

will we get out of the narrow ruts of the host and take a higher and broader view of our Christian liberty? The Church of Christ in Oakland, presided over by Dr. Kendrick, has moved from the former place of meeting, to the Medical College Hall. They have a good place there for worship, and are only about a block from the Christian church. A card from Bro. K. says that their Sunday school and night meetings have increased considerably since the move. I long to see the day when passion and prejudice shall give way to peace and love, and these two bodies shall be united in one.

I was pained to hear, just the other day, of the death of Bro. A. G. Wilks, of Stockton, brother of Hon. P. S. Wilks and Eld. L. B. Wilks, of Mo. I was personally acquainted with the deceased, and can bear testimony to his worth as an honorable upright man and a Christian gentleman. Bro. Wilks loved the cause with his whole heart; he and Bro. A. Inman furnished most of the means to build the church at Danville, and eternity alone will reveal the good that has resulted therefrom. I remember a circumstance, which he related to the writer, which serves to illustrate the character of the man. It was in the early days of the reformation when the people in the west were greatly worked up in reference to the teaching of the Scriptures. Many people in those days carried their Bibles in their pockets and would take them out and read at spare moments. Bro. W. had, a few days before, been discussing the question of the design of baptism, with a neighbor friend. On a certain rainy day he was sitting by the fire reading his Testament, when he came across the passage: "John did baptize in the wilderness and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." He read the passage over again and then called to his wife and asked her the question, "What was John's baptism for?" He then read the passage again. It was the first time that he had discovered the true design of John's baptism. He closed the book, picked up his hat, and went out to the stable, saddled his horse, and started, through the rain, to his neighbor's house, a distance of several miles. He rode up to the front gate, and, after the frontier style of address, he sang out, halloo. The neighbor friend comes to the gate, and expressed surprise to see him out in such a hard rain. He replied that he was on important business. He then put the question to his neighbor, "Do you know what John's baptism was for?" The neighbor replied evasively, whereupon Bro. W., standing in the stirrups of his saddle, repeated Mark i. 4: "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins," after which he rode quietly home.

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Colusa County, California.

Eld. W. H. Martin, of Colusa, a few months ago, held a protracted meeting at the town of Willows, the terminus of the N. P. R. R. The meeting resulted in the organization of a congregation of near 35 members. We understand they are alive and doing earnest work. Bro. Martin is employed half his time with them and the other half at Colusa.

Bro. Martin has just closed a meeting at Dry Slough school house on Grand Island. I believe there were no additions but much good seed was sown, and we may expect a harvest "by and by."

Bro. Boyle, formerly of Grass Valley, has located with the brethren at Elk Creek, and is preaching for them half his time. Bro. B. is now holding a meeting at Fairview. We have not yet met Bro. B., but have learned that he is an able, fearless workman, fearing not to declare the whole council of God.

Pres. J. C. Keith and Prof. J. Dur-

ham are preaching for the church at Sycamore. Bro. K. has been preaching at Arbuckle City occasionally during the past winter, and Bro. D. at John's school house.

Bros. J. W. Fulton and E. H. Parnell, of Santa Rosa, who are attending college at College City, will graduate this spring, and enter immediately into the ministry of the Word. They are both promising young men, good, earnest Sunday school workers, and their hearts are in the work. We learn they have been preaching some during the present year, and giving entire satisfaction. They have been closely drilled by Pres. Keith in the Bible department of Pierce College, hence we expect them to be "workmen who needeth not to be ashamed."

A very interesting meeting has lately been closed at College City, conducted by Pres. Keith and Prof. Durham—something near 18 additions and much general good done. The college is doing well, and we find a good class of people settling in the village.

Colusa county has a fine prospect for crops this year. The spring has been quite backward, but so far the grain looks well, and the health of the county was never better.

Judge Frazier, of Colusa, some times speaks for the brethren, and gives good satisfaction. The Judge is a good Sunday school worker too. We would like to see more lawyers enter the work, and thus exalt the profession.

Prof. W. J. Carpenter, our county surveyor, is preaching for the church at Fairview once a month.

Elder Heartly, of Butte City, is working through the week on his farm, and preaches on Sundays for the brethren at a school house near Butte City. Although Bro. Heartly's labor is mostly in Butte county, yet as his home is in Colusa county, we claim him.

The brethren of Colusa have lately repaired their house of worship, and it is now one of the neatest and most commodious in the county.

COLUSA.

General Church News.

(From Sunday Chronicle.)

—Scotch Presbyterians require their missionaries in China to return home once in seven years.

—The Six Principle Baptist Church at Mill City, Pa., has been received and recognized as a regular Baptist church.

—The average per member of benevolent contributions in the reformed (German) Church is not over 30 cents per member.

—Archdeacon Pusey-Cust of Buckingham has been appointed to the vacant Deanery of York. He is brother-in-law to the Earl of Darnley.

—Last year twelve persons in the United States and Europe gave an aggregate of \$3,000,000 to the cause of foreign missions.

—The Bulgarian Bishops will hold a Synod at Timova in May to decide whether it is desirable to unite the Bulgarian Church with the Russian.

—The Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland, New Zealand, has appointed Dr. Stuart as its representative to the Presbyterian Council in Philadelphia.

—The Rev. John Van Easton, D.D., Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at York, N. Y., died recently at Clifton Springs. He was highly esteemed.

—So nothing new in the way of dedications is reported from North Carolina. Dr. Craven, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, dedicated a cotton factory.

—Bishop Bowman, now resident in St. Louis, has been invited by the Baltimore Methodist Conference to remove to that city, Bishop Ames having died recently.

—The Methodist Protestant Church has commissioned its first foreign missionary, Miss L. M. Guthrie, who goes

to Japan. A woman's society in Pittsburgh pays her salary.

—Rev. George B. Paley, who was for forty-four years Rector of Freckenhams, England, died recently at the age of eighty. He was a relative of the author of "Evidences of Christianity."

—The Rev. Henry Blanchard, Unitarian, of Worcester, Mass., has decided to return to the Universalist denomination. He is connected with Tufts College, the principal Universalist institution.

—The Methodists are increasing rapidly in Sweden. During the past few months revival meetings have been held, generally with large results. In one place 60 new members have been received.

—The Roman Catholics of Geneva gave last year 47,914 francs for the maintenance of their clergy—a large sum compared to the expenses incurred by the Old Catholic and Protestant churches.

Notices.

EUGENE CITY, OR.,
April 14, 1880.

Bro. Campbell:

I wish to say to the brethren of Lane and adjoining counties, through the MESSENGER, that the brethren of Lane will hold a coöperative meeting at Eugene City, commencing Saturday, May 1st, at 11 o'clock A. M. We hope that all the congregations of Lane county will feel an interest in this matter and send their delegates promptly.

A cordial invitation to all. Come, brethren, and let us have a good time. By order of committee,

J. W. JACKSON,
Chairman.

AUMSVILLE, OR., March 15, 1880.

Bro. Campbell:

Owing to the change of the time of holding the State Fair, the Marion county annual meeting was compelled to change the time of holding its session to the Friday before the second Lord's day in June, at 11 o'clock A. M. You will please make the announcement in the MESSENGER.

F. WILBUR.

Pierce Christian College.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

The closing exercises of Pierce Christian College, Cal., will take place as follows:

1. On Lord's day, April 25th, at 11 A. M., the Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Prof. Durham, in the college chapel.

2. On Monday evening, the exhibition of the Primary Department will take place.

3. On Tuesday evening, the Philosophian Society will give a literary entertainment.

4. On Wednesday evening, the various classes of the college will give a literary entertainment.

5. On Thursday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, the commencement exercises will take place, consisting of baccalaureate address by Pres. J. C. Keith, addresses by members of the senior class, salutatory, valedictory, etc. All the exercises will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

Friends and patrons are invited to attend.

I. N. CAIN,
Pres. Board Trustees.

College City, Cal., April 3, 1880.

—Oh, sweet above all other sweets is the delicate madness of a girl's first love! Sad though its ending be, bitter as death to the thwarted heart and the frantic soul; though it spoil the rest of the sleeper, and rend the waking life to cringing atoms, its very memory is like Eve's of paradise, its despair is divine; there is nothing else that leaves such track and tremor through scores of years, never so dormant but that some careless breath may stir the embers and give the flame new power to warm, to restore, to console—and to consume! even unto the hoariness and drowsed indifference of old age.

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ANDREWS' BAZAR for April.—This model journal will be welcomed by all ladies interested in the mysteries of the toilette. The styles of Andrews' Bazar are justly popular, and those in the April number are new and in advance of those of any other publication. When we consider the superior attractions presented by this Model Family Paper, its subscription price only One Dollar per annum, and see that every subscriber is presented free with fifty cents' worth of Andrews' Pinned Paper Fashions, we are obliged to acknowledge it is at least one case where the reading public get full value received for the money they expend. We would advise those of our readers who are unacquainted with the merits of the Bazar to send ten cents, for a sample copy, to W. R. Andrews Publisher, Tribune Building, New York.

WIDE AWAKE FOR APRIL, 1880.—Wide Awake for April has a seasonable and lovely frontispiece, "On Easter morning." Then follows Part II. of "Billy's Hound," by Sara E. Chester, which the boys will agree in pronouncing one of the best dog-and-boy stories ever written. Especially for the boys, Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie's "A Ride on a Centaur." "Concord Picnic Days," treats of the old Concord Battle Ground, illustrated by a good picture of Mr. French's "Minute Man," and gives the school-boys directions for a new game called the "Tug of War." The two principal illustrated poems are in strong contrast—"The True Story of a Storm" being one of Mrs. Piatt's best, and "Mice and the Egg," with its three funny crayons, also being one of Mr. Palmer Cox's best efforts. Several other poems, tangles large print stories, letters for Little Folks and a capital "Exercise Song" by Louis C. Nelson, complete an excellent number. Only \$2 00 a year. Ella Farman, editor, D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston.

Obituary.

Died, near Myrtle Point, Coos county, Or., March 14, 1880, of consumption, Samuel A. Rowley, aged 27 years, 6 months and 15 days.

The writer was personally acquainted with him as he came into the kingdom, and knew him to be a young man of steady habits and good deportment. He obeyed the Gospel in June last under the labors of Bro. O. C. Huntington, and regretted that he could not live longer to work in his Master's cause. He was the third one of the family that fell victim to consumption during the last three years. He was apprized of the near approach of death, and often spoke of regretting to leave his wife and babe and relatives.

He leaves an aged father and mother and one brother, three sisters and a large circle of friends to mourn his departure, but their loss is his eternal gain.

T. M. MORGAN.

An Epidemic of Accidents.

It seems sometimes as if railway and steamboat accidents moved in cycles, so regularly do they come and go. Some diseases also come and go in the same way leaving in their track desolate homes and mourning hearts, but even these are surpassed in the agony of lingering diseases which cause excruciating pain, but do not kill. The bladder and kidneys are especially the seat of these troubles, but the celebrated Oregon Kidney Tea, a purely vegetable remedy, will cure all such cases, and is indeed a boon to the human race. Sold by all druggists.

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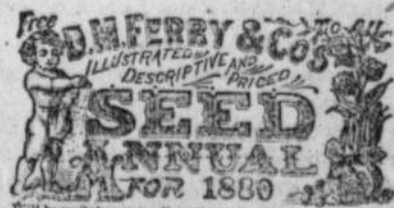
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