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The Work of God in California.

We have referred more than once to the gracious manifestation of the Spirit in that far off land of gold. The time to favour Zion there has truly come, and hundreds are pressing into the kingdom.

A correspondent of the New York Examiner furnishes the following graphic sketch of the origin and progress of this marvelous exhibition of reviving and saving power.

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Death an Enemy to be Destroyed.

In a recent sermon preached by Spurgeon, replete with fresh and vigorous thought, we find the following delightful utterances. He is speaking of death as an enemy to be destroyed, and under the third head of his discourse he says, "Here I take away the salt and bring the milk and honey, for surely here is much of exquisite sweetness and of true spiritual food to the child of God."

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A meeting was convened by requisition on the 19th of September, at the board-room of the London Missionary Society. Dr. Vaughan was Chairman, and introduced the discussion by a statement and exposition of the subject in relation to the present state of the Established Church.

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To the Rev. George Burns, Pastor of Macknagauk Church: DEAR BROTHER—As you are about to leave us, permit us to say, that at no time during your labours among us have your services been better received, or more highly appreciated, than at present, and we should have been glad to continue our connection, but as Providence seems to direct otherwise, we accept the decision.

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There seemed to be perfect unanimity of sentiment as to the desirability of such an association; and after free interchange of thought as to the best mode of bringing the Society into practical working existence, a committee was chosen to draft a Constitution, to be submitted to an adjourned meeting, to be held at the same place, viz., the school room of St. David's Church, on Monday next, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

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