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

The press on our columns this week constrains us to omit the notice of the Vespertines, of Tuesday evening, and several other interesting communications, all of which will appear in subsequent numbers.

Bro. R. H. Moss is our duly authorized agent, who will take subscriptions, at the Polk County Annual Meeting, at Dallas, and receive and receipt for money, and attend to any other matters pertaining to the P. C. MESSENGER.

The Alumni of Christian College.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

If colleges, as well as individuals, come under this rule, the patrons of Christian College have just cause of rejoicing.

Since 1873 fifty-four young gentlemen and young ladies have received their degree, and entered upon the active duties of life. One only of this number has died. The remaining fifty-three are blessed with unimpaired health and vigor.

For this there is a sufficient reason, in that they are all strictly moral and temperate, the direct result of the thorough drilling they received in Christian College.

A youth must be stupid, indeed, who can, through a four year's course, listen to the morning lectures and be subjected to the moral training which characterizes the daily class drill, and not come forth refined in feeling, polished in mind, and established in habits of morality and temperance. These form the solid foundation for usefulness, and the best guarantee of a long life.

There is not amongst all the graduates of Christian College a single drone in the hive of humanity.

There is a larger per cent. of workers amongst them than any class of graduates we have ever known.

They are carrying out in practice the great principle so constantly insisted upon in all their college course, viz.: That labor is not only honor-

able, securing health and competence, but that he who "will not work, ought not to eat," that idleness is a prolific source of crime, and that he who eats and dresses at the expense of another, is truly dishonorable; loafing and sponging a living for which he gives no equivalent.

The per cent. of farmers and farmer's wives amongst them is very large, quite equal to that from any other college in the State.

Our location in a rural district, in the midst of an industrious and prosperous community contributes largely to this result.

Other professions are worthily represented by those who have been awarded, from the very start the high positions to which their integrity, industry, temperance and moral worth, as well as scholarship entitled them.

"Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" Even so, a college ought to be judged by the style of graduates it sends forth.

Bro. Durham's Letter.

We owe to Bro. Durham and others an apology for publishing a private letter. It happened in this wise:

Bro. Durham sent us a communication for the paper, "A Suggestion," which was duly inserted. The next week we received the letter, the principal purpose of which was to put us in correspondence with the leading preaching brethren of California, who might be induced to contribute to the columns of the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, and might be otherwise enlisted in the interests of the paper. We read and filed the letter without any thought of publishing it. In a few days after this we received a card from Bro. D., making of his article for the paper, inviting comment, &c., when we, having forgotten the former article—"A Suggestion"—thought only of the letter which we had filed away. Feeling culpable for neglecting to see that it was for publication, and without a second reading, we hastened to hand it to the compositor, and the letter found its way into print without any intention of Bro. Durham or any fault of his. We accept the censure due to such a blunder, and with this explanation ask pardon of Bro. Durham, and of all parties injuriously or unpleasantly offended thereby. While we regret the annoyance to Bro. D., and the vexation to other brethren, caused by this matter, it is cause for some comfort in the premises, that it has stirred up the pure minds of many of the brethren in California, to whom we may use the language of Paul to the Corinthians, and say: "What carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge; In all things ye have proved yourselves clear in this matter." And Bro. Durham may take some comfort in this annoyance and say, with Paul: "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing." Thus Bro. C. Kendrick says of Bro. D.—"His allusion to 'Uncle Pende.'" "I am sure he meant no unkindness or disrespect."

Bro. Pendegast is wise in council beyond others. Wait, Bro. Durham, don't call him 'superannuated' yet. If so, next thing you would be after me; and I don't intend to die, or become superannuated either, for a long time yet, if I can help it."

Bro. Thomas says: "I have no connection whatever with any wine making, never had. I never made nor caused to be made a drop of wine, nor do I ever intend to do so."

We hope the brethren whose "replies to Bro. Durham" do not appear in the paper, will be satisfied with this statement, and excuse us for not inserting these communications at length.

Send us a new subscriber.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

According to previous arrangement Bro. D. T. Stanley, on Sunday last, in the church in Monmouth, delivered a baccalaureate sermon to the students of Christian College. The church was well filled with an attentive audience, who complimented the address with the most profound attention throughout. We expect to have the pleasure of laying the address before our readers in a short time, in the columns of the MESSENGER.

Reports from the Field.

NAPA, CAL., June 3, 1879.

Editor P. C. Messenger:

DEAR BROTHER,—We are getting along finely here—had four additions last Lord's day; two confessions, one from the Baptists, and one reclaimed.

Our Sunday school is in a most prosperous condition; 131 scholars last Lord's day.

E. B. WARE.

FARMINGTON, May 27, 1879.

Bro. T. F. Campbell:

Elder C. J. Wright preached here on the fourth Lord's day in this month. There was one addition by confession and baptism; a Methodist preacher. He stated to the congregation that Methodism was wrong, and that he had found the true way to Christ. Then he turned round to Bro. Wright and demanded baptism by him.

The prospects are good here for a good work yet to come.

Yours in Christ,

J. M. PROBST.

Synopsis of Business Before Yamhill County Annual Meeting, June, 1879.

On motion, a committee of three from the deacons of the churches in the county were appointed to preserve order during services, consisting of J. G. Wisecarver, Frank Martin and J. W. Shelton.

A committee of five was appointed to deliberate and report the feasibility of incorporating the Yamhill County Annual Meeting, consisting of C. A. Wallace, Isaac Davis, Frank Martin, B. J. Shaw and Jacob Wisecarver.

A communication from the brotherhood of Lane county, soliciting cooperation for the purpose of reviving the Annual State Meetings, was presented, and the subject discussed at some length. Referred to a committee of three to draft a communication in reply to the brethren in Lane county, consisting of Bruce Wolverton, J. Butler and J. R. Caldwell.

The committee on Incorporation made, at a subsequent meeting, the following report in substance: That they had made reasonably good progress in soliciting, considering the limited number of brethren present from a distance on Saturday. They asked for further time to canvass and perfect arrangements. Report adopted.

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of reviving the "Annual State Meeting," presented the following reply, which was adopted in full as the sense of the meeting, with request to send to MESSENGER for publication:

McMINNVILLE, OR., June 7, 1879.

The brethren in Christ of Yamhill county to the brethren of Lane county, Oregon.

GREETING: Your proposition to revive the "Annual State Meeting" of the brotherhood, with request to secure the cooperation of other counties is before us, to which we would most kindly and respectfully reply.

We have carefully considered your proposition in convention, and deem it wise to submit the following:

The purpose of holding the Annual State Meetings was, principally, to revive a zeal for the cause of Christ among the brotherhood, to disseminate the truths of pure and Apostolic Christianity among a people who could not otherwise be reached, and

to secure more united efforts in the missionary cause. The objections to this system, we conceive to have been, the needless expense to many in coming from different parts of the State to attend these meetings, the withdrawal of many preachers, elders and Sunday school workers from their fields of labor for the time, and the conflict of Delegates' meeting and preaching service causing embarrassment to their deliberations as well as hindering the success of the Gospel. Besides these, only one section was materially benefitted and, very often, the gathering of immense audiences on the Lord's day placed the services for the accomplishment of any good almost beyond our control.

Wisely, we think, for the purposes of evangelizing, our County Meetings have superseded the Annual State Meetings. These can be held in about the same length of time, with less real outlay to the brotherhood, especially the ministry, and with far greater success. In several counties, grounds have already been located, and some permanent improvements made. The "Annual State Cooperation" has been wisely inaugurated, where, with less confusion and hindrance, we have time to discuss matters of importance to our church and educational work and missionary efforts, to suggest and mature plans for more successful evangelizing, to consider the needs of different sections, and devise means of more thoroughly and systematically erasing strengthening the cause in our State.

As suggested in your letter, these deliberations are necessary to the life and growth, strength and harmony of any great institution. We would then, most kindly and earnestly submit, that for the purpose of spreading the Gospel, our County Meetings are preferable, and for deliberation, our "State Cooperation" presents many and decided advantages.

In regard to a State Sunday School Institute, we would for the present, recommend to the executive committee that a day be given in the programme of our next State Cooperation for the discussion of Sunday school interests.

We trust, dear brethren, that you will find this to be the wisest counsel, and hope that the brotherhood of the State will become interested in securing a large attendance next November at our Cooperation meeting, to assist in such deliberations as are necessary to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Fare ye well. Amen.

An executive committee of three, consisting of Jacob Wisecarver, J. W. Cowles and Frank A. Cook was appointed, to whom was also delegated the selection of time for holding the next Annual Meeting.

A motion was passed that the next meeting close on Monday morning instead of Sunday evening as usual.

The brotherhood of the county hope to have and possess suitable camp meeting grounds in a short time.

J. G. WISECARVER,

Secretary.

P. S.—By request of the Committee on Incorporation, the following brethren from the different congregations are delegated to solicit for subscription to the stock: Amity, J. L. Ladd; Webfoot, Wm. Scott; Cheshalem, W. N. Parish.

The State Sunday School Convention.

The Disciples of Christ in California have just closed their eighth Annual State Sunday School Convention, held with the church at Santa Clara.

The convention was in every respect a success. There was a decided increase in the number of delegates and reports from schools over last year.

The entertainment of delegates was all that could be desired; I never saw brethren and friends do more nobly than did those of Santa Clara to minister to the wants of their guests. The deliberations of the convention were the most harmonious throughout; there was scarcely a "ripple on the wave," everybody seemed in the best of humor, and desirous of learning all they could. There was one deplorable thing that was greatly to be regretted, and that was the number of vacancies on the programme.

Presidents Keith, Elston, and W. H. Martin, of Colusa, three of the most important performers on the programme were not present, notwithstanding some of them selected their subjects a year before hand, and some of them did not give the least intimation to the committee that they would not be able to perform. I submit to these brethren if this is not wrong, if it is not doing an injustice to the convention, and calculated to injure its influence for good. But if they will repent, and promise to do so no more, we will forgive them for this time.

I was sorry that there were no reports from some of, what has been supposed to be, the strong churches in the State; for instance, Woodland, Colusa, Madison and Elmira. I hope that it was not for the reason suggested by a brother in the convention, "that they are dead in the work." There was a general expression of regret on the part of the friends of our missionary work in California, that there was no report from Sacramento, where our missionary efforts have been directed for the last two years. If they could not send a delegate, they could have sent a report to cheer our hearts and to show us that they are alive to the importance of the Sunday school work. The Sunday schools of the State have already given material aid to that mission, hence the disappointment to have no report from its Sunday school.

The exercises were conducted with life and animation throughout, and at no time was there any dragging or apparent want of interest. Several items on the programme had to be passed by for the want of time. We can assure all who could have attended and did not, that the principal loss is theirs and not ours. One good old sister expressed her feelings by saying, "This is the richest feast I have ever had in California." Another said, "This is far ahead of the State Meeting." One thing that I would mention for the benefit of those who are continually looking on the dark side of the picture, who think that the cause in California is going to destruction, and that primitive Christianity is a failure, and that is the number of additions reported during the year—156. Notice that these additions were not the results of spasmodic efforts in protracted meetings, but the results of the steady and permanent growth of the churches. These "hurrah for Jackson" protracted meetings very often result in great injury to the cause.

1. Churches too often get the notion that they can do nothing without them.

2. The reaction which always follows them often has a bad effect. The church cools off so suddenly that it becomes brittle, and a single blow from the enemy will knock it to pieces.

3. There is generally a class brought into the church during these meetings that is a detriment instead of a blessing; moved by excitement alone they are born to live only while the meeting lasts, and thus the cause is injured by their sudden apostasy. Nevertheless, protracted meetings, if properly conducted, and the church is prepared to follow them up with faithful teaching, and church work, are good things.

But I return from this digression. I was glad that we had reports from many of the rural districts of the State, and from many churches which have not hitherto sent in reports. For instance, Lompoc, Visalia, Grangeville, Lakeport, and others sent in reports and some delegates. I am glad to note the attendance at the convention of the President and Secretary of our "Woman's Christian Missionary Society." The President, Mrs. J. M. Martin, favored the convention with an excellent essay on "The Study of God's Word." The Secretary, Mrs.