

the Lord has promised to them that obey Him. Thus, in a hearty and scriptural surrender to the authority of the Lord Jesus, and not in dreams, visions or revelations, are we to seek for that assurance of pardon and that evidence of sonship to which the gospel points us.

The Lord's Supper, too, holds a different place with us from that which is usually allowed to it. We invest it not with the awfulness of a sacrament, but regard it as a sweet and precious feast of holy memories, designed to quicken our love of Christ and cement the ties of our common brotherhood. We therefore observe it as part of our regular worship, every Lord's day, and hold it a solemn, but joyful and refreshing feast of love in which all the disciples of our Lord should feel it to be a great privilege to unite. "Sacred the memory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," is written on this simple and solemn family feast in the Lord's house.

9. The Lord's day—not the Jewish Sabbath—is a New Testament institution, the observance of which is not governed by statute, but by apostolic example, and the inspiration of loyal and loving hearts.

10. The Church of Christ—not sects—is a divine institution. We do not recognize sects, with sectarian names and symbols, and terms of fellowship, as branches of the Church of Christ, but as unscriptural and anti-scriptural, and therefore to be abandoned for the one church of God which the New Testament reveals. That God has a people in these sects, we believe; we call on them to come out from all party organizations, to renounce all party names and party tests, and seek only for Christian union and fellowship according to apostolic teachings. Moreover while we recognize the seeming necessity for various denominational movements in the past, in the confusions growing out of the great apostasy, we believe the time has now fully come to urge the evils and mischiefs of the sect-spirit and sect-life, and to insist on the abandonment of sects and a return to the unity of spirit and union and co-operation that marked the Church of the New Testament. We therefore urge the Word of God against faith in systems of theology; obedience to Christ rather than obedience to church authority; the Church of Christ in place of sects; the promises of the gospel instead of dreams, visions and marvelous experiences as evidences of pardon; Christian character in place of orthodoxy in doctrine, as the bond of union and associations to settle questions of faith and discipline.

It will thus be seen that our differential character is found not in the advocacy of new doctrines or practices but in the rejecting that which has been added to the original simple faith and practice of the Church of God. Could all return to this, it would not only end many unhappy strifes and unite forces now scattered and wasted, but would revive the spirituality and enthusiasm of the early church; as we should no longer need, as in the weakness of sectism, to cater to the world's fashions and follies to maintain a precarious existence. Zion could again put on her beautiful garments and shine on the light of God, and go out in resistless strength to the conquest of the world. To this end, we are not asking any to cast away their confidence in Christ, or to part with aught that is divine; but to cast away that which is human, and be one in clinging to the divine. Is it not reasonable? Is it not just? Is it not absolutely necessary to enable the people of God to do the work of God?

We have yet to speak of some particulars in which we agree with some, but not all.

—Dom Pedro has translated into Brazilian several of Whittier's poems.

California Letter.

DOWNEY CITY, CAL.,
Jan. 15, 1881.

Bro. Campbell:

I desire, in some way, to encourage you in your noble and toilsome work. Those with no experience as editors cannot fully sympathize with you. And I am glad that you hold on after all the edge and point and young zeal and ambition have worn away. This applies also to your college labors.

But I am the more disposed to rejoice in your labors, on account of your recently expressed determination to go on, carrying all your burdens, and whether others will or not, and whether you are paid or not, and whether you have sympathy or not. For yourself—and alone, if need be—and for Christ's sake—to toil on. Aye! my brother, this is the way.

Those who make preaching and writing a trade, or profession for this world's sake, will not join you in this. They hold on as long as "it pays," in true Yankee style, and no longer. And they change, and go here and there, not as the interests of the cause demands, but of the purse, and the prospect for worldly ease and comfort promise. They know not the meaning of "enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." They look for rich pastures to feed on, under the name of pastors, and cannot afford to go out and labor as did John Smith, I. T. Johnson, Paul, and ten thousand others, building up new churches, setting in order old ones, strengthening the weak.

And I am glad you refer to the lukewarm, and to the need of morning and evening family devotions, Bible study and song. Without these we shall never make good progress. Do labor these points more; and the Lord bless your work.

I am doing well here, have secured a home, and hope to improve and pay for it. The church here is doing well, and I go all around, and hold meetings. We shall make an effort for a Southern California State Meeting this year, as we cannot go so far to attend the other, though we would aid it, and be aided by it.

Your paper is not much read in this region, and I cannot arouse the disciples to read it or other good papers as I think they should.

BRO. NEWTON STONE'S QUESTIONS.

1. I do not think the church has ever ceased to exist since its establishment. But I cannot pause here to give proof.

2. Paradise is the happy department of hades; equivalent to Abraham's bosom, and the Elysian fields of the Greeks.

3. Yes, the spirit goes to hades immediately at death, and there remains till the resurrection. Solomon does not say when it goes to God. It is surely nearer to God in hades.

I understand that the third heaven is the home of God, and the final "home of the soul." But few are there yet. None are in hell yet—not even Satan.

When I am better fixed up, I hope to be able to write more. Please correct my hasty letter, and believe me ever ready to do and to suffer for the cause.

And what of our dear suffering Sister Campbell? Do tell us of her. Be assured she has many sympathizers. The late sickness of my wife and self has endeared this people to us immeasurably. It afforded them an opportunity to show kindness; and all could not be told. I hope your brethren and sisters at Monmouth will improve the opportunity to render aid and sympathy. How soon they may need these themselves!

Most affectionately,

C. KENDRICK.

Have Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry always at hand. It cures Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Influenza, Consumption and all Throat and Lung Complaints, 50 cents and \$1 a bottle.

Church and Educational Items.

—The school-board of Indianapolis, after experimenting for years with various heating apparatus, are now in favor of heating all school buildings with stoves, instead of steam, believing them to be superior in respect of ventilation and distribution of heat.

—The freshman class of Olivet College, Michigan, numbers forty-six, of whom twenty-four are young ladies. The total enrollment in all departments is now over 300.

—The late Mrs. Lydia Maria Child has bequeathed \$2,000 to Hampton Institute.

—By the will of Edward M. Barringer, an American, who was killed by the upsetting of a diligence in Switzerland, on August 30th, a fund of \$3,000 was left to Vassar College and over \$25,000 will be devoted to the establishment of scholarships at Harvard.

—Miss Barbara Scott, who died a few days ago, of cerebral apoplexy, bequeathed \$30,000 to found a chair of civil engineering in the McGill College, \$2,000 for a classical scholarship to be called "The Barbara Scott Scholarship," and \$2,000 to the building fund of St. Gabriel Church of Montreal.

—The Ohio Wesleyan University closed a very successful term on the 21st of December, over 525 students having been in regular attendance. The treasurer of the University recently received a check from Mrs. Rebecca Brown, of Bellefontaine, for \$6,000, this being an addition to former gifts from the same lady.

—The missionaries of the South American Missionary Society have done considerable recently in exploring the unknown affluents of the Rio Purus, one of the branches of the Amazon, which rises in the mountains of Peru. Mr. Duke has visited two of these affluents—Tuma and Mamuria—with a steam launch. The former he could not ascend very far. Along the banks of the latter he found evidence of visits from Indians of the Jemamady tribes; but met none of them, though this was the chief object of his search. They are of very retiring habits, and are believed to live in the primeval forests among which the Mamuria takes its rise.

—Colored Baptist associations in the West are beginning to take steps for the support of missions in Africa. Organizations have been formed to collect money. Southern associations are already supporting a mission on the West Coast of Africa, having sent out missionaries of their own color.

—A native Baptist missionary in China, Pay-Tsuo, is performing, so Dr. Yates says, remarkable faith cures. The afflicted come to him to be healed, he makes some simple application and exhorts them to believe on Christ, and they go away cured. A decided sensation has been created.

—Col. Chas. H. Lewis, of Boston, has recently guaranteed the endowment of a large sum to Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, and that institution, by legislative enactment, will hereafter be known as Lewis College. The University was founded in 1834, by Captain Alden Patridge, a former superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and was formally chartered by the Vermont Legislature. When the Rebellion broke out, in 1861, all the senior class and many from other classes joined the army, and for two years there were no commencement exercises at the institution. Several prominent business men, becoming interested in the College, are also contributing freely toward a further endowment. The aid which Col. Lewis has now given it will relieve it from all its financial embarrassments, and insure for it not the success and prosperity of the past, but a still fuller career in the future.

—One of the features of success in missions is seen in the increased demand for trade, both in quantity and

quality, directly as well as indirectly. In one bark which cleared from New York, there were shipped to the Gaboon and Corisco Mission \$2,000 worth of hardware, \$1,600 worth of provisions, \$1,600 worth of dry goods; and medicines, paints, crockery, shoes, books, lamps and sundries; amounting in all to over \$8,000. A few years ago the first reaper was ordered through a missionary for Central Turkey, and a mower went to South Africa in the same way. Five hundred American plows went to the native Christians of Natal in one year, selling for more than it cost to sustain the entire Zulu Mission. One missionary at Harpoot ordered for his people and the natives over one hundred fanning mills. These are direct results, but the indirect results must necessarily be far greater. There are now in use in New Zealand 5,000 reaping machines and more than 1,000 threshing machines, of which 374 are worked by steam power. Chief Justice Gorrie, who had been on a Summer vacation tour among the Fiji, says, "The Fijians come down from the mountains and work for short terms to gain money to buy their cotton join-cloths, their Sunday shirts, their knives and axes, their lamps and canned meats, for they are beginning to learn that yams are not enough for a Christian, although they might suffice for a devil-worshiper."

Literary Notices.

WIDE AWAKE FOR JANUARY, 1881.—Santa Claus himself could ask for no better gift-book for his pack than the Christmas *Wide Awake* in its handsome new cover and new type. It is full from beginning to end with live stories about five boys and girls, and contains dozens of exquisite pictures. Mr. McCormick, one of the Editors of the *Christian Union*, furnishes the opening story, "The Children of the Koppenberg," which is accompanied by a beautiful Frontispiece. Sophie May has never written a better story than "Flaxie Frazzle's Crazy Christmas," and Ezekiah Butterworth's exquisite story of "How Dot Heard 'The Messiah,'" will take by storm the hearts of all music lovers—this story, with appropriate music, is admirably adapted for Christmas Eve reading. But perhaps the most striking feature is the illustrated poems which appear in duos and trios all through the number, from such authors as J. T. Trowbridge, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Mrs. S. M. B. Piatt, Mr. J. J. Piatt, Nora Perry, Col. Paul H. Hayne, etc., etc., making the magazine a treasure long to be preserved. Only \$2.00 a year. 20 cents a number. Ella Farman Editor. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, Mass.

AYER'S ALMANAC FOR 1881.—In English, German, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Bohemian. Published by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Practical and Analytical Chemists, Lowell, Mass., Manufacturers of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Ayer's Hair Vigor, and Ayer's Cathartic Pills. 12mo., hf. clo.

We are in receipt of a neatly bound set of the various editions of Ayer's Almanac, as above containing not only specimens of the languages above named, but also some pages of Turkish, Armenian, Greek, Bulgarian, and Chinese. The book is neatly printed and free from objectional cuts. Ayer's Almanac is always a safe book for the family. The collection before us is a literary curiosity, and a remarkable example of enterprise and liberality. The annual edition is from ten to eleven millions, for free circulation.

We have received from the Christian Pub. Co., St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. M. M. B. Goodwin's poems "Autumn Leaves," price in cloth, \$1. Every reader of the MESSENGER is acquainted with the beauty and pathos of Mrs. Goodwin's poems which are now sent out in book form for the first time. In binding and typography the work does honor to the exquisite thoughts it contains. Sister Goodwin's dedication is in these words, "These penciled leaflets are dedicated to the memory of my loved ones, who, though faded from earth like autumn leaves, still live in memory, crowned with unfading laurels from the evergreen tree which over-shadows the river of life."

"Drift down brown leaves, upon their graves
And lovingly cover the sod;
Though faded and dying, ye breathe to my soul
New faith in heaven and God."

Samuel H. Irwin, of Ute Creek, Colfax Co., New Mexico, says:—If my wife would quit work as she should at her age (61) she would live years a monument to the magic influence of the "Only Lung Pad."—See Adv.

Church Directory.

Portland—First Christian Church.

Elders—A. Blaney and J. P. Dickinson. Deacons—W. H. Adams and I. G. Davidson. Bruce Wolverton, Pastor.

Services—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 12:30 P. M. W. H. Adams, Supt.

Prayer meeting, Thursdays, 7:30 P. M., at private residences.

Visiting brethren and friends will please make themselves known. W. H. Adams, Clerk.

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We desire to call the attention of our readers to the Grand Holiday Offer of the Mendelssohn Piano Company, whose advertisement appears elsewhere. This company offers an \$850 Square Grand Piano, 3 stringed, 7½ octaves, in a handsome rosewood case, for only \$245, also many other styles of Pianos and Organs at great bargains for the Holidays, including sheet music at one-third price.

These Pianos, including Grand, Square and Upright, made one of the finest displays at the Centennial Exhibition, and were unanimously recommended for the Diploma of Honor and Medal of Merit.

The Mendelssohn Piano Co. are the first to do a general business with the purchaser direct, saving him more than one-half the price charged by other first-class makers. This saving is made by doing away with the Agency System, and giving the people the Pianos at Wholesale or Agency prices.

We would recommend any of our readers who have any idea of ever buying a piano or organ, to send for their Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogues, which will be mailed free to all.

We desire to call especial attention to the advertisement of D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich., which appears in our columns. They are one of the largest and most reliable firms engaged in the seed business in the United States, and their seeds have justly earned great popularity by always being fresh and just what they are represented to be. Our readers will do well to avail themselves of their offer to send their beautiful Seed Annual free to all wishing to purchase seeds.

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