

hundreds to leave this immediate vicinity. Many have gone away with letters, some without them, some have died, and some few have become disaffected and have gone back to the world. I have often been made sad on Lord's day, at a number calling for letters, saying, "I am compelled to take a home somewhere else."

I am sorry that Argus, with his supposed hundred eyes, and perhaps as many ears, never learned that the church in Santa Rosa has kept up one of the best prayer meetings I ever had the happiness to be united with, and besides this, the sisters have one of their own, where they meet once a week, and talk of what Christ has done for them; and besides all this they meet in what they call the Christian Aid Society; and as they learn of the wants of the poor the church is made acquainted with it and relief sent through the deaconesses to their relief (this may be called "conformity to this world.")

The insinuation touching the liberality of the church is so illiberal and cruel that I must dismiss it with this short notice.

The McMillen mine is alluded to, and Argus sees with his intensified vision great wealth, and states he "knew nearly all the Santa Rosa church had stock in it," consequently he supposed they were very rich by this time.

Argus ought to know that the stockholders have had to pay two assessments since they had a small dividend, and how could he suppose they were rich by this time? He is informed that Bro. Fulton has \$25,000 in it. Bro. Fulton has very little interest in it.

Again, Argus says he knew that nearly all the Santa Rosa church had stock in the McMillen. To show how deceptive his vision is, and how a little unpleasant blood may lead a good man astray. We have been at the trouble to enquire into this item, and am informed by those who hold stock and are leading members and officers in the church, that out of the two hundred members about twenty-five hold stock in the mine. These twenty-five compose the "nearly all" in the estimation of Argus.

I am grieved to think a brother would connect our unpleasant insinuation with the important matter of laying up treasures in heaven. I am persuaded that the brethren in Santa Rosa have long been and are still struggling in that race.

The suggestion under the circumstances to purchase stock in the savings bank of heaven, we will submit and entrust to the President of that bank who always sees every thing in its true light.

Without the slightest malice to any and with the best wishes for all, I take, perhaps, a final farewell of the readers of our cherished paper.

G. O. BURNETT.

Items from California.

Bro. B. W. Regan, of Oakland, was suddenly killed a few days ago, by being thrown from his buggy, crushing his body beneath one of the wheels; he lived only a few hours after the injury. His wife received injuries at the same time of the most serious character. The body of Bro. Regan was embalmed, and Bro. B. H. Smith was called from Canton, Mo., to preach his funeral. Bro. R. was one of those wealthy men who always stood with a liberal hand to help the oppressed and needy, and was not forgetful of the cause of Christ. "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

Bro. H. D. Connell has been very sick, but is better now. I pray the Lord that he may be permanently restored.

Bro. B. S. Gardner is preaching at Santa Clara, and is doing a good work.

Bro. W. H. Briggs and wife are on a visit to his parents in San Joaquin

county. Bro. Briggs has just closed a very interesting meeting at Gurnville, Sonoma county; had some 20 additions. Bro. B. is a young preacher, a graduate of Christian College, Santa Rosa, and seems to have thrown his whole heart into the work. Such men generally succeed.

What has become of that address on "Temperance" delivered at the Sunday School Convention? It was requested for publication in the MESSENGER. Come, Bro. A. G., don't go back on us, let us have it. It was the best address in the convention, if it was written. By the way, Bro. A. G. is a candidate for Superintendent of Schools in Sonoma county. I hope he may be elected. I would like to vote for him any way.

Bro. Nathan Porter and wife, of Napa are over 80 years of age, and they attend the services of the Lord's house more regularly than some who are not half as old as they.

A good brother at Yountville offers to donate the land and set out a beautiful grove, if the brethren will locate the State Meeting permanently at that place. What say you, brethren, I call for the yeas and "neighs." I vote yea.

Remember the time of the next State Meeting—Sept. 19th.

I am really sorry that anything that "Argus" has written has caused our good Bro. Fulton to feel so badly. I can assure him that "Argus" entertains no ill "will" toward him nor the good brethren of Santa Rosa; and he certainly would not be guilty of a "misrepresentation" of them if he knew it. I think that if Bro. F. will look over Argus' Items again he will fail to find a single reflection in any way upon himself or the church at Santa Rosa. Bro. F. is only too sensitive, and this is only another instance of making a "mountain out of mole hill." Argus had no other object in what he first said that to encourage them in the employment of Bro. Taylor. I would lay no burden upon the good brethren of Santa Rosa. I know they "have borne much," that they have had many trials, that they have shown much patience. And I hope yet to see them come out more than conquerors through him that loved us and gave himself for us. Bro. F. grows serious over what was written in a jocular mood.

In faith, hope and charity,

ARGUS.

Jottings from California.

We recently had occasion to visit Vacaville, Solano county, Cal. This is one of the oldest towns of the State. It is on the Vaca Valley Railroad, yet quite small, and possesses many advantages. It is situated at the base of a spur of the Coast Range mountains, having access to the great Sacramento valley on the east, while to the west and north lies the Vaca and Pleasant valleys, which, each year, are pouring into market thousands of tons of fruit and vegetables. The situation of the mountains and valleys being such that the earliest productions of the State are produced in this neighborhood including the above named valleys the adjacent hills, Hypocrite canyon and along Putah creek. Every kind of fruit flourishes there, including orange, lemon, fig and olive. The village, no doubt, would have been many times larger, had it not been, that those who owned land on which the town was built, kept improvement and business out of the place by asking such unreasonable prices for lots, hence other localities, less favorably located, have arisen and are flourishing in business.

The Baptist College is located at this place; at the present writing under the management of Rev. N. Gregory. This school has had its severe trials. It is thought its prospects are better than usual.

We have a flourishing congregation at this place, under the fostering care of Bro. Jas. Logan. They are all at

peace among themselves, and will always remain so if they ever keep the spirit of the Master and remember, as all Christians should, the nine things that love does not do, and the seven things that love does, as recorded in the 13th chapter of first Corinthians, viz.:

1. Love envieth not.
2. Love vaunteth not itself.
3. Love is not puffed up.
4. Love doth not behave itself unseemly.
5. Love seeketh not her own.
6. Love is not easily provoked.
7. Love thinketh no evil.
8. Love rejoiceth not in iniquity.
9. Love never faileth.
1. Love suffereth long.
2. Love is kind.
3. Love rejoiceth in the truth.
4. Love beareth all things.
5. Love believeth all things.
6. Love hopeth all things.
7. Love endureth all things.

This grand lesson on "Christian Love" was one of those great Sunday school lessons that the world devoted one week especially to its study in July, and I certainly think that much good will come out of the study.

There is a good Sunday school at Vacaville, with Bro. W. W. Smith as Supt., who is one of our most efficient workers, and if he keeps the classes in line and as straight as he can set out a row of fruit trees, and make his pupils bear as luscious fruits of the spirit, he will have glory enough for one man.

On the first Sunday we were there. Bro. Logan discoursed from "Neither pray I for those alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word." John xvii. 20. At the conclusion of the excellent discourse, a gentleman, who was a member of the Methodist church, came forward and made the good confession, and in the afternoon Bro. L. "baptized him into Christ."

In a few weeks after I had occasion to return to get my better three-fourths and family, and heard Bro. L. deliver a discourse, according to previous announcement, on the "History of the Bible." It was one of his best efforts. The attention of the large audience proved that he was master of his theme. An Atheist, who had never been there before, claimed that Bro. L. delivered his discourse because he was there—a proof of the pungency of his words and the power of the Gospel. Bro. L. replied, "I take that as a compliment."

Vacaville is the home of Bro. A. C. Hawkins, with whom every brother and sister in California is acquainted who has attended the State Meetings. He has, in all probability, done as much or more for the cause in California than any other one person. He occupies the same seat in the church that he did when I first met him years ago. His faith increases with his years, and may his last days and that of his faithful wife be their best.

Bro. Nathan Cutler, one of the faithful lives here. He is one of the first I met after I came to California. He is a candidate for the State Senate, and is certainly one of the most suitable for the place in the State. He once served in the Legislature. A faithful mechanic, conversant with the law of the land as well as the law of God.

There are many other earnest and faithful disciples at Vacaville, such as Bros. Frank Williams, Dr. Tilson, Pepper, Force, Rogers, Parker, Wilson, Oliver Williams, Miller, and others with their families.

Four miles from Vacaville, on the California Pacific Railroad, is the town of Elmira, where we have another flourishing congregation under the watchcare of our venerable Bro. J. D. Wilnot, though, at the present writing, I understand that Bro. W. is preaching half his time for the congregation at Madison, some 25 miles north, at the terminus of the V. V. R. R.

They have always had a good Sunday school at Elmira. Bros. Hoyt, Gates and Connell, are old time workers.

On our return to our home we, by accident, met our Bro. Dunton, at Winters. He is an intelligent conversationalist. We were both boiling over with talk, but had to separate, in hope of a more convenient season. Bro. D. preaches for the brethren half of his time. They ought to support him liberally. Bro. D. attends closely to his farm work.

On the Sunday previous we visited the Sunday school at Winters. I found there as faithful working set of teachers as can be found anywhere. There is, without doubt, the most singular feature connected with this Sunday school I have ever seen before, and I doubt not the like can be found in all the rank and file of Sunday school workers in any land, and that is to see a large number of orderly little boys and girls, gentle and meek; besides genteel men and women, all presided over by A. Wolf. The time has come when the "wolf and the lamb shall feed together." Bro. W. said, "I don't know much about a Sunday school." But he is learning fast, and should feel proud of his work, with such helpers as Bros. Briggs, Atchison, James, Humphrey, and their wives, and others.

Wending our way northward we reached the home of our estimable Bro. W. W. Hannum, who lives near Cachville. And on Sunday morning we went into Woodland to attend worship. This is a beautiful little city, and is the location of Hesperian College, presided over by Pres. Elston, assisted by an able faculty. Instead of hearing Bro. Baalam Lawson, whom I had hoped to hear, we had to give in. There were some pleasant reflections came to mind when we were before the audience. There sat old Bro. S. E. Martin, whom I had known since I first entered Abingdon College in 1857, a few more "silver threads among the gold." He was present, if I mistake not, when I made my confession to Pres. P. H. Murphy.

Bro. M. looks as well as I ever saw him. He is always found at his post, and has spent probably a half of a century in the cause. We had a pleasant meeting with his son Walter and his excellent wife.

One other most interesting fact connected with the occasion was that before me sat an old gray haired gentleman, who was no other than Judge Jas. Johnson, who was a teacher of mine 31 years ago in Vermont, Illinois. I remembered his features, having seen him once in Cal. I called to mind when a lad with Webster's Blue Backed Speller, a reader, arithmetic and slate, I approached the Judge's awful presence, or Squire we called him then, to be instructed in long division and how to speak "The boy stood on the burning deck." The Judge has seen many of the rough corners of life. He is very popular in his county, and is now candidate for Superior Judge. The county is in great need of just such noble men to fill her offices. When men of Christian integrity and strictly temperance principles shall be selected to our offices of public trust, and not those who will "sell their birthright for a mess of pottage," we may expect our country to tower to the stars.

The brethren at Woodland need a little wakening up in reference to their Sunday school work. I consider that every parent is under the strongest obligations to work in the Sunday school, as Josh Billings says: "If you would train up a child in the way he should go, it would be a good idea to go that way yourself sometimes." And if a brother or sister has no family, then the Lord has thus prepared them to assist others by precept and example. There are many faithful brethren at Woodland, the Lawsons, Bullock, Martin, Shellbumer, Beamers, Welch, Smith, Green, Grant, Elston, Briggs, Dick, Hodgen,

and others I can not now remember.

Bro. B. C. Lawson is employed to do all the preaching, and he gives universal satisfaction. The people have always known him, besides he is one of our best Bible students. May the brethren hold up his hands.

Dr. I. N. Hodgen is one of the elders, but does most of his preaching through the country. Having been reared in the "blue grass region" of Ky., he is "true blood," and although far advanced in years, handles the sword of the spirit in a masterly manner. Bro. H. is the first man, I believe, that ever presented me his fist, but he claimed a disaffected finger that could not stand the grip.

We were made sad to learn that our venerable Bro. Pendegast was on a bed of sickness, and so much so, that no company would be admitted. We hope and pray that he may recover and that we may yet have more of his service. "The will of the Lord be done."

We question the propriety of abandoning any of the Lord's work for harvest time or short nights. Satan makes no distinction of time and place. And as he has so much the greater army, we must not give up any ground.

Brotherly,

J. DURHAM.

What an Intelligent Physician Says.

Dr. R. C. Strother, of Monroe La., who has been a medical practitioner for over twenty-five years, in a letter to the undersigned, says: "I have heard of your 'Compound Oxygen Treatment' for some time in a casual, incidental way, but it is only within the last few months that I have had my attention called to it in a way that has aroused my professional interest. I have watched its wonderful vitalizing power in two or three instances when the patients were using the 'Home Treatment.' One of these patients was a sister, and her rapid improvement from a low condition of Nervous Debility and Muscular Prostration, resulting from severe acute disease, was almost miraculous. Your little work, 'The Compound Oxygen Treatment, Mode of Action and Results,' has fallen into my hands, and the therapeutic and pathological views therein inculcated being to a great extent in accord with what theory and experience have been impressing on me, I have read it with unusual interest. Indeed, I have read and re-read with a great deal of pleasure. I am sure you have found a curative agent of inestimable medical and vitalizing power, and adapted to a wide range of diseases." The above named treatise is sent free. Address Drs. Starkey & Palen, 1112 Girard Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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