Christian Messenger.

OFFICIAL PAPER FOR POLK COUNTY.

MONMOUTH: SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1871.

CORNER STONE.—The laying of the corner stone of the new brick edifice to Christian College, will take place, on Tuesday the fifth day of September, at 1 P. M. Oration by L. L. Rowland, A. M. of Salem, with other interesting ceremonies. A cordial invitation is given to the public. Programme next week.

G. O. BURNETT,
Chairman Com. Arrangements.

August 11th, 1871.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MESSENGER.

OREGON GROVE, August 18, 1871.

Everywhere we find an increasing interest in education. The attention given, and the earnestness manifested when the subject is named shows how generally the public mind is becoming aroused to a proper appreciation of this most important of all practical questions.

The mother who dandles her infant boy on her lap and promises the deed-less cherub, "you shall be president in a coming day," knows that the only possible way to make the promise good is by means of education. The father is learning that his patriotism and philanthropy are manifested in a more profitable manner by educating his son and daughter, than by noisy wrangling on party politics in a beer saloon or a whisky shop.

It is becoming well understood that educated mind governs the State, and he who would have his children share in executive, legislative or judicial honors must prepare them for position by a thorough education. Indeed, people are beginning to realize that their children have rights and privileges to stations of honor and profit from which they are forever barred by the culpable indifference of their parents, prostituting their minds to mental blank and their moral nature to become weeds through neglect. A healthy reaction is setting in, arousing the humblest class to a noble resolve to give their children a fair show and a clear track to contest the rewards of merit and the prize of honor. Our present common school system is working badly, and is everywhere condemned as wholly inadequate to meet the wants of the people.

"Have schools for six or eight months in the year, is the expression of every party with whom we have conversed.

The present system of four or three months public school throws upon those determined to educate their children a burdensome tax to continue the school, while those indifferent to education and those having no children bear no part of the burden. This is unequal; for if it is true that virtue and intelligence form the bards of our political and social system, all parties, sharing in these blessings, should bear a full proportion of the burden of sustaining that virtue and intelligence by educating the people.

It is cheaper to educate a boy than to prosecute him for crime and send him to the penitentiary.

And even the wealthy man who has no children had better pay one hundred dollars to educate his neighbors boy, than to spend five hundred in pursuing him to reclaim a stolen horse.

The present school tax (two mills on the dollar), is not sufficient to educate the children. It must be increased. A prudent investment of the school money arising from the sale of school lands, causing it to yield the proper dividend to the counties would supply to some extent, the deficit from taxation; yet we can not believe that two mills, with the best possible results from the school fund, would meet the just and pressing demand for popular education.

SPRINGFIELD, August 13th, 1871.

This is a pleasant village, pleasantly situated on the west bank of the Willamette three miles above Eugene City. The population of about forty families, is noted for their quiet, moral, industrious habits. The farms to the south and east, between the Willamette and the McKenzie are beautiful in situation, and in a good state of cultivation. The important feature of the village is its fine water power to which we made reference in a former note.

The machinery driven by this power employs the greater number of the villagers. The saw and planing mills cut and dress a large amount of lumber daily. The flouring mill is large and well arranged, making very superior flour. A wagon shop, cabinet shop, and turning lathe are also in successful operation, with a surplus of power to drive perhaps as much more machinery. We have seen no other place in the state where the power is so convenient, permanent and easily managed.

The fall is so great that the power might be used at several points before it reaches the present machinery.

Two church buildings are in progress of construction. The Baptists are building a neat house of convenient size, and the Disciples have a stone foundation on a beautiful sight overlooking the village for a frame building which when finished will be the largest church building in the county probably the largest in the state. The question of establishing a first class academy is also freely discussed amongst the citizens. We called the citizens last evening and address them on the subject of education in which they take a lively interest. During our stay in Springfield we enjoyed the hospitalities of Bro. Dr. Owsley and his amiable lady and interesting family.

The Dr. is engaged in his profession, and is noted alike for his successful practice, his hospitality and his dignified, courteous and affable deportment.

The line of the Oregon and California rail road passes on the opposite side of the river, half a mile from the village. Sustained by a rich agricultural district, Springfield will at no distant day, become an important milling and manufacturing town.

Report of Bro. L. L. Rowland.

EDITOR MESSENGER:—Last Lord's day, (14th inst) concluded my last year's pastoral labors with the Christian church in Salem. Thinking it might be of some public interest, I send you the following:

No. of Elders	3
No. of Deacons	3
No. of Church members	160
No. of additions for the year	21
No. dismissed during the year	5
No. withdrawn from	1
No. disowned	1
No. of baptisms	10
No. of reformations	6
No. of Sunday school officers	7
No. of teachers	12
No. of Sunday school scholars in attendance	9
No. of Sunday school teachers, in summer	9
No. of Sunday school scholars	50
No. of Sunday school officers	2

The Church worships in a substantial, neat and commodious brick edifice. Our congregations are generally large and always orderly and attentive. Pastoral support has been reasonably liberal, and unusually cheerful and prompt.

The well known christian liberality of brethren Dr. Payton, Gov. Woods, Kelly, Stanton, Pugh, Downer, and sister Dr. McCurdy, as well as many others, equally noble and generous, warrants the firmest assurance that any earnest, energetic minister, laboring for them, will be reasonably compensated for such. The Church is heartily and constantly ready to contribute to its pastor's secular support not only, but, by its warm hearts and devout prayers, to his spiritual wants as well.

Scarcely is it necessary to announce that the Church, with such a character, is wholly free from indebtedness. By agreement, I am to continue to labor for the Church, till the middle of March next, when I shall return to Eastern Oregon. The brethren of Salem, will, at that time, desire to procure the services of some other minister; and, happy the devoted servant of the Lord who may make this his home.

L. L. ROWLAND.

SALEM, OREGON, August 14th, 1871.

Communication from Bro. Harris.

BROTHER CAMPBELL:—I will give you a few incidents of travel: Left home on the 12th inst. Came to Harrisburg on the 13th. Preached at 4 P. M. Left next morning for Portland. Coming down, had a conversation with a Catholic Priest. He says all Protestants are "nothing or no churches. They cannot trace a regular regular succession back to the Apostles." They can! He further says that "all Protestants are about to make a united rail on the Catholics, but it is all nonsense; they are gaining power every day."

I fell in with Bro. E. and wife, at Salem. Arrived at Portland at 10; took lodging at the Occidental, a good house by the way. Got on board the boat next morning and started for Walla Walla. Got to the Dalles Tuesday evening. Learned immediately that we could proceed no further until Saturday morning. So we set about hunting up friends, and were not long in finding them, in a family by the name of Campbell, a very interesting family indeed.

While visiting Mr. Phillips, we heard the fire bell ringing, and stepping to the door, we saw the devouring flames bursting from a building. The wind was blowing a perfect gale from the west, and before the engine could be made available, the flame had well nigh destroyed three buildings.—The buildings were mostly of wood and extremely dry. The fire extended across one block and a half. Seventy-five houses burned. Loss estimated at about one hundred thousand dollars.

The fire was yesterday, to-morrow we go to our work, the Lord be with us. Amen.

J. M. HARRIS.

The late Rev. Jonathan S. Judd was opposed to the practice of sitting in prayer, in public worship. He once preached a sermon against it, in which he said, that Jacob was so reverential, that, when bowed down with the infirmities of old age, rather than sit in prayer, he worshiped, *leaning upon the top of his staff.*

Letter from McMinnville.

BRO CAMPBELL:—Our worthy young brother Burnett preaches for the congregation at this place two Lord's days during the month. Yesterday he preached two good practical discourses, after which a young lady came forward and made the good confession. On the second Lord's day in this month, two were added to the church by recommendation.

The brethren are pleased with the labors of our young pastor. May the work of the Lord prosper in his hands, and to God be all the honor and glory.

Yours in the Hope,

WM. DAWSON.

McMINNVILLE, August 21st, 1871.

UNKNOWN FOURTH.—An anomaly in nature has cropped out recently in England which sadly disturbs the equanimity of all true Englishmen. This consists in a book of travels by a Dr. Mason, a Baptist Missionary, and a native of Yorkshire, who takes the offensive ground therein that the American political system and American society are superior to those of England. The Pall Mall Gazette before Dr. Mason's book in a savage way. It has no patience with the Doctor's insinuation that in America the foreigner will find himself "among a people of more refined manners, of more provident habits, and of more general information."

THE late Rev. William Gifson used to relate that while going through a hospital with Velpeau, that surgeon brought him to the bedside of two men who were under treatment for some slight fracture. "Would you believe it," said Velpeau, "these men have made a living for the last fifteen years by being knocked down and run over.—When they see a light wagon driven by some wealthy person coming by, they step across the street, and are sure to be run over, picked up and carried to some hospital, and then sue for damages. When their money becomes exhausted, they begin again. Nearly every bone in their body has been broken."

THE HIGHWAY AND ITS DEPARTS.—Recently in a prayer meeting, says the *Christian Churchman*, a strong man, who has just begun the Christian life, arose and said, in regard to his former skeptical difficulties: "I was like a man in a plain highway toward the place he desired to reach, who on seeing a blind path diverging from it, should stop and refuse to go any further until he knew whose that by path would lead him. His course was right onward, and the by-path was no concern of his. It is just so in respect to the way to heaven. I was trying to explore the secret things of God; but now have found and intend to walk in the King's highway to glory."

INGRATITUDE.—The son of Scipio Africanus, a profligate young man, wore on his finger a ring upon which the image of his father was engraved. The Roman censors were so much disgusted with the degenerate son wearing upon his person the picture of his noble parent, that they insisted on his taking the ring from his finger. They considered that he was insulting, rather than honoring his father by wearing it. And thus will God regard all his degenerate children who bear his name without conformity to his image. In the army of Alexander the Great, there was a soldier of the name of Alexander. To him it was said, "Either be brave or change your name."

THE TRUE MAGNET.—The power of the magnet gains nothing from the gilder's or the graver's art; its attractionlies in itself, and is diminished by foreign corrections. So it is with the greatest of all magnets, of which Christ spake when he said: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." We may draw men to ourselves by genius, eloquence, eccentricity, but we can draw men to Christ only by the attraction of the Cross.

A serious case of conscience is related as having recently occured in Omaha. A Baptist clergyman had his house broken open and robbed by some midnight prowler. The daily paper noticed and commented upon the outrage, which lot the next night all his missing property was returned with this characteristic note:

"Rev. Gild, Didden know twas a ministers house or woodcut a took these things. Hear thay is. Conscience."

PROMISES.—Satan promises the best but pays the worst; he promises honor, and pays with disgrace; he promises pleasure, and pays with pain; he promises life, and pays with death. But God pays as he promises; all his payments are made in pure gold. All his promises are yea and amen to them that believe. Then trust in God's promises.

It is very beautiful to see how the God who has bound his world into a grand harmony by its very diversity, has arranged for this same end in his church, by giving the members their different faculties of work.

As when the sea-worm makes a hole in the shell of the pearl oyster the hole is filled up with a precious pearl, so when the heart is pained by an injury, forgiveness is the precious pearl that heals and fills the wound.

It is said that the fences of the United States have cost more than all the crafts that float on our waters, salt and fresh; more, indeed, than any other class of property except railroads.

Keep out of debt, out of quarrels, out of damp clothes, out of reach of the cup that inebriates, out of thin clothes, and out of doors all that you can in good weather.

He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker; whose spirit is entering into living peace.

The liberal mind is of no sect; it shows to sects their departures from the ideal standard, and thus maintains pure religeon in the world.

Mankind has been learning for six thousand years, and yet how few have learned that their fellow-beings are as good as themselves.

Just as the man cannot see through the glass on which he breathes, sin darkens the windows of the soul.

Handle rough-shelled men carefully. It pays to take a little time when you are opening chestnut-burs.

A guilty conscience is like a whirlpool, drawing in all to itself which would otherwise pass by.

The road ambition travels is too narrow for friendship, too crooked for love, too rugged for honesty, and too dark for conscience.

Presence of mind is everything. It should be cultivated in our public schools and colleges.

LITTLE TEMPTATIONS.—John Newton says: "Satan seldom comes to a Christian with great temptations, or with a temptation to commit a great sin. You bring a green log and a candle together, and they are very safe neighbors; but bring a few shavings and let them alight, and then bring a few small sticks and let them take fire, and the log be in the midst of them, and you will soon get rid of your log. And so it is, with little sins. You will be startled with the idea of committing a great sin, and so the devil brings you a little temptation, and leaves you to indulge yourself. 'There is no great harm in this,' 'no great peril in that;' and so by these little chips we are first easily lighted up, and at last the green log is burned. Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

A beneficent Providence has wisely ordained that few men shall excel even in a single pursuit.

IN MEMORIAM.

SALT RIVER, Linn Co. August 14th, 1871.

EDITOR MESSENGER.—At a meeting of Center Lodge, No. 139, I.O. Good Templars on the 12th inst., the following resolutions were adopted, expressive of the feelings of this Lodge with reference to the death of sister Elizabeth Roseltha Krain, on the 6th inst.

WHEREAS, An all-wise Providence has removed from us by death our beloved sister Elizabeth Roseltha Frum, therefore be it

Resolved, that in the death of sister Frum this Lodge has lost one of its truest and most valued members; one who in the various relations of daughter, sister, and as a member of this Lodge, has endeared herself to all with whom she was associated.

Resolved, That while we deeply lament the loss of our sister we feel that our loss is her gain, and to her bereaved family and friends we extend our tenderest sympathy.

Resolved, That in token of our respect and sympathy, these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Lodge, and that copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased sister, and also one to the Good Templar and to the Christian Messenger for publication.

ALFRED WHEELER, *Secretary.*

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