

From Bro. T. M. Morgan.

On Wednesday before the 2nd Lord's day of this month (June) I left my family, which is one of the preacher's trials, and took the train at Goshen for Junction City, on my way to the Benton County Annual Meeting.

Notwithstanding the pleasant trip I fell in company and conversation with some old acquaintances from Coquille City, where I had lived nearly four years, and heard some news which made me sad. That fell destroyer, the diphtheria, is doing a fearful work at that place. Many families have come to mourning, and I hope to a feeling of greater dependence upon Him that "giveth and taketh away." I often think the innumerable multitude seen by John in the vision on Patmos, of all kindreds and people and tongue, standing before the Lamb clothed with white robes and palms in their hands, must have been children, such as the Lord is taking from us before their garments become stained with sin. And then I read a little farther on, "These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb," and again we are told that these white robes "are the righteousness of the saints."

But to return. We soon reached Junction, and from there, by stage, we arrived at Monroe at 2 P. M., and from there we journeyed, by horseback, and soon reached the pleasant and handsome home of our excellent Bro. J. L. Wigle, so well known to the MESSENGER readers. On the following morning I visited the camp ground and took a general survey of the situation, and was satisfied with the surroundings, etc.

The country around Monroe is exceedingly beautiful, and the farms are handsome with flattering prospects for an abundant harvest.

Inasmuch as Bro. Wigle will report the meeting I will say but little about it. Benton county affords brethren as true to the cause of Christ as the needle to the pole, and I shall long remember the many deeds of kindness and words of encouragement shown me. They dearly love the old fashioned Gospel, and are not slow in applying the "measuring reed" to everything that is preached among them in the name of religion.

Our meeting closed on the 3rd Lord's day evening by singing that glorious hymn, "My Christian friends in bonds of love," while we extended the parting hand.

We were favored with the presence and assistance of Bro. E. Mays, whose prayers and exhortations added much to the life of the exercises. Bro. Wigle was present also, and did much good work, whose labors are well received inasmuch as he has the confidence of the people both in the church and out of it.

Being brought on my way as far as Junction, by Bro. Wigle, on Monday morning, I spent a few minutes in conversation with Bro. Prof. J. C. Campbell. I took the train for Springfield, where our brethren of Lane county had commenced their annual meeting on the day before with a large congregation. I found in attendance Bros. Wolverton, Weddle, Philip Mulkey, Newt. Mulkey, and old father Harris. For lack of space, I can, at present, say but little concerning Lane county meeting; but hope it will be attended with happy results. At the close of the evening exercises I found conveyance and reached home at night and found all well, for which I thank the author of every good and perfect gift.

In most quarrels there is a fault on both sides. A quarrel may be compared to a spark, which cannot be produced without a flint as well as a steel. Either of them may hammer on wood forever and no fire will follow.

From the P. C. Advocate of February, written by Elder D. G. Strong:

"By previous arrangements I was to meet Mr. C. J. Wright, of the Campbellite church, on the 18th of December, in this place, and preach alternately, a series of doctrinal sermons. There were from 350 to 400 present, and it is believed that considerable good was done. The soulless preaching of some of these Campbellite men is far more pernicious in its tendencies than blank infidelity itself. The influence and operation of the Holy Ghost upon the hearts of men is denied, and the faith of devils alone is required, and a dip completes the change, and the soul is deluded into the belief that it is 'buried by baptism into the death of Christ,' and in many cases left to sleep on in sin."

Editor Messenger:

At the regular meeting of the Missionary Board of the Christian church in Whitman county, W. T., and Nez Perce county, I. T., at Palouse, W. T., the undersigned were appointed as a committee to reply to the above extract from the pen of Presiding Elder D. G. Strong, of the M. E. church, and published in the P. C. Advocate of February, 1880.

We feel greatly pained that one so accomplished in the Christian graces as Elder Strong showed himself to be during the discussion, should so soon substitute such opprobrious epithets as "those Campbellite men," for the endearing term "my brother" which, during the discussion, seemed to flow out from a heart filled with love to God and to all who strive to do his will. Yet more painful than those unkind names are his statements that "the faith only of devils is required," and that "the operation of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of men is denied." Making due allowance for the chagrin and disappointment of the Elder over his signal failure, we cannot so grossly insult his intelligence as to believe him candid when he makes statements at so great variance from the truth as are the above. We simply refer him to Rev. xxi. 8.

We agree with Elder Strong that "much good was accomplished by the discussion," in that the Word of God was placed in contrast with the traditions of men, and the people were led to search the Scriptures more carefully to see if those things be so. As an indication of the results of the discussion, the accessions to the church under Bro. Wright's labors, since the discussion in December, 1879, to the fourth Lord's day in May, 1880, have been 124 by confession and baptism, and 112 by relation. Inasmuch as our silence might be construed as an admission of the truth of Elder Strong's statements, we wish this published as a vindication of the teachings of our brethren, and of Bro. Wright in particular, who has shown himself a master workman in rightly dividing the Scriptures.

R. M. GALLISON,
L. C. CROW,
F. L. BELL.

Palouse, W. T., June 21, 1880.

WHERE THE WOOD GOES.—To make shoe-pegs enough for American use consumes annually 100,000 cords of timber, and to make our lucifer matches 300,000 cubic feet of the best pine are required every year. Lasts and boot-trees take 500,000 cords of birch, beech and maple, and the handles of tools 500,000 more. The baking of our bricks consumes 2,000,000 cords of wood, or what would cover with forest about 50,000 acres of land. Telegraph poles, already up, represent 800,000 trees, and their annual repairs consume 300,000 more. The ties of our railroads consume annually thirty years' growth of 75,000 acres, and to fence all our railroads would cost \$45,000,000, with a yearly expenditure of \$15,000,000 for repairs. These are some of the ways which American forests are going. There are others, our packing boxes for instance, cost, in 1874, \$12,000,000, while the timber used each year in making wagons and agricultural implements is valued at more than \$100,000,000.—N. E. Homestead.

Satan is the busiest preacher in the world.

Select Reading.

"By all means marry a man of sense; for man is the head of woman, and it is very desirable to have a sensible head."—Franklin.

Poetry is the art of substantiating shadows and of lending existence to nothing.

Lies go by telegraph; the truth comes in by mail, three hours late.—N. O. Picayune.

Watchfulness is one of the great duties of the Christian.

Success comes to those who work. Work any place will succeed, in missionary fields or in the home church.

One little sprig of mignonette is sweeter than a wagon load of sun-flowers.

The inconsistent lives of professed Christians, are the great stumbling block over which the unbelieving world falls.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." This is the only sure test of detecting Christians. No other is known under the heavens. Professors will not do.

The flame of sorrow burns up some hearts, while others it purifies.

Real merit of any kind cannot long be concealed; it will be discovered, and nothing can depreciate it but a man's exhibiting it himself.

It is estimated that over six thousand different kinds of postage stamps have been issued in the various countries of the world.

God will always support his own just cause by means unknown to the wisest of his creatures—then why fret?

Remember that the excesses of our youth are drafts upon our old age, payable with interest thirty years after.

A weak mind is like a microscope which magnifies trifling things; but cannot receive great ones.—Chesterfield.

The Elmira Advertiser says that self-made men are usually more thoroughly made than other men.

People do not like to acknowledge that they are poor, except to book agents.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Religious Herald strikes at an innovation in a terse way: "We build houses in which to worship God and to chew tobacco."

"Men-women" is the way some of our exchanges speak of female aspirants to the pulpit. It might be profitable for us to turn our attention to the women men who occupy it. "Of two evils, choose the least."—Texas Sun.

Don J. A. Nunez, the Chilean Commissioner of Education, is studying the school and university systems of Boston and her neighborhood.

If young women would extract the greatest possible happiness out of life, let them never exchange the pleasures of their own social circle, humdrum though they may be for the society of bright young men who can give them suppers and invite them to balls, drives, and excursions. Men whose intentions are honorable woo girls at their homes, not by stealth and in out-of-the-way places.

The Hon. George R. Wendling, who has done good service to the cause of humanity as a lecturer in opposition to the infidel tenets of Mr. Ingersoll, bears the following testimony to the character of the clergy: "The clergy constitute the most humane and self-sacrificing class of men to be found on earth to-day. I have been in the last year in every northern State, from Maine to Nebraska, and everywhere the clergy are doing the most for humanity, and not only in the way of religious ministrations, but I mean in caring for the poor, the wretched, the homeless, the sick, the weak, and the intemperate."

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Obituary.

Died, on June 19, 1880, at the residence of her son, John Fisher, in Whitman county, W. T., Sister Mary Fisher, wife of Bro. Frederic Fisher. She was born in Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1796. Removed with her father, Thomas Robb, to Kentucky in 1806, thence to Brown county, Ohio, where she was married to Frederic Fisher, April 16, 1818, and in the same year obeyed her Lord and Master, and since that time she has lived a consistent Christian. As a wife, devoted and kind; as a mother, exemplary and affectionate; as a neighbor, benevolent and loved by all who knew her. This good old soldier of the cross fell asleep in Jesus in her 84th year, leaving her devoted Christian husband of the same age. They lived together 62 years. Well might father Fisher say in the language of the poet:

"It grieves my heart,
Tis hard to part
With one who was so kind;
Where shall I go
To tell my woe,
Or ease my troubled mind?"

She leaves five children to mourn their loss. A funeral sermon was preached by the writer on the 20th, at 11 o'clock A. M. Her remains were then taken to her last earthly resting place, her gentle spirit having returned to God who gave it. She has gone from us, and while with sad hearts we say farewell, the echo responds—until the resurrection morn. But we thank God that we do not mourn as those who have no hope.

Your brother in Christ,
C. J. WRIGHT.

Literary Notices.

THE CALIFORNIAN for July, 1880.—This new monthly magazine for July contains an unusually appetizing variety. The first article is entitled "The Great Bronx God," and is a description by Mrs. L. A. B. Unger, of a visit to Calcutta, the colossal Japanese deity. "Saint Bartholomew," by Miss Anna Alexander, is the name of an interesting story, which will be finished in the August number. Mr. S. A. Clarke gives an account of "How Dr. Whitman Saved Oregon," in which he recounts Whitman's perilous journey across the continent in midwinter, and his interviews with Webster and Tyler which prevented the cession of Oregon to the Ashburton treaty. D. S. Richardson has a poem entitled "A Legend of Coahuila," which is followed by a sprightly sketch by Miss Mellie Hopkins, entitled "Female Bohemian Life in Boston." Mrs. Josephine Clifford has been visiting "Modern Monterey," and contributes a very readable description thereof. The "Note Book," with editorial suggestions; "Science and Industry" and "Art and Artists," both written by eminent specialists; and "Outcroppings," containing a variety of short pieces, complete the magazine. This number commences a new volume, and as appears from the above resume, contains a variety which cannot fail to interest every member of the family. For sale at the bookstores and news-stands for 25 cents. Send subscription for the year (\$3) to the Californian, 292 Sansome St., San Francisco.

FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE.—The July Number, commencing Volume VIII., is one of the most interesting yet issued of this excellent publication. The opening article, by Rev. Edward Hale, "A Quarter-Millennium," describes the landing of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the settlement of Boston, and the establishment of the first Christian churches in Boston, Salem and Dorchester. There are sketches of the prominent men connected with the Massachusetts Company, including Governor Winthrop, Rev. John Cotton, Rev. John White, Roger Clapp, and others. One illustration shows a view of the site of Boston before the first house was built; another is a quaint old map of the neighborhood around Boston; another is a drawing of the first church in Boston from 1630 to 1640. The poems are numerous, and possess more than ordinary merit. There is a large interesting and instructive miscellany, and together with the "Religious Notes and News," "Editor's Portfolio," "Obituary Notices," "Recitations for Sunday Afternoon," "Music," etc. etc., present 128 quarto pages of delightful reading, which is afforded for only 25 cents a copy, or \$3 a year. Address, Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

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HARPER'S MAGAZINE for July, apart from its splendid pictorial attractions, is exceedingly popular. One of its strongest features is the beginning of a new serial novel, by Henry James, Jr., entitled "Washington Square." This story is entirely American, and while it has all those characteristic charms by which this author has won his way to the popular heart, it shows signs of greater strength than any of his previous novels. It is seldom that descriptive articles have the depth and meaning which make Rebecca Harding Davis's "By-Paths in the Mountains,"—the second paper in this Number so interesting. This is the first of three papers to be given under this title, describing the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina, with reference particularly to the varied attractions which they offer to summer holiday travelers. It is beautifully illustrated with seventeen drawings by Charles Graham and Miss Jessie Curtis.

The most popular article in the number, probably, is Mrs. Oliphant's interesting biographical sketch of Queen Victoria. Five portraits of the Queen, at different periods, are given, also, portraits of the Queen's and of Prince Albert's father and mother, of the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal as little children, with other interesting illustrations. Richard T. Ely contributes a suggestive and valuable paper on "American Colleges and German Universities," and Dr. John W. Draper's paper, entitled "Franklin's Place in the Science of the Last Century," contains a volume of important information relating not only to Franklin, but also to all the most important scientists of the eighteenth century. Among the many interesting contents of the Editor's Drawer is a very humorous illustration by Abbey, entitled "Little Robert Reed."

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