

this to say, at no time have I ever proposed any *bet*, or used any language that could be so construed. In the reply made by the church, you will remember they asked the editor to give the author of the article; so far he has failed to do so.

The church at Forestville is worshipping in their new house; it is quite an ornament to their little village. We have a good Sunday school, and have by no means forgotten the temperance cause so nobly begun some ten months since. The saloon has been closed up, and the books at the sheriff's office show \$183 delinquency for license. If the different churches on the coast will show a better record, we will not propose a *bet* nor a treat, but extend our hand and heart to that church, and praise God for his glorious plan by which he redeems fallen humanity.

The church at Guerneville is doing nicely with a few exceptions.

The church at Santa Rosa is under the efficient labors of Bro. P. K. Dibble, of Mo. He is a good, sound logical reasoner. I had the pleasure of hearing him preach last Lord's day; the house was well filled with a very respectable and attentive audience. He argues his points well and closes with a warm and earnest exhortation.

Bro. A. G. Burnett holds the fort at Healdsburg. He will deliver the address to the graduating class of the high school of this place, at Ridgway Hall, April 30th, at 3 P. M.

The church at Pleasant Hill is getting along nicely. Bro. P. K. Dibble preaches for them one-fourth of his time.

Bro. J. W. Webb, of Lompoc, delivered us three lectures upon the subject of Temperance, last week. They were very good and spicy. The audiences were large and appreciative. Bro. Webb is under the employ of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of this State.

Bro. J. W. Fulton, of this place, graduates at College City to-day. He will receive the degree of A. B. There are two or three more of the old students of Christian College who graduate at the same time—Louise Miller, E. H. Parnell, and G. W. Foree.

The State Sunday School Convention will meet at Santa Rosa on the 24th of May; a large attendance is expected. Arrangements are being made to have a preachers' meeting in connection with it.

Yours in the Christian's hope,
W. H. BRIGGS.

Church and Educational Items.

—The Rev. John McCluskey, the oldest member of the Philadelphia Central Presbytery, is dead. He was 84 years of age.

—Prof. Dascomb, senior member of the Oberlin faculty, has died at the age of 72.

—Thirteen persons joined the church (Congregational) at Salt Lake City, March 7th.

—There are 870 orphans in Girard College, Philadelphia.

—Mr. Moody takes rest after his labors in St. Louis in a trip to Texas.

—The Congregational church of Lee, Mass., rounds out a useful life of a hundred years, May 25th.

—A recent Second Advent conference at Worcester, Mass., decided that the end of the present order will occur within four years.

The Sacramento Presbyterians have a flourishing Chinese Sunday school, also a Mission school well organized.

—Henry Ward Beecher said in his sermon a few weeks ago "when a church is free from debt it begins to die." And the New York *Herald* remarks, "If this is true most of the New York Churches will outlive Methuselah."—*P. C. Advocate*.

—It is stated that that three professors in the North Western Seminary at Chicago have been invited by the trustees to vacate their offices—Professors Elliott, Halsey and Black-

burn. Also, that Professor Herrick Johnson is coming to be pastor of the 4th Presbyterian church in that city.

—The total number of Protestants congregations in Spain in Sixty, with an attendance of 20,000 hearers, and sixty schools with 7,000 children.

—There are 100 different sects and denominations in New Zealand, the "Church of the Future," with seven members, and the "Church of God," with seventeen, being among the number.

—The progress of truth in Spain is shown by the fact that, for the last ten years, more copies of the Bible, in proportion to the population, have been sold in Spain than in France or Italy.

—Spurgeon's church has 5,290 members, of whom 305 were baptized last year. Mrs. Spurgeon's Society last year gave away 8,045 volumes to poor preachers, of whom forty-nine were missionaries.

—The Baptist Missionary Union received \$100,000 during the month of March this year, a larger sum than ever received in one month before. A number of churches contributed for the first time this year.

—The total value of church property in the country is placed at \$500,000,000. Should it continue to increase in the same proportion as in the past, it is estimated that its value in 1900 will reach the sum of \$3,000,000,000, or one-third more than the national debt. The ecclesiastical property in New York exempt from taxation is valued at \$110,000,000.

—The Austrian Cabinet have given a decision favorable to religious liberty. It has been a long struggle with Roman Catholic influences, but freedom has triumphed. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions are receiving contributions to the famine sufferers in Persia and Turkey.

—Louisville Ky., April 25th, to-day for the first time in years, the Sunday law, prohibiting labor of any kind, was enforced. Between twelve and two o'clock this morning, the police visited all the places open, including newspaper offices, and took the name of every person doing work, for presentment to the Grand Jury. The list includes all classes—editors, composers, pressmen, newsboys, saloon-keepers and hackmen.

—There are, it is said 150,000 German Protestants in Brazil, the majority of whom are Lutherans. They are very poorly supplied with pastors and churches.

—An appeal is made to English Churchmen, for funds to build a cathedral in the new Diocese of Lahore India. The congregation in Lahore is now worshipping in a Mohammedan temple.

—The Methodist Conference of South India, whose work is chiefly among English and Europeans, is self-supporting. It raised the past year 120,000 rupees, or about \$60,000, an increase over the preceding year of about \$16,000. Its church property is valued at 155,000.

—Chicago has 213 churches, besides 20 mission chapels and 11 Adventists and Spiritualist societies. The Catholics have 34 of the churches, the Baptists 24, the Lutherans 24, the Methodists 19, the Presbyterians 18, and the Episcopalians, Congregationalists and Hebrews 10 each.

—The Freedmen's Aid Society proposes to the friends of the late Bishop Haven to raise \$30,000 for the completion of Clark University, at Atlanta, Ga., as a suitable monument to his memory, his name to be given to a Professorship in the institution, in which he was very much interested.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, which meets at Pittsburgh in May, is the first of the reunited Methodist and Methodist Protestant Churches, and will revise the work of the Union Convention, and perhaps take steps for the establishment of a theological institution.

—The Jewish Messenger referring

to the coming conference at Madrid for the adoption of measures to protect Jews, speaks gratefully of the influence of the United States in behalf of oppressed Jews, and says the United States representative in Morocco is the best and most powerful friend the Jews of that country have and they have warmly acknowledged his services.

Foreign Letter.

Dear Brother:

An irresistible conflict is beginning to rage in Europe. France is to be the battle ground. Free thinking or Atheism on one side and Ultramontanism, which leads to the denial of a God on the other. On whatever side the victors, Protestants must be the victims. The Liguierurs in 1566 proscribed Protestant worship, and closed Protestant churches. The Jacobins in 1792 did the same. For our churches of Christ never was there a more propitious time earnestly to go forward. On all sides amid Catholic populations, the work of evangelization is strenuously advancing. Baptists, Wesleyans, Calvinists and Lutherans are spreading their tracts, books, newspapers, and are opening on all sides day schools and churches, and the friends of the Gospel in Holland, England, Switzerland and Scotland are multiplying their hundreds of thousands to prosecute this work. Shall our churches in America stand spectators of that mighty conflict with folded arms? Shall we their missionaries utter in vain the Macedonian cry "Come over and help us!" Shall we be bound to an Ixion wheel of a Vaugirard mission? We need more expansion. We need tracts and day schools, and above all the steadfast devotion of the half million disciples in America to the saving of France. Our work which has exceeded our expectations could have been doubled, quadrupled had we the means. We are decidedly gaining on the side of the people who now come to the *Salle*. A more intelligent class is making its appearance. Our Sunday school continues large and the number of our teachers has increased. It is necessary that we have a variety of speakers at our *Salle* as the other places of meeting have each three and even four. The people like the variety, and we must conform to the rule.

I have even to get a young lady from Belleville (six miles distant) to aid us at the Sunday school, to whom by the way, I must pay teaching expenses. We have constantly to put our hands in our pockets, but the work must go on, and sacrifices must be expected from the missionaries.

Ever fraternally yours,

JULES DELAUNAY.

8 Rue Beuret, Vaugirard, Paris.
March 21, 1880.

—*Apostolic Times*.

—The taking of the tenth census of the United States will be commenced on the first day of June and all engaged in the work of enumeration must complete their work within the month of June. The State is divided into 139 districts, each of which is to be canvassed by an enumerator. In 70 of these districts the enumerators will receive five cents a head for all names taken. In 17 of these districts, which includes Portland, Salem, Albany, The Dalles, Oregon City, Eugene City and Jacksonville, the compensation will be three cents for each name, and the remaining 52 canvassers will receive six dollars a day. These last will have charge of the sparsely settled districts of the various counties of the State where a per capita compensation would not pay traveling expenses. In addition to the compensation above stated, each enumerator will receive twenty cents for each farm, and thirteen cents for each productive industry reported with general statistics of the same. The following appointments of enumerators for Polk county, made

by Supervisor Suksdorf: Polk county, eight districts; J. K. Laing, C. Austin, W. C. Warriner, O. G. Shurtleff, S. D. Gibson, N. Holman, Wm. H. McGhee, H. Linville.

Three lady applicants have secured positions as enumerators of the tenth census in Oregon.

Literary Notices.

ANDREW'S BAZAR for May is richly laden with facts, hints and items about dress that will make it heartily welcomed by the ladies. This enterprising journal has a just celebrity for its unique and practical designs in ladies' fashions. In addition to the department devoted to the toilet, the literary features of the May number are superb. "Pollie's May-Day," the children's story, breathes the very air of the woods, and will be read by the older members of the family with interest. *Andrew's Bazar* is published at the exceedingly low price of \$1 per annum, and every subscriber is presented free with 50c worth of Paper Patterns. W. B. Andrews, Publisher, Tribune Building, N. Y.

JOY AND GLADNESS.—We have received this new song book for the Sunday school from Fillmore and Bros., publishers. It is a collection of songs old and new and beautiful in typography. Every lover of Sunday school music should examine it.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE AND ITS HISTORY.—A volume of 60 pages, tinted paper, neatly bound. The proprietors exhibit rare enterprise and energy as publishers. Their ability as news gatherers has never been surpassed, and their success has been truly wonderful.

FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY for May.—This periodical fully maintains its well deserved reputation, and in the present number, we find a rare display of admirable articles, stories, sketches, essays, poems and miscellany remarkable for its comprehensiveness. The opening article—"Alexander II., Czar of Russia," by Alfred H. Guernsey—is most interesting and replete with information. There are seventeen excellent illustrations. There are poems of unusual merit, many of them beautifully illustrated. "Mill Songs," by Julia Goddard, are literary and artistic gems. The miscellany is more than ordinarily abundant, and highly entertaining and instructive. There are 128 quarto pages in the number. The illustrations number over 100, and there is a handsome colored frontispiece—"An Amusing Novel." The price of a single copy is only 25 cents; a year's subscription, \$3; six months, \$1.50; four months, \$1. Sent postpaid. Address Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, N. Y.

GOOD COMPANY.—\$3.00 a year; Springfield, Mass., *Number Eight*, opens with a story by Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis which is not lacking in her usual vigorous touches. The other stories are A Tale of the North Shore and Not in the Curriculum, both from new contributors. A readable paper on "Archery as it is," is by Maurice Thompson, the well known authority on this subject. E. S. Gilbert contributes one of his fascinating articles entitled "Spring Flowers," which give evidences of much familiarity with them. Mr. George M. Towle writes interestingly of Castelar, the Spanish statesman, and Edward Abbott gives some account of Mary Carpenter, the devoted English philanthropist, whose visit to this country some years since will be recalled. There are also "Getting Breakfast at Bruges," "The Preacher in Print," "As to Family Newspapers," and other articles.

THE DOMESTIC MONTHLY, May, 1880.—In the April number of the *Domestic Monthly* an invitation was given to readers to send to the publishers memoranda of their favorites among the fashions illustrated. Prizes were offered to those who came nearest the general vote. This ingenious device excited a great deal of interest and competition, hundreds of postal cards having been received and counted in reaching a decision. The result is published in the May *Domestic*, and a new offer of a like character is made, whereby ladies may if successful, secure a selection of the *Domestic* paper patterns without any expense save that of a postal card and the exercise of a judicious taste. The *Domestic Monthly* is published by Blake & Co., corner Broadway and 14th Street, N. Y., at \$1.50 per year, inclusive pattern premium. Specimen copies 15 cents.

A NEW BOOK CORNER.—A five-story building has just been completed by the corporation known as the "Sailors Snug Harbor," on the south-west corner of Eighth Street and Broadway; it has about sixty feet front on Broadway, with one

hundred feet front on Eighth Street. It is built of Philadelphia brick with freestone trimmings, and is five stories high above the basement. It is one of the most thoroughly built and finished buildings in the city, with the modern improvements and the most perfect system of steam-heating appliances. In this fine building there are two Book Houses. Messrs. S. R. Wells & Co., the old House of Fowler & Wells, will occupy No. 753 with their Publishing and Bookselling business, and for the exhibition of their very extensive and valuable Phenological Cabinet, which is always open to visitors and free. This cabinet consists of many hundred casts and busts, with fine portraits of eminent and notorious persons of ancient and modern times. They have also the largest collection of human and animal crania in this country, the result of many years' labor in collecting and preserving.

The May *Wide Awake* is shown as thick with pictures as the spring wildsides are with dandelions. The opening story, one of Sophie May's best, "The Twin Cousins," has three illustrations, and Miss Lathbury's Spring Snow Storm is the most charming picture possible. Mr. Shillaber (Mrs. Partington) in "The Uninvited Guest" tells a capital bear story; and Mrs. A. M. Diaz, in "Annetta's Dairy" provides a bit of quiet fun for the little ones. One of the best stories in the number is "Jim's Troubles," by Grandmere Julie. The three serials, "Five Little Peppers," "Two Young Homesteaders," and "Professor M. P. Paul," are very entertaining and pleasant, none of them being tales that will develop the boys into highwaymen or runaway sailors. Various short articles, the Large Print story of "The Carnation Mouse," Tangles, and an Exercise Song for use in schools, by Louis C. Elson, complete an excellent number. Only \$2.00 a year. Ella Farman, Editor. D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston Mass.

Sodaville.

An enthusiastic believer in the healing properties of the Sodaville Springs, sends the following card for insertion in the MESSENGER:

Sodaville is about 18 miles S. E. of Albany, Linn county, Or. Competent physicians have decided that here is one of the best medicinal springs in the world. Some old people who come and drink for awhile of its waters seem to get almost entirely free from their aches and pains, and feel young again. This ought to be known all over the State.

J. D. Wood.

Heights of Monuments.

The following are the heights of the principal monuments, domes, etc., in the world: St. Antoine column at Rome, 135; principal tower of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, 147; Trajan's column at Rome, 145; Napoleon's column at Paris, 150; Washington's monument at Baltimore, 180; the great obelisk Thebes, 200; Bunker Hill monument, 223; column of Delhi, 252; Trinity church steeple at New York, 264; the contemplated new dome of the Capitol, 300; dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, 320; tower of Manlius, 350; tower of the Cathedral at Strasburg, 460; dome of St. Peter's Cathedral, Rome, 465; great Pyramid of Egypt, 481.

A Fine Thing for the Teeth.

FRAGRANT SOZODONT is a composition of the purest and choicest ingredients of the Oriental vegetable kingdom. Every ingredient is well known to have a beneficial effect on the teeth and gums. Its embalming or antiseptic property and aromatic fragrance makes it a toilet luxury. SOZODONT removes all disagreeable odors from the breath caused by catarrh, bad teeth, &c. It is entirely free from the injurious and acrid properties of tooth pastes and powders which destroy the enamel. One bottle will last six months.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician retired from practice having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure for consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and using, in German, French, or English. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.