

lost nearly all without the visit. You must come again. "Try, try again." Oregon is no better than California, only as she does better, and this is under better promptings. Give California the same, and she may arise and shine as the morning. We have blundered here some, soiled our garments, and given the cause a black eye. But we are not hopeless. Come over and help us. We are trying to do better, and will try.

If you could make the enlargement and improvement desired, you would then get more readers. Most persons are short sighted. They think little beyond their personal interests. And the paper they regard as the best, they will read, if they read any. Make yours the best, and, like best cakes, it will go.

I do not share your comfort in the opposition of the Fogies and Progressionists. I think this opposition all evil, only evil, and that continually. No one has a right to be a "Fogy" or a "Progressionist" in the offensive, or party sense of these words. Opposition is not the proper motive or guide for Christians. But I rejoice in your reproof of bitterness and injustice.

Were it in my power I would take the field, and never cease, till the proposed \$1000 and long list of subscribers were raised. And as it is in my power to say an encouraging word, I do that. Let us not be weary in well doing. Providence may enable me to do more. If not, to hear it said at last, "He hath done what he could" will be my purpose.

C. KENDRICK.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 18, 1879.

Criticism on "Antagonistic Forces."

MOUND RANCH, JACKSON CO., OR.,
Dec. 20, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

I see in the P. C. MESSENGER of the 12th inst., a piece headed "Antagonistic Forces," to which I call attention, as my attention is arrested while reading and meditating upon it to-night.

You say, "The centripetal and centrifugal forces conspire to rule the planets," &c. With this I take no issue. But your application of this principle to the church, I consider objectionable and injurious; and particularly so at this juncture. That we are at this period in a crisis, and that there is a "retrogressive" element at work in our midst, as anti-Christ was at work in the Apostolic church, none who are posted concerning our true condition, will deny. But to place this falsely called Progressionism as a necessary element in the body of Christ, is as far from the truth, as it would have been to place the spirit of anti-Christ as a necessary element in the body of Christ in the days of the apostles.

We need it not, but we need to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth." We need to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints." If you call those who do this, "Fogies," then you will have to put me down on the foggy side. But I am no foggy, neither do I believe these elements beneficial to the body of Christ, "The church of the living God."

Dear Bro. Campbell, the papers or the men that will attempt to smooth over the antagonistic forces, which are now at work in this Reformation, or to stand on middle ground, will as surely fall as will that man's house that builds upon the sand.

Jesus says, "He who hears these sayings of mine, and does them, shall be as the wise man."

The war was inaugurated in good earnest by our blessed Redeemer while here in the flesh, between truth and error, between the "right way of the Lord" and the perversion of that way. And those alone that call Bible things by Bible names, and respect the silence of the

Bible sufficiently not to go beyond its teachings to form societies and perform religious ceremonies and duties entirely unknown to the Bible will be they who, Jesus says, "are like the wise man that built his house on the rock."

I hope this may not disquiet any brother's nerves, as the few lines I wrote very near akin to these, some months back, disturbed good old Bro. G. O. Burnett's nerves. Bro. Burnett, believe me, I felt sorry I hurt you so, it was unintentional on my part, and if I knew wherein I had erred, I would earnestly pray God for forgiveness, and ask your pardon, but I know not the error.

Your brother in the Lord,
MARTIN PETERSON.

Reports from the Field.

MONROE, OR., Dec. 26, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

I left my home on Friday morning last to hold a meeting at Wren school house, nearly twenty-five miles west of north from here. I faced a piercing wind all the way, but by an effectual rubbing of ears I kept quite comfortable.

Word of my appointment had not reached the neighborhood, consequently no meeting that day.

I passed the night pleasantly at the home of Bro. and Sister Hallick.

Saturday morning I would have returned home, but the roads were in such condition, I could not.

I went to Bro. Dr. Owen's residence, where I received a hearty welcome. Bro. Owen had word of meeting circulated for Saturday night and Sunday. I preached two discourses to small but attentive audiences, then took my departure direct for home. Snow six inches deep, and still falling. I passed the night with our esteemed Bro. and Sister Kizer, at Philomath. Bro. Kizer is building a hall for the accommodation of the public. We look forward to the completion of this building as a propitious time for a meeting in Philomath.

I visited the office of the *Philomath C. Union* on Monday morning. I reached home at sunset, fully persuaded that home is a pleasant place even for a preacher.

Brethren, send in your reports, and if you can not cheer us with the tidings of an ingathering, let us hear of your efforts to do good.

J. L. WIGLE.

CENTERVILLE, UMATILLA CO., OR.

Dec. 16, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

On the first Lord's day of this month, preaching was conducted here by Bro. L. N. Muncy and myself. On Tuesday evening following, we commenced a meeting at the school house near Eld. Gerkin's residence. Next evening my health would not admit of my attendance; owing to that, and press of business, Bro. Muncy thought best to close the meeting.

Last Lord's day Bro. Muncy met my appointments, one of which was about three miles north of here, and the other at the Blue Mountain church house.

Attendance and attention has generally been extra. The brethren and friends are kind and accommodating. Much good can be done here. Social meetings and singings regularly at the Gerkin school house.

We intend going back to Walla Walla valley this week to preach and look after business interests.

Your brother in Christian love,
C. M. ELY.

—In Denmark, a faithful Danish pastor, the Rev. P. E. Ryding, has succeeded in establishing seven or eight Sunday schools; in the three under his care in Copenhagen, he reports little change. Five girls have confessed Christ during the year, have united with the church, and are actively engaged in Christian work, as is also a young man of nineteen.

Literary Notices.

CHOICE SELECTIONS FROM BENJ. FRANKLIN.—This volume just out is a compilation of literary gems from the writings of Benj. Franklin, late editor of the *Review*, by J. A. Headington, and his son, Joseph Franklin. The subject matter appears in the form of short essays which are gems of Christian literature. The book containing some five hundred pages is beautifully bound in cloth and gilt, and is of very superior typographical finish throughout. Price \$2.00. John Burns, publisher, St. Louis, Mo.

THE WEST SHORE.—This magazine for December is out in improved style. A number of engravings of western waterfalls with descriptions will be found of interest to those who delight in western scenery. Published by S. Samuel, Portland, Oregon.

CHILDREN AT WORK.—We take great pleasure in recommending this paper to all our young readers. It is printed on beautiful paper and contains the best of pure religious literature. Price 50cts per annum. Published at Lanark, Ill.

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF EDUCATION.—For Dec. is one of our best exchanges. Fully alive to the necessity of improving our Educational system, every teacher in the land would find it a help in their work of educating the young. The letter from a lady teacher in Argentine Republic is worth more than one year's subscription price. Terms per year \$1.60. J. B. Merwin and R. D. Shannon, editors, St. Louis Mo.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—For January greets the New Year with a face of smiling beauty, containing a varied feast of good things for lovers of literature, art and fashion. The steel plate is one of Darley's masterpieces—a party of happy people seeing the old year out, and the new year in. In this number is commenced a new serial by Christian Reid, whose novel in the *Lady's Book* last year won universal favor. The new story opens with great interest, and promises to one of this popular author's best work. There is a clever satirical picture of the Amateur's first trail, in which the tracks of an old house cat are being closely investigated by a city fop, arrayed in gorgeous costume for hunting. There is a colored pattern, full page, for a glove-box, in addition to patterns for toilet and fancy articles, numerous and varied. The recipes are for a "Sick Room," and offer many appetizing dishes for invalids. In addition to Christian Reid's novel, "Roslyn's Fortune," there are contributions from many popular writers. The "Rosebud Garden of Girls" is continued, and a summary given of previous chapters for new subscribers. We will furnish the *MESSENGER* and *Godey's Lady's Book* for one year at the low price of \$4.50 on application at this office.

DEMOREST'S MONTHLY for January.—This monthly opens the New Year with a most beautiful steel engraving of Mozart and a title page executed in oil colors as a fitting beginning of its sixteenth annual volume. In the literary department the following authors still are contributors: Jennie June; Miss Julia Magruder, author of "Elizabeth," etc.; Auber Forrester, author of "Mistland," and other works; Margaret E. Sangster, Mrs. Fanny Barrow ("Aunt Fanny"), Mrs. Augusta de Bubna, Miss H. M. Haven Philip Martson, the English author; Edgar Fawcett, Mrs. Lizzie P. Lewis, author of "Sketches from Abroad," Mr. H. Fauntleroy, Mrs. Hungerford, H. V. Reddall, Miss Margaret Lee, Mr. George N. Bungay, and many other artists and authors who are occasional contributors.

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary J. Foster, the subject of this sketch, was born September 7, 1831, in Jackson county, Missouri.

In 1843 she crossed the plains, in company with her uncle and aunt, William and Millie Arthur. She was married Dec. 8, 1846, and died in Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 23, 1879.

Her health had been declining for a year or more, and she had been confined to her bed for several months. She bore her sufferings patiently, expressing her willingness to die. Several days before her death she gave directions in regard to her funeral, and bade her children and friends farewell.

Some time later she sang a hymn that had been familiar in earlier life. Thus resting quietly in Jesus she passed away. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom remain to mourn.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 22, 1879.

BROWNVILLE, OR., Dec. 20, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

We are called on to record the death of another one of our friends, and sister in Christ.

Wright, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth, Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Rev. xiv. 13.

The words of the Holy Spirit just quoted, can be as beautifully applied to the subject of this notice, as to any of our dead.

Sister Mary Jane Wyatt, after lingering long with consumption, at the margin of the dark rolling river, died, at Salem City, Minnera county, Cal., Nov. 20, 1879. She leaves a husband, N. G. Wyatt, who, like the wounded dove, mourns his absent mate. The two little boys how they will miss their dear mother, who was always so mindful of their moral and religious training. Her widowed mother, O, how lonely it will be for her. Mary was almost her idol. Sister Butler, all that I can say to you is, God bless you. Bear it as best you can. Mary has gone to join her father and brothers, that have just crossed the river before her. You will soon follow them; the thin veil that now intervenes will soon be removed. Let this hope encourage you.

Sister Wyatt was the only daughter of Bro. and Sister Butler. Her father, B. F. Butler, died some two years since. She was born in Springfield Mo., in 1838. Joined the Church of Christ in that city, when in her 13th year; was baptized by Father Hayden, and continued a faithful member up to the time of her death. She came to California with her parents in 1856, and was married in Sutter county, Cal., in March, 1867.

Sister Wyatt was much loved and esteemed by all that knew her; she died in the triumphs of the most perfect faith. At the very last she said, "I am going to Jesus, who has so long sustained and blessed me." She called the family to her just before death and gave them her parting blessing, and told them not to weep for her, but to prepare to meet her in that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Her death was the death of a Christian in the true sense of the term.

I wish I could have been present. I have known the family for forty years. We were members of the same congregation for many years. O how my heart goes out to them in their afflictions, I love them; but we are separated now; but from present indications it won't be long. We will wait till Jesus comes, and then we will be gathered home. "There remaineth therefore, a rest to the people of God." O, how sweet that rest will be. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

"There the great tree of life in its beauty doth grow,
And the river of life floweth by;
For no death ever enters that city you know,
And nothing that maketh a lie.

Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain;
With songs on our lips, and with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again."

J. P. MCCORKLE.

"Practical Science."

Under the above heading, the *St. Croix Courier*, of St. Stephen, N. B., in referring to the analysis of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Sage's Catarrh Remedy, recently made by Prof. Chandler of New York, and others, says: "Nothing was discovered which we think objectionable, and the publisher's analysis should increase, rather than retard their sale. To us, it seems a little unjust to call a man a quack, simply because he seeks to reap as much pecuniary reward as other classes of inventors." The English Press is conservative, yet after a careful examination of all the evidence, it not only endorses but recommends the Family Medicines manufactured by Dr. Pierce. No remedies ever offered the afflicted give such perfect satisfaction as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

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