

Reports from the Field.

DAMASCUS, CLACKAMAS CO., OR.
Dear Bro. Campbell:

I held a meeting in June for the brethren at Rock Creek, in this county; the result was, seven made that good confession, and were buried in baptism and arose to walk in a new life.

There were others who were almost persuaded to be Christians. May God in his infinite mercy grant to them time, space and opportunity of making their peace with God.

Yours in the one hope,
G. P. RICH.

BROWNSVILLE, OR., July 26, 1879.
Bro. Campbell:

The church at this place numbers about fifty-five members.

Bros. McCorkle and Whitney closed a meeting here on the 13th inst., of nine days duration, with fourteen additions to the church.

Bro. McCorkle will preach in the grove here on the second Sunday in next month, two sermons, and in the church house on Saturday evening before.

Yours,
J. W. COLE.

ARROYO GRANDA, CAL.,
July 13, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

Since my last report I have moved to the Arroyo Granda, San Luis Obispo county, Cal. This will be my address for the future instead of Paso Robles.

On the fourth Lord's day of June five were added to the Arroyo Granda congregation; four by letter and one by confession and baptism.

On the first Lord's day in July two were added to the Estrella congregation.

Yours in Christ,
D. G. WRIGHT.

BROWNSVILLE, OR., July 25, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

The annual meeting of the Church of Christ in this county closed on the 22nd ult.

Five churches were represented, viz: Harrisburg, Halsey, Brownsville, Oak Creek and Central, with an aggregate membership of 253. Scio, Mt. Pleasant and Calipsoia not heard from.

Bros. H. M. Waller, McCorkle, Roberts, and others were present, and wielded the sword of the spirit with mighty power and effect. Twenty-two additions was the visible result, but the brethren were strengthened and encouraged, and many more rejoiced to hear the Gospel in its simplicity and purity.

The next annual meeting will be held at Brownsville, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in June next, at which time it is sincerely hoped that all the churches in the county will be represented.

Your brother,
J. W. COLE.

The Church at Santa Rosa.

Bro. Campbell:

In the MESSENGER of July 18th we have some more items from Argus. While he was writing these in relation to Santa Rosa he must have been laboring under something worse than nightmare. He says he has been informed so and so, and it is said so and so. Now, Bro. Argus, should you not be assured that these things are true before you publish them as facts? There is so many misstatements in your items we are forced to the conclusion that you will it so.

I will notice but one or two items. Neither J. W. Fulton, who wrote the other communication, nor myself, nor any of the Fultons here, own any stock in the McMillen mines, or have owned any lately. Argus statement to the contrary, notwithstanding but he was informed so, and nearly all he has written about us, from first to last, was founded on erroneous

statements. But he says that he knows that nearly all the church here had stock. Now that is nearly as far from the mark as the others.

Now Bro. Campbell, it grieves us to thus have to speak so plainly, and we leave Argus here. We do not expect to notice him further; we can bear his misrepresentation, we have borne much, and we can bear more for the cause. We have too much pulling down and contention amongst us, especially through our papers. We do not show forth the fruits of the spirit, which is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, &c. Neither are we laying up treasure in heaven when we have the opposite spirit, which is envy, surmising, evil speaking, &c. Let us forget those things that are behind and press on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling that is in Christ Jesus. If anything is lovely, if anything is pure, if anything is true think on these things.

Bro. Taylor was called, by sickness in his family, to Texas. He writes that he will return to Santa Rosa as soon as possible.

Bro. Wm. Briggs has been preaching at Guerneville, in this county, with good success; a large number of additions; he has organized a church there.

In hope,
JAMES FULTON.

The California State Meeting.

The Annual State Meeting of the Disciples in California will be held at Yountville, Napa county, and will commence on Friday, September 19, 1879, at 11 o'clock. Reports received from various sources, warrants the committee of arrangements in saying to the brethren, that there will be a large attendance, perhaps larger than has been for years.

Ample camping arrangements will be provided as usual, and brethren need have no fears of any extraordinary expense, because of the "new departure" taken last year, to establish a pay table. We can assure the brethren who desire to attend that they can live as cheap there as at home.

Napa valley is one of the most beautiful and picturesque valleys in California, it abounds with all varieties of the most delicious fruits, the climate is unsurpassed and the water most excellent, so that brethren who have been in the habit of taking an annual "camping trip" for their health will find this a most excellent opportunity to recuperate *spiritually* as well as physically.

E. B. WARE,
Com. on Cor.

Church News.

(From the Christian.)

—Last Lord's day Bro. T. P. Haley filled the pulpit at Central Church, this city. The first Church brethren had been cleaning and repairing their house and did not get it ready for meeting.

—The church at Monmouth, Ill., has given their pastor, Bro. Cory, a unanimous call to remain with them another year. This is the third year for Bro. C. The church is at peace and prosperous.

—Kentucky has two Sunday school evangelists in the persons of C. C. Cline and P. H. Duncan. This means success not only in the Sunday schools of that State, but in the churches also. Go on, brethren, in the right way, and may the Lord bless you.

—Bro. D. R. Dungan is lecturing on the following subjects:

1. Darwinism.
2. God in Nature.
3. The Claims of Free Thought.
4. The Claims of Christianity.
5. Ingersoll's Mistakes of Moses.
6. Several Lectures on Temperance.

—Bro. J. H. Hamilton, formerly pastor of Park Christian Church, New Albany, Ind., has been called to the Church in Little Rock, Ark.

—Our Evangelist for S. E. Mo., Bro. T. E. Shepherd showed his snail-

ing face in our sanctum a few days ago. He looks as though he had seen considerable hard work.

—Bro. J. B. Allen succeeds Bro. S. M. Atwater at Springfield, Ill. Bro. Atwater's address is Oberlin, Ohio.

—Bro. Shackelford, of Lexington, Ky., is preaching at Jacksonville, Ill., temporarily.

—Bro. Geo. E. Flower, we are glad to learn, is improving in health, so that he thinks he will be able to resume his work soon.

—Prof. S. P. Lucy, of the Orphan School, at Midway Ky., has done a good work in his field of labor, during the past year. He is proving to be a very successful educator.

—Bro. W. B. Young is in the romantic regions of Loveland, Col., and almost going into ecstasies over the many good and beautiful things he is seeing there. He invites tired preachers, not loafers, to call on him.

(From the Record and Evangelist.)

—There is talk of starting a new paper at St. Joseph, Mo., intended especially for the brethren of Kansas, and upper Missouri valley.

—Bro. Wm. Winters, lately immersed two persons at Carman school house Johnson Co. Bro. Winters is doing a good work.

—The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has decided to send a missionary to Paris to aid the De Lannays. This is wise. Far better to do work in a center of nations than in an out of the way island.

General Church News.

—Rev. Francis Cooke died at the Sisters' Hospital, Buffalo, N. H., June 2.

—The Catholics of Amsterdam, Holland, have nineteen churches, sixty-nine priests, and are themselves 65,000 in number.

—The Sunday school convention of Adams county, Iowa, was held in Corning, June 17, 18. The attendance was large, and 53 schools reported, an increase of 18 over last year. There is but one school in the county that does not use the International lessons.

—The recent Georgia state Sunday school convention at Macon, May 30, 31, was the fifth state convention. The previous conventions were at Union Point, May 1875; Decatur, May, 1876; Athens, August, 1877; and La Grange, August, 1878.

—At the fourteenth Iowa state Sunday school convention, held at Mason city, June 10-12, 53 counties, out of 99, were reported to be organized; 10 were reported as not organized; and 36 were not reported. It was recommended that district organizations be continued and encouraged by both state and county organizations.

ARROYO GRANDA, CAL.,
July 13, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

The drouth prevailing on the Estrella Plains caused me to leave my home. I return once per month to preach to the faithful few. I am broken up, and have a large family to support. I have to work with my hands through the week at such work as I can get to do, and preach on Sunday; ride my own horse to my appointments. I have had to abandon some of my appointments because of distance, where good could be done by a church missionary who could locate there.

Yours,
D. G. WRIGHT.

Obituary.

Died, June 28, 1879, Bro. John Fowler, aged 72 years, 3 months and 16 days.

Bro. Fowler has been a member of the church nearly 50 years, and was one of the elders of the Arroyo Granda congregation. The loss to the church is great; but our loss is his gain. He breathed his last breath in prayer, and gave thanks to God that the time of his departure had come. Cause, liver complaint and old age. He leaves a large circle of relations in California.

D. G. WRIGHT.

Correspondence.

SALEM, July 21, 1879.

Dear Bro. Campbell:

I received the enclosed of Bro. Green, and have been so busy I have forgotten to send it over. He wants you to publish in MESSENGER.

The "returns" to me have come in very slowly. I don't care to publish any little batch, and if the brethren are so indifferent about it that they won't send the information, I can't help it, neither can I publish it.

In great love your Bro.,
S. C. ADAMS.

CINCINNATI, O., June 18, 1879.

Dear Bro. Adams:

I enclose some papers having reference to statistics. I wish you would help me from Oregon. It might be well to have the blank and accompanying circular inserted in the P. C. MESSENGER. If you think so please send it to the editor with your endorsement. I see that you are making an effort in the same direction. Uniformity is desirable in this matter, hence I send blank such as I am using.

Yours truly,
F. M. GREEN.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

CINCINNATI, O., June 16, 1879.

Dear Brother:

I address you in behalf of the home missionary work, as it is represented by the General Christian Missionary Convention.

I believe that you are in favor of the cooperation of individuals and of churches for missionary work. The General Convention is founded upon this idea, and is the only agency among the Disciples of Christ prepared to do missionary work in the "regions beyond" the limits of our largest membership; i. e., in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. Its organization is simple, and its expenses are not great. The only person who receives anything for his services is the Corresponding Secretary, who, in addition to a correspondence of over two thousand letters a year, is in the field almost constantly, preaching on an average four sermons a week. His work is to encourage brethren, and to inspire churches to better and nobler efforts in behalf of the kingdom of God.

I am glad to say to you that our missionary work is prospering this year; but, as "money is the sinews of war," and as our work can not be prosecuted without money, I make this appeal for help for our treasury.

The following brethren are working in our present mission field, more or less of their time, viz: Wm. Herrington and J. M. Wood, in Dakota; R. C. Barrow, in Nebraska; J. F. Berry, in Kansas; D. A. Quick, in Minnesota; J. R. Biggs, in Tennessee; H. J. Brayboy, in Florida; J. A. Perdue, in Georgia; and J. L. Burns, in South Carolina. These are good men, and doing all they can with the limited means that we can appropriate them. Each of them could do more than he does if we were able to more completely command his time. Since November 1, 1878, they have had in their various fields of labor an aggregate of two hundred and fifty additions to the Church. Some of them are away from their homes nearly all their time. They are sacrificing the comforts of home, the pleasures of a quiet life, etc., for the sake of the perishing multitudes.

Every day, and from every quarter, the cry comes to us from some Macedonian: "Come over and help us!" One of our missionaries writes as follows: "February 4, 1879.—Came home to day and leave to-morrow. Urgent appeals from many places awaited me here. Wish I were six men at least. January: thirty-one discourses; sixteen additions."

This is only a sample of a hundred letters in my possession. Shall we

help these men? Shall we heed the cries of the multitudes for the bread of life? Are you willing and ready to do your part? If you are a preacher or, an elder of the Church, will you ask your congregation to contribute to our treasury? No matter if your collection is small, send it on! We do not ask large amounts from any, individual, or congregation, but small amounts from the multitude.

We are also making as much use of good tracts as our means will allow; but our "Tract Fund" is nearly exhausted. We ask contributions to enable us to circulate more tracts.

I submit these considerations to you with the fervent desire that you will do all you can for this work, which is the Lord's work, through our treasury of the church. The anniversary of the General Convention will be held this year, the Lord willing, in the city of Bloomington, Ill., beginning on Thursday, October 23, 1879.

Please answer this letter and oblige me. Address me at 180 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

For the Board of Managers,
F. M. GREEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

CINCINNATI, O., June 16, 1879.

Dear Brother:

It is very desirable that the Church statistics of the Christian (Disciple) brotherhood in the United States should be accurately and fully obtained. It is desirable—

1. Because we have never yet had anything like an accurate showing of our membership, either in its numbers or strength. For about twenty years we have guessed that we were about five hundred thousand.

2. That we may be correctly represented, both in name and number, in the United States Census of 1880.

There are other reasons, but these are the principal. At the General Convention, held in Cincinnati, October 23-26, 1878, a committee of five was appointed "to collect the statistics of our people, and prepare a statement of them, to be inserted in the United States Census in 1880." That committee consists of F. M. Green, J. B. Briney, R. Moffett, Elias Sias, and L. L. Carpenter.

The committee is anxious to make a report that will be creditable and of permanent value.

Yours truly,
F. M. GREEN, Cor. Sec'y.

CINCINNATI, O., June 13, 1879.

Dear Brother:

I desire your aid in obtaining the statistics of the churches in your county or district, according to the blank I enclose. If you can, I am sure that you will help me. There are two ways in which you can help me. (1) You can send me a list of the churches in your county or district with the name of the church clerk, elder or preacher, and I will send blanks to them; or, (2) I will send to you a package of blanks which you can mail to the proper persons. Will you help me? If so, in which of the above ways.

Let me hear from you soon, as time is precious. If you cannot attend to this please write me who will.

F. M. GREEN, Cor. Sec'y.,
G. C. M. Convention,
180 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The True Way to Invigorate.

The true way to invigorate a feeble system is to infuse activity into the operations of the stomach, that wondrous alembic in which the food is transmitted into the constituents of blood, the chief element of our vitality. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, because it accomplishes this end, is greatly to be preferred to many so called tonics, useful indeed as appetizers, but unoperative as aids to digestion and assimilation. This sterling cordial, while it invigorates the stomach, healthfully stimulates the liver and bowels, ensuring the escape through the regular channels of effect and useless matter thrown off by the system, which is thus purified as well as invigorated by it. Its tonic influences are soon made more active and regular discharge of every physical function, and it has the further effect of rendering the system unassailable by malarial epidemics.