot, when it occurred to him that the title by which the new Pope was to be proclaimed was yet unknown. "By what name," he asked, "does your Holiness wish to be known?" "Who is the patron saint of to-day?" "St. Leo." "Then announce me as Leo XIII."—*Catholic Sentinel*.

Personal.

We have the following note from Bro. S. H. Hedrix:

I have engaged half my time here at Mitchellville. I spend 2d and 3d Lord's days each month, and in the week between I preach in the regions round about. Health good. Look for letter from Adverts to-day in regard to proposition for debate, but I think they are sneaky. Nothing definite.

Bro. Bruce Wolverton, of McMinnville, called on us last week. He reports the work in a fair degree of prosperity in Yamhill county.

The following is taken from the annual report of Elder E. B. Ware, to the church at Gilroy, Cal., for the year ending March 15, 1878: No. of discourses preached, 125; families visited, 125; Sunday school sessions attended, 50; prayer meetings, 40; teachers' meetings, 40; confessions and baptisms, 22; by letter and reclaimed, 7; total number additions, 29; funerals, 12; marriages, 1.

The Sentinel and Bro. Peterson.

The P. C. MESSENGER of last week contains the following letter from Bro. Peterson of Mound Ranch, Jackson Co., in reply to some strictures the *Sentinel* passed on a new kind of patent theology which Bro. Peterson undertook to teach through the columns of the so-called Christian church, and the absurdity of which the *Sentinel* pointed out very plainly:

Bro. Stanley:

Some friend sent me the *Catholic Sentinel* of Feb. 21, 1878, published in Portland, Or. In this paper I find some criticisms on my article published in the P. C. MESSENGER of Feb. 1878. I only wish to say a few words in this to the friendly editor of the *Catholic Sentinel*.

I am sorry you did not give all my article to your readers, and let them see my true position. I now ask this of you (as you seem to feel sure that I am right in some points, and you assume that the church which you represent is the church of Christ), to proceed and prove that the Roman Catholic church is the true Apostolic church, the church of Jesus the Christ, and that the Pope is the infallible head of that church. I don't see it. If you will undertake to put this in sight through your columns, and let Bro. Stanley publish it in the P. C. MESSENGER, and you also allow me equal space in the *Catholic Sentinel* to show your readers how I do see it, I perhaps may be saved the trouble of starting a new "sect." Until I hear from you, or at least until you have time to answer, I will let this matter rest. Hoping to hear from you, I subscribe myself

Your humble servant,

MARTIN PETERSON.

Mound Ranch, Jackson Co., Or.

In answer to this we freely admit our admiration of the candor which marks Bro. Stanley's letter, we must, however, point out a few misconceptions he seems to have fallen into. Bro. Stanley wants the *Sentinel* to prove that the Catholic church is the church of Christ, but this fact having been proclaimed and admitted through every age of Christianity, although Bro. Stanley does not admit such to be the fact, the burden of proof is on him to prove that the Catholic church is not the church of Christ. We are in possession of the title and of the premises, and it is for him to prove that our title is defective so that he may eject us. Bro. Peterson may keep crying out "I don't see it," until he grows hoarse, but he must remember there are none so blind as those who will not see, and if he has made up his mind against conviction all controversy is useless.

We submit this proposition to Bro. Peterson:—We declare the Holy Roman Catholic church to be the only true apostolic church of Christ and that the Pope is the infallible head of that church. Let Bro. Peterson bring forth his arguments to prove that this proposition is not true, and we will reply in defence of the church to any objections he may present. The *Sentinel* will print all his objections, the *Messenger* to print our criticisms thereon in full. Now, Bro. Peterson get ready for the fray, and although you may be as big as Goliath, you will find our little David more than a match for you, for the reason that we will have God and truth on our side.—*Catholic Sentinel*.

Above we give entire what has passed between Bro. Peterson and the *Catholic Sentinel*. It will be seen that the editor got names and things badly mixed in his editorial, but he is so used to that, that it is not astonishing. We call this a square back out on the part of the *Sentinel*, from Bro. Peterson's proposition. It now submits a proposition and wants Bro. Peterson to prove the negative. Our Bro. may do this just because it seems now the only chance to get to show the false Catholicism, though he is under no obligation to do so. If Bro. Peterson were to submit the proposition to the *Sentinel*, that the church to which he belongs is the church of Christ, he would not ask the *Sentinel* to prove the contrary, but would set

about proving it by the Scriptures. We do not mean to argue the question in any way but leave it to Bro. Peterson.

Missions in Nebraska.

I am glad to announce something definite concerning our missions in Nebraska.

The Board of the General Christian Missionary Convention has decided to employ Bro. R. C. Barrow one-half of his time in that State. He begins work immediately, and we anticipate not only thorough work done, but good and worthy results to follow.

Bro. Barrow needs no commendation to the churches of Christ. He has been a tireless worker for the cause of Christ. He has been a tireless worker for the cause of Christ for, lo! these many years, in the "Great West." He knows the field and can be trusted. We bid him God-speed. We ask contributions for this mission. Let contributions be sent to me at 180 Elm Street, Cincinnati, O., or directly to R. C. Barrow, Tecumseh, Neb. Whatever money is contributed for that mission shall, to its last cent, be devoted there.

Pray for our missionary. Send your money, and let your prayers accompany it. May the "glory of God's house" shine over that State as the result of our earnest efforts. We have other cheerful announcements to make soon. In the meantime let the vanguard move.

"O, Church of Christ, to prayer, to prayer!

Lean on thy sacred shrine.
And there while lowly bowing down
Receive the strength divine.

"Then rise and let thy faithful word
Be healing for our woes;
And let the Spirit's flaming sword
Be lightning on thy foes."

F. M. GREEN, Cor. Sec.
Cincinnati, March, 1878.

Pencil and Scissors.

The following paragraph is from the *Sunday School Times*. It teaches a public wrong just where it needs it. There is neither principle nor honesty in parading before the world all the misdoings of professed Christians through the papers, without either giving Christians credit for their noble deeds, or showing what a vast number of crimes are committed by the non-professing. The fact that a man belongs to a church and is guilty of a crime, argue nothing against Christianity itself, but simply shows that the man is not what he professes to be.

When a church-member commits a public sin, the fact of his membership accompanies the statement of his crime in every newspaper from Maine to Texas. But when a Christian is found to be a hero, the fact that he was a disciple of Christ is often unaccountably forgotten. If the heroic Mr. Barrow, who recently surrendered his life at Dexter, Maine, rather than swerve from duty, had stolen the funds of his bank, is there any doubt that the whole country would have been informed that he professed to be a Christian? As it is, we find but little prominence given to the fact that he was the main stay of the Congregational Church in his native town. If the truth were fairly stated in every such case, would not some men have more hope for the world than they now have?

The following we clip from the *Primitive Christian*, a German Baptist paper:

A debate recently occurred at Red Oak, Iowa, between the Rev. Lucas of the Disciple church and Rev. Underwood a noted materialist. Mr. Underwood is known far and wide as a champion in defense of the doctrine which he advocates, yet the *Record* a paper published at Red Oak, thinks Mr. Lucas was his equal. It is thought the discussion did much good, and that Christianity stands much higher in Red Oak to-day than it ever did before. If this be so a good work has been done.

We clip the following paragraph from an editorial in the *Christian Standard*. When people get to appreciate what the charm of the modern