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While making your arrangements to come to the Coöperation Meeting, be thinking earnestly what you will do for the church at Portland.

The Time For Action.

"There is a tide in the affairs" of communities and States, as well as of men which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune."

That tide, in matters of religion, is now rising on this Pacific Coast. Its heavings are felt in the increased demand for Christian union. Its influences are appreciated in the growing demand for a purer Gospel. The folly and the fearful consequences of discord and division among Christians, so contrary to the spirit of the Gospel, are so apparent that the lovers of Jesus everywhere are awaking to the necessity of an inquiry into the cause of these divisions and into the possibility of "preserving the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

The inquiry can not be pushed very far until the humiliating discovery will be reached, that all our divisions spring directly from our ignorance.

Men can not differ about what they perfectly understand.

Sincere Christians, reaching such a conclusion, will seek to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," until they shall come to the knowledge of the truth.

In this frame of mind they will be ready to reason together—to hear the truth, and to come nearer to the Bible—the only bond of union.

We, as a people, can present the Bible without any intervening humanism to darken counsel or obscure the light of truth.

We are able to meet infidelity on its own chosen field, and silence it as Jesus silenced Satan, by quoting Scripture.

We do not engage to sustain any "pet theory" vulnerable from every side.

Untrammelled by human creeds, confessions and disciplines, we can go forth clad in Gospel armor simple and effective as that with which David

slaw Goliath.

It is far easier to propagate truth in this Western world, where parties are broken off from old associations, than it is in the East, where nearly all are chained to their altars and blinded by tradition.

Never was there a finer field for labor nor better prospects of success. Will we respond with an effort equal to the demand?

From Sitka to San Diego, and from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, the whole broad area lies fallow and ready for the seed.

Noxious weeds are springing spontaneously, and tares are being sown by the enemy.

Shall we, who have the word of God, withhold our hand or refuse to sow the good seed?

Now is the time for action. There is work for all. Each in his proper sphere may advance the good cause. Some with pen, some with tongue, others with counsel or money—all may find much to do and ample reward.

While each is acting for himself he can provoke his neighbor also to love and good works.

The Cemetery Needs a New Fence.

It has been said that the civilization of any community may be fairly estimated from the state of their highways and bridges, and the condition of their grave yards. If the former are neglected and in a dilapidated condition, it shows reckless disregard of life; if the latter are unfenced and trampled by the stock it is evidence of want of respect for the dead.

We, as a community, are in danger of having a low estimate put upon our civilization if it is to be estimated from the condition of our cemetery. The old and dilapidated fence greatly needs replacing with a new and substantial one. This can be done with a small tax on each one interested. Probably the one thing needed in this matter is for some one to take the lead. Who will assume the responsibility of calling a meeting to devise ways and means and to agree upon the style of fence appropriate and necessary? Why not meet on Saturday, Nov. 2d, at 6:30 P. M., to consider these matters. No good reason can be given to the contrary. We will then of our own motion and at the request of several parties interested call this meeting to be held in the church-house in Monmouth at the time above specified. A special sermon prepared for the occasion will be preached. Let all attend.

Items From California.

Bro. Lane has been holding a meeting at Sacramento.

Vacaville commenced a meeting on the 15th.

Hollister wants a protracted meeting.

Danville wants a meeting.

Bro. Henry Thomas lies very low at his place near Yountville, where he went after the State Meeting.

C. Kendrick is holding a meeting in Stockton.

The Woman's Christian Home Mission Society of California had a great deal to say at the last State Meeting about tobacco, but very little about home drinking. This looks strange when it is a well known fact that the church spends six times the amount for drinking that it does for tobacco. It looked very much like "straining out the gnat and swallowing the camel."

T. F. Campbell's visit to the State Meeting of California will long be remembered by all; his sermons were of the highest order, and out of the pulpit he was a true companion. We hope to see him in our Golden State again.

I. F. C.

Send us a new subscriber.

Reports from the Field.

CARLTON, OR., Oct. 13, 1879.

Editor Messenger:

The church at this place sends as messengers to the State Coöperation, Bros. G. L. Rowland, J. R. Caldwell, Sister Celia Caldwell and A. J. Hembree. The collection for the Missionary Board amounted to \$5.00.

At our regular meeting yesterday there were two additions to the congregation; one by baptism and one by commendation. One baptism last month.

A bright future is opening for the Carlton congregation. They deserve success.

Fraternally,  
WOLVERTON.

EMPIRE CITY, Oct. 13, 1879.

Editor Messenger:

I have been thinking for some time that I would write you a short letter from this place, but my other duties have prevented me until the present time, and even this, is only to break the ice, for all I wish to say is in regard to our gloom and isolation. I presume it would be no use to ask why some of our good preaching brethren do not sometimes visit this place. I do not believe the Gospel was ever proclaimed at Coos Bay. There have been some preachers of the Episcopal, Methodist, and Universalist orders here, all of whom, I have heard, but not one of whom preached the Gospel. I understand that there are a few brethren in and about Coquille City, in this county, who meet and have preaching by Bro. O. C. Huntington, but they are few in number even there. In this town I know of only four members of the Church of Christ, and they are thirsting for spiritual food.

We have in this place, a church building, which belongs to the Methodists, but the trustees are liberal and open it to any and all denominations. A Union Sunday school meets in it every Lord's day at half past one o'clock. The attendance varies from twenty to forty—mostly grown persons. We have a Bible-class which is quite interesting; the writer hereof is trying to teach them, and I feel a little flattered at the interest which seems to be manifested.

Do you think it possible for some one of our preaching brethren to penetrate our seclusion? I will state that his audience, should any one come, will be composed of persons who are critics in a literary sense, but that they are almost total strangers to the real story of the Cross.

Hoping that you will accept this as merely an introduction, I will promise you more in the future.

Fraternally,  
A. E. W.

GRAND ROUND VALLEY,  
UNION CO., OR., Oct. 17, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

It might be of interest to some, to hear, through the MESSENGER, that the good cause is growing in interest in this part of the State. This should be credited to the assiduous labors of Bro. Baly, who has for several years, "against revolted multitudes maintained the cause of truth."

Bro. Elliott has recently come and will locate here, and I trust his labors may conduce to the building up of the churches here.

I am now holding a protracted meeting in Island City. I shall commence another on the 22nd, at the Iowa school house, where I expect to meet Bro. Elliott, who will assist in carrying on the meeting until about the 28th, when we shall close preparatory to commence another meeting near Sommersville, which we will hold over the first Lord's day in November. There we expect to be assisted by Bro. Baly, who, as all know, is a host of himself.

On the second Lord's day I shall preach for the brethren in the Cove. There I shall take my leave of the

brethren and return to my home in Idaho.

In conclusion permit me to say to any young preaching brother who wishes to find a place to labor, that he would do well to address Bro. M. Baly, at Indian Valley, Union county, Oregon.

Fraternally yours,  
D. B. MATHENY.

Portland Church.

PORTLAND, OR., Oct. 21, 1879.

Editor P. C. Messenger:

At the last regular meeting of the Christian Church at Portland, Bros. Dickinson and Blaney and Sisters Adams and Blaney were elected delegates to the State Coöperation to be held at Monmouth, commencing Nov. 4th; and Bros. Davidson and Adams, and Sisters Davidson and Lee were chosen as alternates. It is hoped we shall be able to be represented by a full quota of delegates. No work of the church, certainly, is of more importance than the assembling together of representatives of different bands of disciples at these State meetings. Much is learned by contact, and all go away strengthened and renewed in zeal for the coming year.

Let every church in the State send its quota of delegates (one for each church officer), and appoint such as can attend, and we shall see an awakening in Christian effort of which we may well feel proud.

The Portland band is constantly receiving accessions by letter, although some lose their interest to a certain extent yet the regular attendance at our meetings is quite as large as at any time.

A new order of exercises has been adopted which went into effect with most pleasing results the two last Lord's days. Bro. Dickinson occupies the entire time in teaching us the Word of God each alternate Sunday, while the congregation occupy the remaining Sundays with readings from the Scriptures and general remarks. The subject of faith was interestingly discussed last Lord's day, and repentance follows as our next lesson from God's Word.

We all feel that we have in our excellent Bro. Dickinson, an interesting and wise teacher, and he has contributed more than largely toward keeping up the interest in our meetings, but business cares on his part made it necessary for us to relieve him somewhat, hence the change.

We are greatly pleased at the success which has crowned your efforts in California, in behalf of the MESSENGER. Every member of the Church in our own State ought to take upon himself the self-imposed duty of agent, and see to it that the efforts of our California brethren be seconded by swelling the subscription lists in our own State. There should be at least double the present number of subscribers to the MESSENGER in Oregon. Now is the time to take hold of this matter. "There is a tide &c.—which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." Agents, one and all, let us cast in our bucketful of subscriptions and swell the tide of prosperity for our paper which is now setting in.

Fraternally,  
W. H. A.

PHILOMATH, OR., Oct. 22, 1879.

Editor Messenger:

I make the following proposition in aid of the cause in Portland:

I will be one of one hundred to pay one thousand dollars (\$1,000) (\$10 each) for the purchase of a building spot, or I will be one of one hundred to pay three thousand dollars, the names to be sent to Bro. A. W. Lucas, Monmouth, and the money to be paid within one month after notification by him that the list is completed.

I have made some effort to induce others to join me in this, and shall still do what I can to add other names to the list.

I suggest that the preachers and brethren over the State interested in the cause in Portland make special effort to complete either one or both lists.

Fraternally,  
R. H. MASS.

General Church News.

(From the Sunday Chronicle.)

—The largest Swedenborgian church or society in the world is in Boston, with 640 members.

—J. C. R. Ewing has been ordained by the Presbytery of Kittanning for missionary work in India.

—The Moravian Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Penn., opens with 28 students, of whom 6 are in the Senior Class, which graduates in 1880.

—Forty-two new students have entered Yale Divinity School. The lectures on preaching will be delivered in December by Dr. Howard Crosby, Chancellor of the University of the City of New York.

—The four largest Presbyterian churches in this country are: Dr. Cuyler's with 1685 members; Dr. Talmage's, with 1658; Dr. Tucker's, (Madison Square), with 1600; and Dr. Hall's with 1570.

—The Free Church in Scotland will hold a missionary jubilee this year, Dr. Alexander Duff having been ordained as a missionary to India fifty years ago. A jubilee fund of \$100,000 is to be raised for missionary purposes.

—The Spanish Government has repudiated the action of the Governor of the Island of Fernando Po in banishing a Primitive Methodist missionary, the Rev. W. Holland, and has permitted Mr. Holland to return and resume his labors.

—The monument to John Knox is to be erected near St. Giles' Church, Edinburgh. The monument will be surmounted by a statue of the reformer, and a figure of Hamilton, Wishart, Buchanan and Melville are to be placed on the four corners of the pedestal.

—It is said that the Pope is greatly annoyed at the extreme hostility of the Belgian Bishops to the new Belgian Education Act, that he has informed them that their resolution to excommunicate all who have anything to do with the State schools must not be carried out.

—A great Christian Convention is to be held in Dublin, Ireland, next month. Bishop Hillery, Lord Kintore and other celebrities are to be present. There will be sectional meetings, as in the British Association, and nearly all branches of Christian activity will be discussed.

—The British Government has ordered an official inquiry to be made into the act of the Rev. Mr. Brown, Wesleyan missionary, in leading an expedition against natives of New Britain and killing 60 or 80 of the savages in retaliation for having feasted on three or four Wesleyan missionaries.

—The Reformed Church (Dutch) is desirous of having a lectureship of missions established in its theological seminary at New Brunswick. The synod expresses the hope that "some liberal layman will establish and properly endow" such a lectureship, but no one has come forward as yet with the offer of the money.

—An Indian lady, who has been keeping a book of college statistics for more than twenty years, says that thirty-seven per cent of sweet girl graduates die within two years after they receive their diplomas. It may be worth recording that the average American girl graduate is somewhat less than eighteen years of age, and that the French girl is twenty-five.

—Babylon was fifty miles within its walls, which were seventy-five feet thick, and one hundred feet high with one hundred brazen gates.