

From Bro. T. M. Morgan.

In company with Bros. I. N. Mulkey, E. Davis, Sister Davis, Sister Morgan, Martin L. Morgan, and young Miss Anna Morgan, we journeyed for Fir Grove school house, on the Long Tom, near Smithfield, to commence meeting on Saturday, at 11 A. M., before the 2nd Lord's day in July, to continue over Lord's day. Although it was raining when we left Pleasant Hill we had a pleasant trip, there being no dust nor hot sun to interfere. On Friday evening we stopped with Bro. Zumwalt at Oak Hill, and enjoyed a pleasant visit with his interesting family. Early next morning we resumed our journey, reached Fir Grove in due time, found preparation had been made for meeting, few were in attendance on Saturday, but Sunday we had fine audiences. Fir Grove is a pleasant place to preach, people turn out well, and the order is good. We have no organization at that place and but few brethren in the community. There has been a great deal of preaching there, and a goodly number have obeyed the Gospel, whose membership is at other points where there are organizations.

We closed the meeting in the afternoon on Sunday, and on Monday morning, leaving my home escort, I set out for Monmouth, by way of Corvallis, reached Corvallis in the evening, and spent the night with Bro. Briggs' family. Corvallis is a handsome town with prospects for a bright future in commercial point of view. The crops along the road look well and promise a good yield; and from Corvallis to Monmouth I could see an improvement in the quantity and quality. After crossing the Luckiamute I could look upon one vast grainfield with the exception of small meadows, all looking finely. The country surrounding Monmouth is beautifully rolling, and the scenery becomes by no means monotonous. It is a farming community, and the improvements are good, attributed largely to the influences of a religious community. The town of Monmouth is one to be admired both on account of its beauty and state of society. The buildings, with few exceptions, are both handsome and substantial.

I had long desired to visit Monmouth, the centre of our educational advantages as a religious people, and a college of which we may well be proud. I had the happy privilege of meeting with Bros. T. F. Campbell and H. M. Waller, whom I had long desired to know; also of forming the acquaintance of the MESSENGER office. If the good brethren of Oregon and California could fully realize the time and labor spent by its faithful newspaper workers they would come up more fully to the work of helping their paper through its present embarrassment.

M. MORGAN.

Crops in Lane.

Extract of a letter from Bro. J. F. Amls, of Spencer Creek.

July 17, 1880.

Bro. Campbell:

In a card a few days since I promised to write a more extended answer to a letter received from you of a recent date. I now find time to do so, although I am all aglow from the dust and heat of "harvest toil." We are now fairly into our hay harvest, the meadows being at least three weeks later than last year. Our hay, in this vicinity, is a good deal above an average yield, and our grain crops promise better than they have for many years. The rust last year, which so affected all spring sown wheat, caused all of us to put most of our wheat in last fall, which is most excellent. And the best of it is, it is now so far along in the process of ripening, as to be considered entirely out of danger.

Wool has brought the shepherd good prices this season, and cattle buyers and horse buyers have stripped

the country of all the surplus stock of this kind, and thus a new era of prosperity seems to have set in for us. Still, I can perceive no perceptible change yet for the better, but it must come soon. Eugene shows signs of life in the way of building up, though business is dull.

Iowa Splinters.

This spring and summer has been so favorable to the farmers that they are generally on good terms with Providence.

On our return from Poweshuck county in May we came via Grinnell and Ottumwa, and enjoyed the company of Bros. J. K. Connell and C. E. Foote, and the editor of the *Evangelist*. Time passes rapidly and pleasantly away with such companions in travel. When we had separated and while feeling lonely we were made happy by the smiling face of Wm. Hartly, of Locaster, Mo.

Bro. Dungan talked stalwart temperance to the people of Fairfield on our return home May 24th.

We were busy getting ready for a Missouri campaign, when in came Dr. Hayden, of Libertyville, saying I must talk to the people of his town on Devotion Day (May 29th). The Dr. came at the appointed time, and so did the rain; and although we were on time many people were not, but it was pleasant to speak to those who did come. We next took train for Seymour, Iowa, where we remained over Lord's day. The rains came again, yet we had a good crowd on Lord's day morning.

Our next point was Grundy county, Mo., and the second night a lecture at Spickard. This is our old field of labor, and there are hundreds here whom we have baptized. There are many that we now could not recognize, the old have grown older and the little ones have grown larger. The next night we preached near our old home, in the same house where we confessed Jesus, and afterward solemnly promised to "preach the word." We recall many toils and trials; these dozen years have been serious ones, but we thank God for our choice, and so do those who encouraged us to do so; none more so than those who are aged people, and they came for miles around to claim a share of father and mother's time to chat with us. We spent two Lord's days in Grundy county, at Henry creek and Skinner's chapels; at the former many brethren freely told their criticism when we appeared there eight years ago. It was our last year on the farm. We preached and split rails all winter. They came after me to continue a meeting then in progress by Bro. Mack, who had been taken sick. When we appeared, looking so tall and awkward, wearing a soldier's overcoat. Brethren say they were disappointed. Bro. Dale was out from Trenton and preached the first night, and they were left in suspense twenty-four hours, and then came out only to be disappointed. They say it was a disappointment; but not as they expected, for in about four days we baptized sixteen. We had not seen this community since we met them in a school house, now in a good chapel; and one brother, N. Hendrickin, who we then baptized, is now a promising young preacher. Notwithstanding the busy time with farmers the brethren generally attended our meetings day and night. There was only one confession, but the good work accomplished, for the brethren were duly appreciated by all. We were overtaken and captured in Trenton and marched right into a neat home and to a good dinner by the popular preacher and orator, Bro. W. H. Blanks; to us it was unpleasant only because brethren from the country had our appointments for that night shortened our captivity. We spent three days at Skinner's chapel; five obeyed the Gospel and one reclaimed. Eight years ago I was preaching at this

point one-fourth of the time; the Baptists owned part of the old house, and claimed half the community. They got three preachers, and after long and weary effort, got a few persons to the mourner's bench on Friday before our meeting on Lord's day. We came on and preached three old-fashioned Gospel sermons, and paid our respects to the other way; but they kept still and undertook the job of thrashing us after we left, and might have succeeded, but Bro. Mack, a good Scottish brother, took up our cause, and there has been no one to the "bench" in that community since. Now our brethren have just built a neat chapel, and I only heard of two Baptists in the neighborhood. "The world moves." Those were our pioneer days. We remember many discouragements, taunts and jeers of sects, but the cause we plead has gone on, and not a few who then would have boarded us; now own the same Savior and walk by the same rule. Among our collaborators in Grundy county we shall always remember Wm. Reid (or father in the Gospel), Benj. Lockheart, and James Mack, all stalwart advocates and defenders of the Gospel in its purity; not least was the scholarly help of our good Bro. H. N. Dale, now of Centerville, Iowa. We are under many obligations to many of our preachers, but none more than H. N. Dale.

On our return we lectured one night at Princeton. We found Prof. Bristow busy and cheerful—never see him any other way. We got home only two days till coming again to Poweshuck county, where we now write.

In this trip we have been in ten counties of Iowa, and two in Missouri. Everywhere the crop prospect is excellent, except fall wheat is almost a total failure. The Father of waters is on a boom surpassing anything for the past six years. People generally are enjoying good health. On the entire trip we saw only one sick person—Sister Alie McClure, of Grundy county, Mo., is fast sinking with consumption. Among the host of young ladies who are disciples, there are none more true than Sister McClure. Doubtless the brethren will soon lay her away, and they will never doubt but Jesus will receive her into his everlasting kingdom.

Sister M. E. Lemert, of Ohio, has held the fort, in the *Review*, on women's work in the church. There are few writers that are the equal of Sister L. For more than a year she has been constantly before the readers of that paper, and every paragraph is good.

Bro. D. L. Kinkade, of Va., defends the ordaining of elders, deacons and evangelists, by prayer and laying on of hands, with commendable zeal and ability. We are sure that when the Bible is followed in selecting and ordaining officers, there will be little trouble over who they are.

We received those MESSENGERS, and sent them out among our preachers. Yes, we will do so again any time. We do all such things to aid our brethren and the cause. We want to be a "fellow-helper to the truth." We are always ready to speak a good word and do all we can for our papers and preachers. They are the advance guard of the army of our King.

All the Republicans we have seen lately are Garfield's men. Most of the Democrats will tell us who they are for by the last of this week. It is a comfort to know that if Garfield should be elected, that there will be a Christian man in the White House second to none who have ever been there before. This is the united verdict of those who know him best. Should the Democrats select as good a man for their leader, mud slingers will lose their occupations before the hot weather is gone by. We are glad that the Greenbackers have in General Weaver, a man of solidity and devotion. President Hayes and wife have laid some good examples at the White

House that their successors will do well to perpetuate. It will be a blessing to our nation when we have piety and devotion in the high places. When all can feel that Jesus is there and his name honored and respected; surely there are no functions of the government that a man must forsake the Lord to perform them.

Yours fraternally,
S. H. HEDRIX.

June 22, 1880.

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July 17, 1880.

Editor Messenger:

We have prepared seats sufficient to accommodate a large congregation, in a nice grove near the Spring, at this place, and ministers of all denominations are cordially invited to come with their congregations and occupy the grounds, and renew both their spiritual and bodily strength.

Respectfully yours,
J. D. WOOD.

Literary Notices.

VICK'S MONTHLY for July, has "Autumn Berries" for a frontispiece. The correspondence, and indeed, the entire contents are interesting to every lover of flowers. \$1.25 a year, James Vick, Rochester, New York.

THE GARDENER'S MONTHLY for July came promptly, and keeps its place as an old and valued friend among our horticultural journals. \$2.40 a year. 314 Chestnut St. Phila.

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GOOD COMPANY, NUMBER TEN.—Ellen W. Olney contributes the leading story in *Good Company, Number Ten*. Two other are entitled *Penance Extraordinary* and *Interpositions of Providence*. Under the guise of a fish story Mrs. L. W. Champney happily hits off in her usual vivacious style theologicalisms. Another contribution tells of "isms," in a place which was exceedingly given to them, Seneca Falls, including the origin of the Bloomer costume. It seems that Mrs. Bloomer was not first to wear it, though it took its name from her. E. S. Gilbert has a seasonable study of nature, *Along the Brook*; G. M. Towle writes of the *Three Emperors*; there is an account of an interesting historical collection of wax-works Westminster Abbey, (how many persons, travelers even knew wax-works were one of the sights of Westminster?); Contributions from Mrs. Edward Ashley Walker and Miss Katharine Carrington; poems by Dora Read Goodale T. S. Collier and Walter Learned; and the pros and cons as to decorating Confederate graves. An article in the *Editors Table* rejoices in the cheap books now so plenty, and expresses the opinion that in the long run they will tend to promote the sale of bound books.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL AND SCIENCE OF HEALTH, in its July number, well illustrates its principles. It manifestly grows better, stronger, and more in-

fluent with increasing age. The July number seems to us especially available for practical uses, yet we have found in the numbers which have come to hand heretofore always something of special importance. We are of the opinion that no one can read it without receiving valuable counsel. The *Journal* is now published at the low price of \$2.00 a year, and a valuable premium to each subscriber. Single numbers 20 cents. Address S. R. Wells & Co., Publishers, 753 Broadway New York.

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