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Bro. Waller is our general authorized agent at any of the county meetings that he may attend.

All members of the Ladies Missionary Society are requested by Bro. Waller to meet at the church, on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, as he wishes to propose to the society plans for future work. This meeting will take the place of the regular meeting which was to be on the first Saturday in July; Bro. Waller's engagements not permitting him to meet with the society at that time.

Bro. H. M. Waller returned home on Monday evening from holding a meeting at the Stipp school house, in Marion county.

Annual Meeting.

The Polk County Annual Meeting will convene at Dallas, Friday, June 13th, and continue over two Lord's days.

Efficient speakers and diligent workers will be present. Come out, brethren, and enjoy a season of "refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Lay aside, for a short time, the cares of the world and give your minds to meditation and your hearts to prayer. Place yourselves in position to receive it and the Lord will pour out a blessing that will make our hearts rejoice.

The conversion of sinners and the building up of saints are the ends to be accomplished. An adequate effort will insure success.

Will all work faithfully? Will each one do his whole duty? If so, God will add the blessing.

Christian College.

The commencement exercises of the thirteenth session of Christian College, will be held in the college chapel commencing at 8 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, June 11th. The graduating class consists of six gentlemen and two ladies. Four—two gentlemen and two ladies—will receive the degree of A. B. and four gentlemen that of B. S.

The session closes very favorably with fine prospect for the coming

session. We anticipate an increased attendance for the session of 1879-80 from the rapidly increasing population of the State, and the growing reputation of the college.

The Board of Trustees and the faculty will make every possible effort to merit and they hope to receive that encouragement which is due to a noble enterprise.

"Take ye the Sum of all the Congregation." (Num. i. 2.)

We are always disposed to keep a correct, and strict account, of all things in which we have a deep interest. God's love and interest in his children is such that he numbers even the hairs of their heads. After God's gracious promise to Abraham—the family record was carefully kept. Two hundred and fifteen years after the promise, they numbered "three score and ten" souls. At the Exodus, 215 years later, God commanded Moses to "number all the children of Israel, from one month old and upward," which was carefully done. Num. i. &c.

David, 650 years later sent Joab to "number the people," contrary to the command of God, and in his disobedience, brought upon himself and his people, a heavy punishment. Some things are *wrong*, in and of themselves; and some things are made wrong by law.

The eating of the tree of knowledge by our first parents, and the numbering of Israel by David, were in each especial case, prohibited by a positive command. They all sinned, and "sin is a transgression of law," and "where there is no law, there is no transgression." Hence they were all punished for disobedience.

In David's case, there were many good reasons for the prohibition.

After the captivity, and upon their return under Zerubbabel, the remnant was carefully numbered.

Turning to the new dispensation, we conclude that if the disciples had not taken any more care and interest in their brethren, than the careless and negligent "Disciples" do nowadays, they would not have been able to tell us that "the number of the (disciples) names, altogether, was about 120." (How prudent and proper that word "about" sounds. If he had said "just 120," it might have left out of "the number" some good brothers or sisters whose names had been accidentally omitted. God only can keep an exact record of every name in his "book of life," so we should follow the Scriptures and report "about" such a number.)

Again, at the very first Gospel discourse by Peter, some good brother or sister, doubtless, stood by, and with pencil and paper, kept the count of the number of those that were "added unto them," for we are informed that the number was "about three thousand" souls. (If it was foolish or unprofitable, why was the number taken and recorded?)

Again, in Acts iv. 4, some prudent brother or sister again kept the count of those who "believed," and reported them at "about 5000."

It seems that Paul had obtained an account of the persons (and times), who had seen the Lord after his resurrection, and informed us that at one time there was above 500 present.

I rejoice to believe that our loving Father knows all his children—numbering even the very hairs of their head.

John tells us "the number of them" when he saw the "angels round the throne," and "he heard the number of them which were sealed."

How glad I am that God's love and care for us is so much greater than our weak, cold, selfish love for one another, for he has all their "names written in the book of life."

If he has such care and interest in us, ought not we also, to exhibit our interest and love for one another?

If you had lived in the early times,

could you have said: "No, no, Bro. Luke; don't number me! Don't include my name, or our church in the number! I don't find any Scripture for it!" Or could you have said to the Recording Angel (or John): "No, no, don't write my name down in the Lamb's book of life," as I have a great prejudice against it! and we never did that way in Missouri or Iowa!" If that was one of God's expressive ways of showing his care and love, may we not wisely imitate his example?

BROTHER PAUL.

Church News.

(From the Christian Standard.)

The papers say that Bro. Carroll Kendrick, now in Texas, has witnessed the baptism of 20,000 persons, in all, during his ministry.

Eld. Bonham, of Lasalle, Iowa, died recently: he was a good man.

Bro. Williams, our Jamaica missionary, was warmly welcomed home by his Missouri brethren.

Bro. J. H. Rogers of Calhoun, Ala., reports a Sunday school just organized near the above named place, with a good prospect.

Bro. S. J. Guest has accepted a call to preach for the church at Greenville, Texas. they have a good congregation and Sunday school.

Bro. C. H. Carrington has engaged half of his time to the Covington church. Any other church can employ him for the remaining part by addressing him at 62 E. Third st., Covington, Ky.

The sisters of the Millersburg, Ky., church have added greatly to the appearance of the church by building a cupola for it, at a cost of \$100.

We don't vouch for the truth of the following: "Good church members in Texas trust in Providence, but they also believe in keeping their powder dry. Thus we read that at a recent general baptism in that State the other day, when the fourteen candidates walked down to the water, fifteen revolvers were deposited on the bank of the stream, that of the preacher making the fifteenth."

Several Indians—young men from the Indian Territory—are students at Drury College. Last night at the Christian Church, one of these Indians made the "good confession." He is a Choctaw, twenty years of age, and has been a member of our Sunday school for sometime. He is receiving a thorough education in Drury College. He means to carry the Gospel to his people in the Indian Territory.

J. M. Henry of Chillicothe, Mo., goes to Tecumseh, Neb. Missouri loses and Nebraska, gains an excellent man.

Bro. Enos Campbell, on his return trip from Waverly, preached at the Central Christian church, on Wednesday evening of last week. One young lady made confession of faith in Jesus and was baptized. His old friends were glad to greet him.—Christian.

General Church News.

(From the Sunday Chronicle.)

The Rev. A. J. Faust, of Washington, D. C. has withdrawn from the Protestant Episcopal and entered the Roman Catholic Church. He was in the Episcopal ministry 18 years. He requests Bishop Whittingham to depose him from the church.

It is believed that there are but few colored Catholics outside of Louisiana. In that State they are very numerous. In one ward in New Orleans there 11,000 of them. So says the Rev. Dr. Summer, a cousin of Charles Summer who is traveling in the South.

The Moravian denomination is again in a prospering condition in Bohemia, Australia where it originated centuries ago, and from which it was entirely expelled. It is now tolerated by the Austrian Government.

The mission will, it is expected, be re-organized by the Gen. Synod, which meets in May.

The Methodist Holiness people will hold six national camp meetings this year. The 38th will be held at North Lawrence, Kan., beginning June 24th; the 39th at Bennet, Neb., July 8th; the 40th at Sewickly, Pa., the 23d of July; 42d at Summit Grove, Pa., the 43d at Urbana, Ohio, August 13th; the 44th at Newcastle Pa., August 16th.

The confessional, as practiced in the Anglican Church of St. Margaret's Liverpool, has been condemned by the Chester Consistory Court, Chancellor Espin said he had visited the church and found in each of the transepts a chair and prayer desk, screened from the body of the church by a curtain, and evidently was used as confessionals.

The Catholics of Scotland are very active in education. The report of one of the Government Inspectors says, concerning Glasgow: "Side by side with the Boards, with equal vigor and liberality the Roman Catholics have been carrying out a systematic scheme of school-building. Besides the Boards and the Catholics no other body has built schools during the past five years."

The Rev. Dr. Shedd a missionary writes from Hamadan, Persia, that there is a wonderful movement among the old and large colony of Jews at that place. Their leaders have been discussing the question whether Jesus was the Messiah, and four of them have decided that he was, and been baptized, while many are applicants for baptism. About 5000 Jews are represented by the four baptized leaders.

The Mexican Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, consisting of Bishops Lee, Bedell, Stevens, Kerfoot, and Littlejohn, at a recent meeting approved of amendment made by the delegates from the Mexican Church in the ritual of that body. The Commission also approved the papers of Dr. Henry C. Riley, Bishop-elect of the Mexican Church. It is expected that Messrs. Riley and Hernandez will be consecrated this year.

The Protestant Episcopal City Mission of Philadelphia has been in existence nine years under the Presidency of Bishop Stevens. The mission has paid out more than \$90,000. Last year there were 234 baptisms under its auspices, 2501 sermons and services and 40 confirmations. Agents of the mission made 16,468 visits, distributed 2739 garments, furnished 66 lodgings and meals, and provided 195 families with coal and 266 with groceries. The receipts were upward of \$15,000.

Cardinal Guibart, Archbishop of Paris his coadjutor, and his suffragans, five in number, have addressed a protest to the French Assembly against the projects of law relating to the reorganization of the Superior Council of Instruction and the freedom of higher education. The Archbishop of Rheims and his suffragans have done likewise. The Christian mothers of Bretagne, the heads of families, and Christian organizations of all kinds in France have raised their voices in protest against the expulsion of the religious orders from the schools.

The Virginia Christian Missionary Society has determined to put Bro. Lucas in the field as State evangelist. Many will be rejoiced to read this, and we trust they will heartily second this movement by assisting the society in its undertaking.

The first annual meeting of the California Press Association will be held in the Parlors of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on Wednesday, July 16th, 1879, at 12 o'clock M.

Give a man such a heart as the Son of God describes in the beauties, and a whole universe of sorrow cannot rob him of his blessedness.—Spurgeon.

Reports from the Field.

EUGENE, OR., June 1, 1879.

Our county meeting closed, or rather rained out. Bro. Moss did some good preaching. Six additions, one confession. Bro. Whitney preached today; three additions, two confessions. I have been sick, but was able to go to church to-day.

Your brother in Christ,

J. P. McCORKLE.

PORTLAND, OR., June 2, 1879.

Editor P. C. Messenger:

The little band of Disciples in Portland are still holding the fort.

Bro. S. C. Adams, of Salem, very kindly came down and preached two sermons for us yesterday. We are very glad to have the preaching brethren among us often, and hope that when opportunity offers they will not forget that there is a work to do here, that there is a field awaiting the plow of conviction and the seed of grace, and that there must be earnest work done to fit it for the reapers, so that Christ's sickle may be thrust in and the golden sheaves garnered for God's granaries.

Our good and faithful brother, Bruce Wolverton, has promised us the privilege of having him with us the fifth Lord's day in this month.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the time may not come again when our Lord and Savior shall be without followers named with His name in the metropolis of our State.

We have received letters from numbers of the brethren throughout the State expressing sympathy and promising aid in the future work. God's blessing rest upon them. He knoweth how to reward the faithful laborer, and He will not withhold the blessing.

Yours in brotherly love,

W. H. A.

"He Callesth His Own Sheep by Name."

Every pastor, worthy of the name, when employed "to feed the flock," in a certain place, first obtains the name of every member of the flock, and "searches them out very diligently," that they "may watch for their souls, as they that must give account."

It would be a great joy to me if I had the name of every brother and sister in Oregon "written in a book." I could then have some positive data by which they could be found. I visited quite a large town not long since—and if there was one who preferred and honored the name of CHRIST—above every other name—I did not know it. How my heart yearns for the beloved in the Lord, that they may be alive—and growing members of the body—that they may be without spot and blameless—that like "those women who labored with Paul in the Gospel," "whose names are in the book of life," (Phil. iv. 3), they may all be found "blameless" and "without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing."

I do hope that every brother and sister will promptly send to Bro. Adams all the information they have, or can get, so that we can obtain all the knowledge possible of the "family" who are called by that "worthy name."

SISTER K.

Many a true heart that would have come back, like the dove to the ark, after its first transgression, has been frightened beyond recall by the savage nature of an unforgiving spirit.—Eccl. xiv.

No matter how many of our laden ships may come safely into port, that one which was lost at sea will always seem to us to have carried the richest cargo.

A favorite sentiment with the learned but eccentric Dr. Johnson was this: "Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be."