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Brethren, send us postal card reports of your meetings. We like to publish them and it is interesting to our readers to read them.

Don't put it off, but see your neighbor at once and ask him or her to take the paper, if not for a year, till the first of January anyhow. Try it now.

Our agent at your place will call on you one of these days, and you will have a chance to pay your subscription, which of course you will gladly improve.

An exchange notes the curious fact that for the last forty or fifty years, New Jersey has had for governor an almost unbroken line of Presbyterians.

In another column will be found the prospectus of the *Apostolic Age*, which Bro. F. G. Allen proposes to start at Louisville, Ky. As associate editor and then senior editor of the *Apostolic Times*, Bro. Allen has displayed good editorial ability, but we fear he will not find himself able to make such an enterprise as the one proposed, self-sustaining. Located as he will be in one to two hundred miles of four of our regular weeklies with two or three extra monthlies thrown in, the field seems too well occupied to admit a new aspirant to popular favor. We will be glad to see the enterprise an entire success, as we believe the publication will be a valuable one. Almost any of our brethren can afford to invest an additional dollar in Christian literature, and here is an excellent chance.

Now, brethren, readers of the MESSENGER, harvest is over, and we hope you will not forget to help us as soon as you can. The receipts for some time past have scarcely paid for the white paper used, and we have been keeping the paper going on our own means to give you time, and are sure you will appreciate our efforts and send us your subscription just as soon as you can. Send small gold or currency by registered letter. It will make you and us all feel better.

Another Offer.

We will send the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER from the time the money is received till January 1, 1879, for 50 cents.

We make this offer that people may have a chance to try the paper, feeling confident they will not be willing to do without it after once taking it. Can not each of our subscribers send us several names under this offer? Show the paper to your neighbors and ask them to try it. Untold good may thus be done.

Be Ready.

Many notes executed two years ago in favor of the building fund are over due and others will be due Nov. 1st. I expect to take the field soon preaching, lecturing and collecting these notes. Will those who wish to pay up this fall be ready; and those who do not want to pay the principal be ready to pay the interest? Be prompt and save unnecessary labor and effort on my part.

I will, also, act as agent for the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, taking subscriptions, and collecting dues.
T. F. CAMPBELL.

Dr. W. H. Hooper is the new editor of the *Apostolic Times*.

Progression.

We heartily believe in progression in the church of Christ, but the progress should be in the character and knowledge of the individual and not in efforts to improve the principles of Christianity itself. We are commanded to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." He who has secretly embraced the Gospel, with probably little previous teaching, is indeed a babe in Christ, without strength and needing the sincere milk of the word that he may grow thereby: Unless such put forth an effort to gain a knowledge of the truth, and to grow in grace and good works, to strengthen his faith by a fuller knowledge of God as related in his word he will soon either entirely fall away, or become a fossilized dwarf. In this condition, he is a bad piece of material anyway you take him. He seems too good to turn out of the church, for he does nothing positively bad and yet is not good enough to keep in it, for he will do nothing decidedly good. He always thinks himself too poor to take a religious paper or help to support the preaching of the Gospel in his own community. In fact, he says that the preacher can afford to go and preach if he can afford to go to hear him. Ask him to contribute to help sustain the Sunday-school and he will either tell you he does not believe in Sunday-schools, that there is nothing in the Bible about them; or else will complain that he is too poor and hard run, that his taxes are so heavy, and so on. He can go and take all his family to the circus through any kind of weather, but is afraid to venture out to meeting through the rain. He enjoys excellent health at all times, except on Sunday, when he gets up feeling bad and before eleven o'clock is not able to sit up unless he has company or is going some place on a visit. If he is not very conversant with the Scriptures he has a few favorite texts, such as "charity begins at home," which he is sure is in the Bible somewhere.

But while there are far too many of these drones in the church, we rejoice to have very many who believe that Christianity means progress in the divine life. Who look upon their earthly goods as the gift of God, and think it but reasonable service that they should devote a portion to the good of his cause. Who lead their families to God in prayer, or, if they have not learned to do that, pray for their own families and those of their neighbors in their private devotions. Who detest every form of vice, and do not think they have a right to visit places where drinking and gambling are carried on, even if legalized by the State. Who believe that an honest man is the noblest work of God, and that dishonesty or trickery is just as bad in the private individual as in the office holder.

We wish to respect this important distinction: Christian life is progressive, but Christianity is not. Christianity is that system of faith and practice revealed to us by Christ and his inspired apostles, and can never be changed or amended. Christian life starts from a well grounded faith in Christ, and then adds to this faith those principles that go to make the perfect man in Christ. So far is the progression capable of being carried that we can never reach the limit in this life to come. The model is the life of Jesus, who was in all things tempted as we are, yet did no sin. The life of sinful man can never equal the model, but he may go on, knocking off a rough place here, filling up a defect there, and growing closer and closer, to the perfection of the model till God shall say "enough, well done good and faithful servant."

—Within the last year Queen Victoria has given \$25,000 to the temperance cause. Four members of the royal household are total abstainers.

Scholarships.

The plan of raising an endowment for a college by selling scholarships has not worked well in practice. The general opinion is that a school full of scholars ought to sustain a large corps of teachers, basing the estimate upon the tuition of the students together with the interest on the endowment. The public is deceived not considering that the students to the number of the scholarships pay no tuition. A college having forty scholarships out may open with that number of students without receiving a dollar off tuition.

The interest on the fund pays their tuition, it is true; but the usual estimate is upon the tuition and the interest upon the scholarship fund, which is not true.

The greatest evil, however, results from the method of handling the scholarships. If those holding these privileges would either send in their own children, or make a successful effort to send in such students as would not otherwise come, then the system would work well; but when they appoint agents in the vicinity of the college to furnish scholarships at reduced prices, it takes up the money that would be paid in on tuition. This works no other hardship than to make a false impression as to the available resources of the institution, and to cause those not familiar with the workings of the system to become dissatisfied with its management. It is unquestionably the right of every holder of a scholarship to dispose of it to the best advantage, and as he pleases. He might, however, make it equally profitable to himself, and add very much to the prosperity of the school, by looking up some student in his own community and influencing such student to enter upon his certificate.

The owners of scholarships are generally those interested in the success of the college. It would be reasonable to conclude, therefore, that each would make some effort to increase the number of students, thus increasing the prosperity of the college without arresting the tuition which would naturally flow in.

T. F. C.

Too Late.

The *Pacific Churchman*, the organ of Episcopalianism on this coast is getting ashamed of the origin of that church. In a recent issue it says no intelligent churchman will say that Henry VIII was the founder of the church, but that owing to the disturbed condition of affairs the church saw her opportunity and embraced it, to break away from Rome.

Now that is a very novel bit of history to come forth at this late day. All the historians must now give up that they were mistaken. That when they told us that Henry VIII revolted against the Pope when the latter decreed that he should not put away his lawful wife and marry another, they were wilfully slandering his majesty. But it was the church that did all this, according to the *Churchman*. Will it please to tell us what church? It certainly was not the church of Rome, and there was no church of England until afterwards to embrace an opportunity.

It is a very strange statement to be made in the face of the intelligence of this age. But it is not to be wondered at, that any people of to-day should be ashamed of such a paternal ancestry.

Henry VIII as a criminal of deepest dye has scarcely ever had an equal. Putting away his legal wife, Catharine of Aragon, to marry Anne Boleyn, of whom he grows tired and murders on the public execution block within three years, for the purpose of ridding himself of her that he might marry one Seymour, and so on down for six wives, one after another.

He it was who murdered Sir Thom-

as More, one of the brightest names in English history, Lord Chancellor of England, because he refused to give the weight of his authority to the king's desire to marry Anne Boleyn. Not murdering him with his own hand, but what was worse, doing it under a false conviction on the block of the executioner. But time would fail to tell of the catalogue of deepest crimes connected with this man's life, as revealed in the history of the "White Tower," his place of imprisonment for those who dared to hinder the progress of his villainous course.

Such was the man who defied Rome and mocked at the decrees of the Pope against his unlawful course, and established a church of his own with himself as head, that he might have no hindrance to the consummation of his devilish designs.

No wonder that Episcopalians of to-day dislike to acknowledge such an origin, but it is too late to deny the plain records of history.

Pencil and Scissors.

The following from the *Pacific Churchman* tells a truth that cannot be too strongly impressed. It is hazardous to say the least to send your children where they are not only under Catholic influences so far as teachers and fellow pupils are concerned, but even their school books are full of stories to create and impress wonderful stories of the miraculous power Catholic Saints, and the virtues of mass and the whole list of Catholic ceremonies:

It is stated on what is believed good and reliable authority that there are at this time in this country thirty-five thousand girls from professedly Protestant families in attendance upon Roman Catholic schools; and it is claimed by the managers of these schools that one out of every ten of the girls in these schools is converted to the Romish faith; that three of every ten learn to hate Protestantism for life, and that the large proportion of the whole become indifferent for the rest of their lives to all Protestantism in the simplicity of its faith and its worship.

Is not all this truly startling? Can it be that parents will send their daughters to such schools? How can they expose them to all the fascinations and ensnaring tendencies and courses of the cunning and dangerous system? And what will become of our country ere long if its youth are to grow up under the influence of mothers who have had their training in the moulding and most impressive periods of their life in the places where the very first principles of Romanism in all its letter and spirit are most deeply and effectively taught?

Brief Notes.

—Dr. John H. Raymond, president of Vassar College, is dead.

—Six million persons wear the Murphy badge in the United States.

—Flies have totally disappeared from the districts infected with yellow fever.

—The trustees of the Peabody fund say that the income has fallen off forty per cent.

—Men usually follow their wishes till suffering compels them to follow their judgment.

—Dr. Cuyler says that Miss Frances A. Willard is the most effective female speaker in our land.

—"More curls than brains; more trails than sense," writes Don Piatt regarding the watering-places.

—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore has visited Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France, and is now in England. She has lectured four times in London.

—He who waits for repentance waits for that which cannot be had as long as it is waited for. It is absurd for a man to wait for that which he himself has to do.

—The Marquis of Lorne is to be appointed Viceroy of the Canadian Dominion. The Marquis is the husband of Princess Louisa, the third daughter of Queen Victoria.

—The American Missionary Associ-

ation will hold its annual meeting in Taunton, Massachusetts, October 29-31. The Rev. Dr. S. E. Herrick, of Boston, will preach the sermon.

—Four thousand dollars was subscribed by the citizens of Portland last week for the relief of the indigent and sick in the South. It was forwarded to the Howard association.

—There are now one hundred and sixteen women regularly employed in India as missionaries. Besides these, the wives and daughters of missionaries do a great deal of excellent service.

—He that pursues honor, applause, or worldly reputation, is like the foolish schoolboy running after the butterfly, and neglecting his book; both meet with disappointment, dissatisfaction, and reproof.

—There are treasures laid up in the heart—treasures of charity, piety, temperance, and sobriety. These treasures a man takes with him beyond death, when he leaves this world.—*Buddhist Scripture*.

—There are now twenty Baptist churches in the young Republic of Liberia. About 5,000 Congoes were rescued from slave ships by American men-of-war, and they were landed and cared for in Liberia. Not one relapsed into heathenism.

—The argumentum ad—"Sam, you are not honest. Why do you put all the good peaches on the top of the measure and the little ones below?" "Same reason, sah, dat makes de front of your house all marble and de back gate chiefly slob barf, sah."

—Dr. Riggs, of Constantinople, announces the conclusion of the work of his translating committee in preparing the manuscript of the Turkish Bible for the press. The New Testament is printed, and it was expected that the Old Testament, in the Arabic and Armenian characters, would be printed in September.

—Several large legacies to religious societies: \$5,000 have been received in a bequest by the Presbyterian church in Canada. The Free Church of Scotland gets \$28,000 in a will of a Miss Robertson, and Mr. Spurgeon's Orphanage \$16,000. Fifty thousand dollars go to the Infirmary of Newcastle upon-Tyne, and \$25,000 to Mr. Muller's Orphanage at Bristol, from another source.

—In answer to an inquiry as to the highest mountains Mount Kurchingja, one of the Himalaya mountains of India; 28,178 feet, is the highest in the world. Mount Tupungata, one of the Andes, 22,450 feet, is the highest in South America. Mount Kellamandjaro and Kenia, each 20,000 feet, the highest in Africa. Mount St. Elias, 17,900 feet, the highest in North America. Mont Blanc, 15,750 feet, the highest in Europe. Ben Nevis, 4,368 feet, the highest in the British Islands.

Appointment.

I will if not providentially hindered, join Bro. R. H. Moss in his meeting at Dallas on next Sunday.

T. F. CAMPBELL.

Please announce an appointment for me to preach at Aumsville, Marion county, Or., on the 5th Lord's day in this month, at 11 o'clock A. M.

J. E. ROBERTS.

Personal.

Rev. J. A. Campbell, a Christian minister who has preached irregularly in parts of this county during the past year, has been induced to stay here and preach for another year. Subscriptions to the amount of \$500 have been made up at this place, in the Scholls Ferry district, and on Wappato Lake, to retain his services. We are glad to announce this fact, for Bro. Campbell is an effective and earnest minister of the Gospel, and will do good. He will move to Hillsboro to dwell.—*Washington County Independent*.