Reports from the Field.

Bro. J. B. Smith, of Myrtle Creek, writes that he has been holding meetings in Camas Valley with Bro. Morgan. The people of that place appeared interested, but there were no additions to the church.

From a private letter to one of our citizens from La Fayette, dated Feb. 8, 1879, we find the following:

"Eld. E. W. Barnes preached for us here to-day, and will continue services to-night, tomorrow and tomorrow night. We are trying to put forth some feeble efforts in the cause of Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to believe that we shall meet with some measure of success. The extreme wickedness of the world is cause for growing alarm, and yet, I feel that it will be as much as we can do to prevent the same spirit from asserting its mastery over us 'who are of the household of faith.'"

A few thoughts about the Missionary Board or the Christian Co-operation.

Editor C. Messenger:

I suppose all speakers and writers aim to arrive at some conclusion.

In accordance with the above idea, Bro. A. Payne of Jan. 23d, comes to the conclusion that if the brethren make a coöperative effort, or as it is sometimes called a missionary effort, and an individual is converted to Christ thus, he is two fold more the child of hell than though he was converted at a meeting in some secluded school house by the individual effort of some good Jimmie Jones.

Now, if such statement or conclusion is true, I would be pleased if Bro. Payne or any one would give us the philosophy of such conclusion, otherwise such erroneous charges should not be published; and Bro. Waller, who is laboring by the direction of the Ladies Missionary Society of Monmouth, should be very careful not to make any converts for fear they will be two fold more the children of hell than before.

Again it is charged (not by Bro. Payne) that the officers of the Board will have to be paid for their services. I can't tell what would create such an idea, unless it comes out of the old *reliable groove*; for let me say that the officers will receive *not one cent for their services*, and will pay as much as any one of equal ability.

Now, brethren, in God's name, let us hear no more such quibles concerning the mighty work before us, of sending the Gospel to the remotest parts of our State.

Can't each member in the State forward their dollar, who are paying to state and county from one to five hundred dollars yearly?

As is contemplated in our plan, if means can be had, there will be held a good protracted meeting in each county during the year.

It should stir the heart of every one to hear such appeals as that from Bro. Deardorff, of Clackamas, where Judeaizing teachers have done so much to retard the cause.

We are proud to say that the brethren in Portland have determined to organize and go to keeping house after the old Apostolic order.

Brethren, let us be in earnest for the soul's salvation, not only of ourselves, but of our neighbors.

A. W. L.

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From Bro. W. H. Adams.

PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 10, 1879.

Editor P. C. Messenger:

In the latter part of December last, I received a communication from our worthy brother, A. W. Lucas, Secretary of the State Missionary Board, requesting me to ascertain what the members of the Christian church in Portland could and would do to assist the Missionary Board in making our city a central point for missionary effort the coming year.

Before I had time to submit the matter to the brethren here, I learned for the first time that Bro. A. Blaney, who, with his family, had recently arrived in Oregon from Cincinnati, O., and had more recently located in Portland, together with Bro. J. P. Dickinson and family, from the church at Baltimore, Ind., for several years a respected resident of Portland, had taken steps to organize a Christian church in our city, and with that end in view had appointed a meeting of the brethren at the residence of the latter, to take place Dec. 29, 1878. With the proceedings of that meeting the readers of the MESSENGER are familiar, as the minutes were published in full in your issue of Jan. 3d, following.

Since the second meeting, Jan. 12th, we have met together the first day of the week to commemorate the Lord's supper, and attend to minor business matters as a necessary preliminary to organization; and at each meeting Bro. Dickinson has kindly and ably addressed us upon some appropriate Scripture lesson, until we have almost come to favorably compare our privileges with those of some of our much more pretensious sister churches.

At our last meeting, February 9th, a church organization was effected by the election of the following officers: Bros. J. P. Dickinson and A. Blaney, elders; Bros. I. G. Davidson and W. H. Adams, deacons; Sisters S. T. Dickinson and Olive S. Adams, deaconesses; Bro. T. Fairleigh, clerk, and W. H. Adams, treasurer.

The present temporal wants of the church are amply provided for by a voluntary subscription of members, and the interest manifested by all the brotherhood whom we have so far been able to reach, with but one exception, so far as I know, has been of the most encouraging character, and promises much for the future of the cause in this place.

It seems the sense of a majority of our brethren, that the most advisable course to pursue, is to dispense with regular preaching for the present, and perfect ourselves as a church in Christian work, until we shall be able with such assistance as we can procure, if it please God that the work be hastened in this way, or if not, then in and of ourselves with God's help, to begin an effort commensurate with the undertaking before us.

Believing that all things having small beginnings must increase steadily and slowly at first in order to a perfect development, it is thought any movement in the nature of a protracted effort, which could not be sustained and continued without retrogression, would be a putting of the shoulder to the wheel and then turning back.

The plan adopted by the State Missionary Board of sending an evangelist into destitute districts to labor for a very short time with the brethren to perfect them in Christian fellowship and work, and then leaving the cause to take care of itself. While it may be and doubtless is productive of much good in certain sections, yet, we cannot but feel that if such a course be pursued in Portland, the cause will be a sufferer thereby. We feel it incumbent upon us in order that the future of God's cause be not jeopardized by our action, to proceed circumspectly and with caution, and it is earnestly hoped that we may not bring reproach upon his name either by our cautious action or carelessness.

Bro. J. W. Downer and his family, recently from Salem, have shown a deep interest in the progress of the cause, and although living more than three miles from us across the river, he has been with us faithfully. Father S. C. Ritchie and his wife and daughter, Bro. E. Barton and his wife, and our aged Bro. Wm. J. Wiggs, whose names have not yet publicly appeared as connected with the work, but who are well known to many of the readers of the MESSENGER, are laboring heart and hand with us. Requesting pardon for asking so much of your columns.

I remain your brother in Christ,

W. H. ADAMS.

Literary Notices.

OREGON LITERARY VIDETTE.—We are in receipt of the first number of a paper wearing the above title, published at Salem by E. O. Norton & Co. The paper is full of stories, sketches and miscellaneous light reading. Its typographical appearance is very handsome and we wish it abundant success. Published monthly at 50 cents per year.

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And catch the softly fluttering breath,
Breathe the loved name, nor hear reply,
In anguish watch the glazing eye;
His or mine!

Which shall bend over the wounded sod,
My love or I?
Commending the precious soul to God,
Till the doleful fall of the muffled clod,
Startles the mind to a consciousness
Of its bitter anguish, and life distress,
Dropping the pall o'er the love lit past
With a mournful murmur "the last—the last:"
My love or I;

Which shall return to the desolate home,
My love or I?
And list for a step that shall never come,
And hark for a voice that must still be dumb,
While the half stunned senses wander back
To the cheerless life, and the thorny track,
Where the silent room and the vacant chair,
Have memories sweet, but hard to bear;
My love or I?

Ah! then, perchance to that mourner there!
My love or I?
Wrestling with anguished and deep despair,
An Angel shall come through the gates of prayer,
And the burning eyes shall cease to weep,
And the sobs melt down in a sea of sleep,
While fancy freed from the chain of day,
Through the shadowy dreamland floats away;
My love or I?

And then, methinks, on that boundary land,
My love and I.
The *mourn'd* and the *mourner* together shall stand
Or walk by those rivers of shining sand,
Till the dreamer awakened at dawn of day
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