

PRESBYTERIANS AGREE

CONFESSION OF FAITH QUESTION GOES TO COMMITTEE.

It is to Submit to Next Assembly a Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—By a unanimous vote the Presbyterian General Assembly today adopted the report of the special committee on the revision of the confession of faith. The debate on this important question had extended into the fourth day, and to Rev. Dr. James Moffat is due the credit of having brought the commissioners to such a harmonious conclusion. When recommendation B was on, Sunday, May 27, the vote was 100 to 100. Dr. Moffat announced that, in view of the divergence of opinion, he would today offer an amendment which he hoped would meet the approval of the entire assembly. The amendment follows:

"We recommend that this committee be instructed to prepare and submit to the next General Assembly a brief statement of the reformed faith, expressed as far as possible in untechnical terms. The said statement is to be prepared with a view to its being employed to give information and a better understanding of our doctrinal beliefs, and not with a view to its becoming a basis for argument or an alternative of our confession of faith."

When he presented this amendment today, it was instantly accepted by the commissioners, and the adoption of the report as a whole followed with little delay.

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The momentous question of creed revision having been decided, the assembly proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business. The report of the special committee on judicial commissions was first in order. It was adopted after a brief discussion. This report recommended the establishment of a permanent judicial commission, to which shall be referred all judicial cases which the General Assembly does not elect to try before the whole body. There will be no appeal from the decisions of this commission. During the afternoon session reports of various special committees were considered and adopted, among them a supplemental report of the committee on theological seminaries, which recommended the consolidation of the Louisville and Danville seminaries. New York was selected as the meeting place for the next General Assembly. The committee recommended to the next assembly the selection of Los Angeles for the assembly of 1903.

When the order of the day—the revision of the confession of faith—was reached, the moderator, Dr. J. W. Roberts, was advising against any hasty action today. He suggested, however, that all speeches be limited, and a motion to limit them to 15 minutes was unanimously carried.

The question of the adoption of the majority report, and Dr. Johnson moved that the three recommendations contained in the report be taken up separately, and the question was carried. Recommendation A, which calls for the appointment of a revision committee, was adopted with only a few voices against it. Recommendation B, as amended, went through without a sign of opposition. Recommendation C, on motion of Dr. Baker, of Philadelphia, was amended so that the amendments to be prepared by the committee be of a declaratory character, the confession of faith shall be made "either by modification of the text or by declaratory statement, but so far as possible by declaratory statement."

This recommendation was also adopted with little opposition.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the report as a whole. The moderator put the question and there was one great roar of "aye." Instantly the assembly rose en masse and sang the doxology. The moderator then led in prayer.

The end of the great assembly, which had continued into the fourth day, came so quickly that it took every one by surprise. Dr. Moffat, who introduced the harmonizing amendment to recommendation B, was surrounded by a crowd which congratulated him on his success in bringing the matter to such a satisfactory conclusion.

After the assembly had again settled down Dr. Baker offered a resolution that the present revision committee be continued, that the committee be increased to 21, that Moderator Milston be a member thereof and that he appoint the additional members. This was also adopted.

On motion of Dr. Dickey, the assembly decided to continue as secretary of the revision committee Dr. W. H. Roberts, of Philadelphia, who is also the stated clerk of the assembly.

The recommendations as amended and finally adopted by the General Assembly are as follows:

"First—We recommend that a committee, as provided for by the form of government, chapter XXII, section 3, be appointed by this assembly.

"Second—(Dr. Moffat's amendment). "Third—We further recommend that this committee be instructed to prepare amendments of chapter III, chapter X, section 3; chapter XVI, section 1; chapter XXII, section 3; and chapter XXV, section 6, of our confession of faith, either by modification of the text or by declaratory statement, but so as more clearly to express the mind of the church, with additional statements concerning the love of God for all men, missions and the Holy Spirit; being understood that the revision shall in no way impair the integrity of the system of doctrine set forth in our confession and taught in the Holy Scriptures."

The General Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the report of the special committee on the establishment of a court of last resort to be styled the "Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly," for the hearing and final determination of judicial cases.

Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hubbard, of Buffalo, moved to recommend the report to the special committee, which would be increased to 10 members, with instructions to make further report at the next assembly.

Rev. Dr. G. W. E. Birch, of New York, member of the special committee, opposed recommendation on the ground that some definite action is necessary at this time, because of the delay in hearing cases, and advocated the adoption of the report in the interest of peace and justice.

The principal paragraph of the report was amended slightly by the insertion of the words: "Which the General Assembly shall not elect to try before its whole body," and is as follows:

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survivor of those participating in the church organization. He told of his trip to Oregon from California by boat. He had been raised in the Episcopal Church, but was not a communicant of this organization. The Rev. St. Michael Fackler held services in Oregon City before the arrival of Rev. William Richmond, and after the church was organized he assisted Mrs. O. C. Pratt with the music and singing. Mr. Fackler, playing the melodeon, Mr. Fackler often walked in from his farm to hold services, and it was noticed that sometimes he had a weary look on his face. Under his simple exterior of mud, Colonel McCracken paid a high tribute to Bishop Scott, who left a comfortable home in the South, and labored hard to build up the Pacific parish.

Mrs. Belle Sellwood, widow of the late Rev. John W. Sellwood, an early rector of St. Paul's Church for 15 years, gave an interesting account of the time she came here in 1885, and had difficulty in securing a house. Finally she and her husband moved into a house vacated by Captain T. Appen. She told of the building of the rectory church tower and organization of the guild.

Other speakers were H. L. Kelly, Mrs. Freeman and Miss Inger. Mrs. Robert A. Miller gave a Shakespearean reading and Miss Fairclough a recitation. A splendid banquet was served, the tables being tastefully decorated. Rev. P. K. Hammond presided.

SELLWOOD POSTOFFICE.

Will Be Consolidated With That at Portland, July 1.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—July 1 the postoffice at Sellwood, Ore., will be consolidated with the Portland postoffice and thereafter be known as Sellwood Station.

WOUND WAS FATAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Attorney J. A. E. Wilson shot this afternoon at P. W. Clancy at 32 Sansome street. A bullet entered his right side, inflicting a wound thought to be fatal. He was removed to the receiving hospital, where he died.

There were no witnesses to the shooting. After the shooting Clancy went out and gave himself to Police Officer Olsen. He surrendered his revolver, in which were two empty chambers. At the City Prison the prisoner said he was compelled to shoot, but would make no further statement. Clancy is a special police officer.

He said that Wilson was formerly been his friend, but had robbed him.

Wilson was formerly prominent in local politics. He was once State Senator, and had been District Attorney of this city and county. Recently his practice had been chiefly in the Police Courts.

SOLDIERS PLAYED BALL.

FORT STEVENS, Or., May 27.—A good game of baseball was played yesterday between the Thirty-fourth Company and the ninety-third Company, resulting in a second victory for the former, by a score of 8 to 4. The game featured the game was the pitching and the home runs by Wright, and a double play by Sellinger. It was plain after the fourth inning that it would be easy sailing for the Thirty-fourth Company.

There is good material in the Ninety-third Company, and there was better batting and fielding than in the previous game. The game was played by Thirty-fourth Company and the Vancouver team in the near future.

Sale of Timber Lands.

ASTORIA, Or., May 27.—A deed has been filed for record whereby M. J. Kinney sells to W. M. Bray, of the Bray & Choate Land Company, of Oshkosh, Wis., 240 acres in sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, 20 and 21, township 8 north, range 1 west, and 340 acres in sections 33 and 34, township 8 north, range 1 west. The consideration named is \$32,800. The property is a fine tract of timber land on Big Creek.

Sale of School Bonds.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 27.—The directors of school district No. 10, Winlock, issued \$500 in bonds Saturday, to Coffman, Dobson & Co., of Chehalis, for \$11 premium. Interest will be 6 per cent. There was but one other bid, and as each was alike, the directors drew lots to settle the award.

Gift of a Cane.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 27.—Saturday evening W. H. Metcalf, who was recently chosen grand sachem of the Independent Order of Red Men of this state, was agreeably surprised by local members of Kuntux Tribe, who gave him a handsome gold-headed cane in honor of his election.

Killed at Play.

EVERETT, Wash., May 27.—A shocking accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the Anderson bolt mill, near Machias, when 8-year-old Ernest Bennett was instantly killed by the rebounding of a stick from a bolt saw, with which he was playing.

Meeting of Teachers.

OREGON CITY, May 27.—A joint meeting of the Clackamas and Multnomah Teachers' Associations will be held at Willburg, June 8. County Superintendent Zinser and Miss Edna Ross, of Milwaukie, will represent Clackamas County.

Admitted to Practice.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Asa Hoin Fitch and James McEnroy Harris, of Tacoma, were admitted today to practice before the Interior Department.

Admitted to the Bar.

SALEM, May 27.—Thaddeus B. Wakeman, of Silverton, was today admitted to the bar upon the motion of W. H. Holmes.

Appointed Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Y. J. Acton has been appointed postmaster at Bremerton, Wash.

Oregon Notes.

The city cemetery in Albany, is being improved and beautified.

Four whales in Yaquina Bay were reported one day last week.

The Corvallis Baptist Association will meet at Dillard, May 30 to June 1.

The movement of cattle from Harney County for the summer is now under way.

The Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., will hold a district convention at John Day June 8.

A severe frost near Vale a few nights ago is reported to have injured crops considerably.

The third annual reunion of the Lane County Veterans Association will be held at Eugene June 5 and 6.

A shipment of 25 carloads of sheep was made from Heppner last week to the ranges of Idaho and Wyoming.

Two carloads of 1 and 2-year-old steers, were shipped from Camanche Bay last week to John Stewarts, in Marion County.

The new superintendent of the Badger mine in Susanville district has laid off a number of employees, pending the making of improvements.

It is reported at Susanville that the sawmill near Dale, owned by J. P. Isaacs, of Walla Walla, will be moved to that place and put in operation.

It is reported at Toledo that the bridge at Nashville has collapsed. Some livestock went down with the bridge, but none was killed.

The men who purchased the Ives mine on Bear Creek expected to arrive soon and commence extensive operations on their property, says a Susanville dispatch.

A cougar measuring 6 feet 8 inches was

...What Is Malaria?

MALARIA is one of the most subtle afflictions with which we have to deal. There is not a hamlet or town in this country in which malaria is not found. It is a peculiar poison circulating or existing in the air, a result of vegetable decomposition—poisons emanating from the soil. Its most marked action is upon the kidneys and liver, yet it gives rise to other complaints as well, each of which, however, can be traced primarily to the fact that the kidneys and liver have become diseased.

The presence of malaria can be recognized by the fact that there are chills or fever, headache, backache, pain in the limbs or extremities, sweating, sometimes profuse, other times but little marked.

There are cases that are termed dumb ague which are malarious in character, in which there is no sweating, and but rarely any fever, yet a continued malaise, a lack of energy and buoyancy, in fact, a prostration which completely enervates the sufferer, causing tired feelings, headache, neuralgia, enlargement and hardening of the liver, and Bright's disease of the kidneys.

Warner's Safe Cure

WILL CURE ALL FORMS OF Malaria. Office Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge No. 2, Grand United Order Odd Fellows, January 10, 1901. WARNER'S SAFE CURE CO., Rochester, N. Y. Gentlemen—After my return from Europe I felt a physical prostration which my physician did not seem able to cope with. My system was poisoned and I was unable to do my work. I began to feel better in about four days and after the second bottle was about half used I was perfectly well and have had no trouble since.

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IN A CRITICAL POSITION.

The Salisbury Government as Regards Legislative Business.

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The Salisbury Government is in a very critical position as regards legislative business. Practically the Parliament meets, after the Whit Sunday holiday, there will only be two months of the session left, and so far not a single measure has been introduced. The consideration of the bill, which may be regarded as outside the category of ordinary legislation, and the budget, the rest of the legislative programme promised in the King's speech virtually remains untouched. It is not surprising, therefore, that rumors continue to circulate as to the probability of an Autumn session.

Serving as Soldiers and Sailors.

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PAN-AMERICAN ROUTE

Via Great Northern Railway. Buffalo and return, \$36. Tickets on sale first and third Tuesdays of each month, June to October, inclusive, good for 30 days. City ticket office, 123 Third street.

Regular Roadster \$35

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Shelby Ideals \$20 \$25

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A TIMELY WARNING.

Procrastination being the thief of time, we would warn all intending purchasers of wheels that the bicycle season will soon be here with all its pleasures. Be in the swim, and procure a Rambler before you are induced to try some inferior wheel. The only wheel meeting all requirements and giving the best of satisfaction is the Rambler.

Call and examine our wheels, we are only too glad to compare prices, as well as wheels, with any or all of our competitors.

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