

Church and Educational Items.

—The Methodist Church of Canada has forty-four missions among the Indians of the northwest territory, with thirty missionaries and ten assistants, and 3,115 members. There are also six Methodist ministers between Puget Sound and Alaska, and a number of teachers among the Indians.

—The Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal church employs twelve white and eleven native missionaries among the Indians, with twenty-seven helpers and catechists. In the home field it supports wholly or in part 330 workers, including ten bishops; abroad it has 230 workers, including five bishops.

—In the Territory of Arizona, with a population of 50,000, there are only five Protestant ministers and four Protestant churches. The churches have a total seating capacity that does not exceed 1,000.

—The fifty colored theological students of the Richmond, Va., Baptist Institute have decided to quit playing croquet and base-ball because some of the deacons of the colored church felt aggrieved thereat. They said to the old deacons: "We do not believe there can be any sin in our taking such exercise; but if it hurts your conscience, we will play croquet and base-ball no more while the world standeth."

—The M. E. General Conference at Cincinnati will be attended by a native Hindoo, Babu Ram Chunder Bose, a lay delegate to the General Conference, who has started for America. He is a devoted Methodist. He has spent the larger portion of his life in educational work. A few years ago he became greatly interested in the welfare of the educated portion of his countrymen. To work among them he threw up a good salary and accepted a small one.

—The British and Foreign Bible Society, the first to circulate Bibles in Mexico, has distributed no less than 100,000 copies in that country.

—A special meeting of the General Committee of the reformed Episcopal Church is called to meet in the First Reformed Episcopal Church of New York, May 19th, to consider important business.

—The Methodist General Conference will have to adopt a scheme of reduced representation. There are now 398 delegates; the growth of the Church may be expected to increase the number to 450 in 1884. The body is now too large, and the probability is that the next General Conference may be reduced to 370 delegates.

—The Prefect of Paris has already begun to carry out the decrees of the French Government against unauthorized religious orders. He has "laced" thirty-two communal schools by expelling the brothers and sisters who held them and installing other teachers. But most of the scholars left the schools with their teachers.

—A missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church in Greece writes from Athens of a movement in that city which promises good fruits. The merchants, in consequence of a sermon preached by a priest of the Greek Church, have agreed to keep their shops closed hereafter on Sunday. Hitherto most of the shops have been open on Sunday.

—A letter from Rome speaks of the decrease in Peter's pence and the economy of Leo XIII, who has cut down the expenses of the Vatican greatly. The Pope, however, is lavish in his expenditures on the schools of Rome. The future of the city is, he thinks, dependent on what is done with the children, so he is doing all that is possible to instruct them.

—The Quakers had 452 additions to their membership in North Carolina last year.

—Rev. Wm. M. Taylor, D. D., of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, worn out with preaching and literary work retires from the Editorial Staff of *The Christian at Work*, for a long

rest of four months in Europe. *The Christian at Work* will continue as before under the management of J. N. Hallock, who has had the control of all departments during the past three or four years. Mr. M. H. Bright, who has been the active managing editor for six years past, and Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, who has edited the Home and Children's Department for about the same time, remain upon the paper, together with all the old Editorial Staff.

Learning to Write.

The London *Spectator* says; We believe that there is no single system of *mechanique* for writing, and that a child belonging to the educated classes would be taught much better and more easily if, after being once enabled to make and recognize written letters, it were let alone, and praised or chidden not for its method, but for the result. Let the boy hold the pen as he likes, and make his strokes as he likes, and write at the space he likes—hurry of course, being discouraged—but insist strenuously and persistently that his copy shall be legible clean, and shall approach the good copy set before him, namely, a well-written letter, not rubbishy text on a single line, written as nobody but a writing master ever did or will write until the world's end. He will make a muddle at first, but he will soon make a passable imitation of his copy, and ultimately develop a characteristic and strong hand, which may be bad or good, but will not be either meaningless, undecided, or illegible. This hand will alter, of course, very greatly as he grows older. It may alter at 11, because it is at that age that the range of the eyes is fixed, and short sight betrays itself; and it will alter at 17, because then the system of taking notes at lectures, which ruins most hands, will have cramped and temporarily spoiled the writing, but the character will form itself again and will never be deficient in clearness or decision. The idea that it is to be clear will have stamped itself, and confidence will not have been destroyed by worrying little rules about attitude, and angle, and slope, which the very irritation of the pupil ought to convince the teachers are, from some personal peculiarity, inapplicable. The lad will write, as he does anything else that he cares to do, as well as he can, and with a certain efficacy and speed. Almost every letter he gets will give him some assistance, and the master's remonstrance on his illegibility will be attended to, like any other caution given in the curriculum.

Notable People in Washington.

Rolling out from the White House gates comes an open landau, containing Mr. and Mrs. Ole Bull, Miss Thurstby and her sister. The old Norse hero seems scarcely to have changed in the last score of years; still slender, erect and vigorous, as smiling, gallant and gracious as when he first came to the new world. A little round of a concert tour for this spring, and then away he sails with his brave young wife to spend the summer in their Norway cottage, up among the mountains, where the horizon burns red through the summer nights with the light of the midnight sun. On Emma Cecilia Thurstby, the luckiest little mortal the sun ever shone on, the cares of this world sit lightly; her battle is fought and won, her popularity assured for a generation, and with an enviable calm she can look back in her landau, the sun glinting on her chestnut hair and touching up the lights of her gendarme satin dress. Baron Schlozer, the Minister of the German Empire, comes walking down Fourteenth street in the freshness of a new butternet-colored suit, his hair closely cut, his scrutinizing eye-glass fitting into one eye, and spurring the uneven bricks upon which less independent mortals stub their toes, the Baron

walks down the middle of the asphalt drive. Along the avenue he strolls with Aristarchi Bey, the Envoy of Turkey, bearing a cane of such size and weight as to put to flight all notions of its being carried for anything but bodily protection. Lo! here cometh Brignoli, the sweet-voiced son of Italy, changed since the halcyon days of '59 when first he followed the course of his old townsman, Christoforo Colombo, and came to the Western continent. Then was Brignoli "the glass of fashion and the mould of form" and ladies sighed to him, and young men aped his coats, cravats and hats. Twenty years have added their weight of flesh, until Brignoli, always of generous and robust frame, is now immense, his cheeks sloping off into a superfluity of neck and double chin, and his face no longer capable of the melancholy and mournfulness that it wore when pressed to the prison windows in the thrilling scenes of *Travatore*. The Signor has added another English song to his repertoire, but as of yore he delivers, "Good-ah by Sweetheart, Good-ah by," and calls himself the only English speaking tenor. Tom Karl saunters by, a good enough looking young fellow, who has some pretensions in the tenor line, a slim and slender contrast to the massive Brignoli, and under the shadow of a bursting maple stands William Castle, an operatic favorite way back in the time of Parepa. Emma Abbott passes in an open carriage balancing her light parasol over her head and its fluttering fringes casting light and shade upon her head, and a face so different from the stage make-up of her that one is puzzled to believe that she is the same who nightly clings to "Paul" or "Romeo," and gives the "Abbott kiss."—*St. Louis Globe Democrat*.

Sunday School Convention.

Programme of the first Sunday School Convention of the Christian Church of Lane County, to be held in the grove near Springfield Station, Saturday, June 19, 1880.

ORDER OF EXERCISES:

- Singing in charge of H. T. Bristow, J. M. Shelley and R. G. Callison.
10:30 A. M.—Devotional exercises by Eld. P. Mulkey; Enrollment of delegates and churches.
Music.
10:45—Address of welcome by Eld. G. M. Whitney.
Music.
11:15—Election of officers and miscellaneous business.
Music.
11:45—Address by I. N. Mulkey: "Parental Influence and Present Need of the Sunday School."
Music.
1 P. M.—Devotional exercises: S. Baughman.
Music.
1:15—Address by Eld. S. M. Hubbard: "What should be taught in our Sunday Schools."
Music.
1:45—Ten minutes speeches.
Music.
2:15—Address by J. A. C. Cook: "Best method to increase the attendance and interest of Sunday Schools."
Music.
2:45—Address by F. M. Morgan: "How shall we increase the spiritual interest of our Sunday Schools."
Music.
3:15—Address by R. G. Callison: "Model Sunday School and Bible Class. How Conducted."
Music.
3:45—Ten minute speeches.
Music.
4:15—Business.
Music.
4:45—Devotional exercises.
Music.
Benediction.

A basket picnic on the grounds, also provisions for any who wish to purchase. All Sunday schools are respectfully invited to be present at this convention, also ministers.

On Sunday, the 20th, at 10 A. M., the Camp-meeting of the Christian church will convene on the same ground. All are invited, and will be made welcome.

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ANDERSON'S HISTORICAL SERIES.—We have received and hastily examined a sample copy of the "Popular School History of the United States," Mr. Anderson has happily conceived and faithfully executed a plan which has furnished a school history of our beloved country so admirably adapted to the demands of the school room that it deserves to become, in fact, as well as in name, "The Popular School History of the United States." Clark and Maynard, 5 Barkley St., New York.

FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE.—The number for June closes brilliantly the seventh volume of this deservedly popular periodical. It is essentially a family magazine, and should be found in every household, for the contents can scarcely fail to exercise a beneficial influence. The number before us abounds with good things; the leading article "The Gospel in Africa," by Rev. Daniel Edwards, is replete with interest and instruction. It is profusely illustrated. The "Editor's Portfolio" is well filled, and there are "Obituary Notices," "Recitations for Sunday Afternoon," and a beautiful piece of music, "Why Should I Fear?" by the organist of Canterbury Cathedral. The number contains 128 quarto pages and nearly 100 illustrations. The price of a single copy is only 25 cents, and the annual subscription \$3, postpaid. Address Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 55, 56, and 57 Park Place, New York.

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On May 9, 1880, at the residence of the bride's father, T. J. Burford, Fifteen Mile creek, Wasco county, Oregon, by P. P. Underwood, Mr. William M. Slusher to Miss Perilla E. Burford.

Born.

Near Dallas, Polk county, Or., May 23, 1880, to the wife of Mr. H. Guthrie, a son.

Elder S. M. Gerking.

This faithful servant of Christ was born in Morton county, Indiana, Aug. 31, 1838. Joined the church when about 17 years old. Was married to Miss Sarah Gilbert in the year 1860. Crossed the plains in 1862. Located in Willamette valley in 1864. Was ordained to the eldership in 1867. Moved to eastern Washington Territory in 1869. Died Jan. 21, 1880. His disease was paralysis, first of the tongue and throat, afterward the whole system. He was unable to speak for a year or more before his death. For him we do not claim that he never did wrong nor made any mistakes. But we can say that he had fewer faults than are common to those who profess the worthy name of Jesus. As a citizen, neighbor, friend, husband, parent, disciple and elder of the church of our Lord and Master; he was kind, earnest, active and faithful. As an elder he was always at his post. As a student of the Gospel he had but few equals. His place in the army of the Lord, we fear, will not soon be filled. He leaves a devoted Christian wife, six children, and aged and godly father and mother, and a large circle of loving friends to mourn the loss of one so kind and true. But he sleeps in Jesus. By request of the family.

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