

MINUTE
OF THE
**CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CON-
VENTION OF THE STATE
OF OREGON,**

CONVENED AT

EUGENE CITY,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 18, 1882.

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EUGENE CITY, OR., Oct. 18, 1882.

Pursuant to notice, the Christian Missionary Convention convened in the Christian church, Eugene City, at 7 P. M., Wednesday evening.

The President, Bro. A. W. Lucas, being absent, the convention was called to order by Bro. Geo. M. Whitney, when Bro. S. C. Adams was elected President *pro tem*.

Singing "Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning."
After some appropriate remarks, Bro. S. C. Adams led the devotional exercises, reading the 1st chapter of Hebrews, and offering prayer, when all joined in singing "One sweetly solemn thought," &c.

The address of "Welcome," by Elder Geo. M. Whitney, was most cordial in its spirit, and impressive in its allusions to the necessity of unity and love.

Prof. D. T. Stanley being absent, Elder S. C. Adams delivered the "Response" in his usual earnest and interesting manner; Sister Anna M. Martin and Bro. J. P. Gill followed with appropriate remarks.

Bro. G. M. Whitney then moved that a lunch be served in this house at noon on the morrow. Carried.

Because of repairs being made on the house of worship, the President announced that the Baptists had kindly offered their house for the use of the convention.

Elder D. M. Doty was chosen to lead the devotional exercises Thursday morning, at 9 A. M., at the Baptist church.

After singing hymn No. 176 the convention adjourned.

Benediction by Elder J. W. Spriggs.

THURSDAY.

MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the meeting was called to order by Bro. A. W. Lucas, (President of last year's convention), when Elder D. M. Doty led the devotional service by reading 1 Cor. 12th chapter, and prayer.

The convention then moved to proceed to the regular business of the meeting, as given in the published programme.

Committee on "Enrollment of Delegates" was chosen, consisting of Bros. W. H. Adams, G. M. Whitney and Sister A. M. Martin. Said committee reported the following churches sending delegates and statistical reports. Namely: Portland, Salem, McMinnville, Pleasant Hill, Amity, Eugene, Harrisburg, Independence, Sheridan, Trent, Monmouth, Liberty, Scio, Lafayette, Junction, Stayton, Mill Creek, Clear Lake, North Yamhill, Drain, Fair View, East Chehalis, Springfield, Hebron.

Report of Missionary Board was called for, when Elder P. R. Burnett submitted the following as said report:

To the Officers and Members of the Christian Missionary Convention, Eugene City, Oregon.

The Missionary Board for the year past make the following report:

The report of the Treasurer shows the following sums of money to have been received and paid out during the

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| year: | |
| Nov. 4, 1881, amount in Treasury | \$ 67 45 |
| „ 22, Received from Bro. Wolverton..... | 100 00 |
| May 2, 1882, Received from Portland church..... | 15 00 |
| May 2, 1882, from Bethel church | 5 00 |
| May 16, 1882, from Bro. E. Bayley, Bethel..... | 2 25 |

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| Total amount received.... | \$190 20 |
| Feb. 6, 1882, amount paid to E. B. McElroy for the Corvallis church..... | \$50 00 |
| March 14th, to T. M. Morgan.. | 8 10 |
| May 2nd, to J. W. Spriggs..... | 20 00 |
| May 22nd, to B. Wolverton.... | 7 50 |
| May 22nd, to J. A. Campbell.... | 7 50 |

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| Total amount paid out.... | \$93 10 |
| Oct. 6, 1882, balance on hand.. | \$97 10 |

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MISSIONARY FUND,
PAID TO BRO. I. G. DAVIDSON, TREASURER,
PER W. H. ADAMS,
Oct. 21, 1882.**

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| Mill Creek, per Bro. T. J. Wilcox | \$ 5 25 |
| Stayton, per Bro. D. M. Doty... | 2 70 |
| Liberty, per Bro. E. Mays..... | 50 |
| Sister O. S. England..... | 2 50 |
| Bro. J. I. Thompson..... | 2 50 |
| Lafayette, per Sister A. M. Martin | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, per Bro. S. Baughman..... | 17 00 |
| Amity, per Bro. S. M. Hubbard | 7 75 |
| Sister Emma Washburn..... | 2 50 |
| Bro. M. A. C. Robertson..... | 2 00 |
| Total..... | \$51 70 |

During the year the Board made various efforts to employ an evangelist for the State, but failed to secure a suitable person for the work. We fully believe if an evangelist could have been put in the field, many would have contributed liberally to his support.

While very little Missionary work has been done during the year, yet the outlook is altogether favorable. There is more general feeling among the churches of the necessity of pastoral labor, and it is gratifying to note that the demand for faithful preachers of the word is greater now than at any former time in the history of the cause in Oregon. Besides, we have had quite an addition to our ministerial force in the State since the last meeting of this convention.

Respectfully,

P. R. BURNETT.

Bro. W. H. Adams, of Portland, moved "That in the absence of the regular elected delegates from the churches, that any members present, from said churches, be considered delegates, and invited to act with us." Carried.

Election of officers was called for, as regular business, when Elder J. W. Spriggs, of Salem, called for the reading of the constitution of the society. It not being at hand, a discussion ensued, participated in by Bros. S. C. Adams, J. W. Spriggs, and W. H. Adams, when Elder S. M. Hubbard moved "That a committee be appointed to draft a constitution for the State Co-operation Meeting of the Christian Church of Oregon." Carried.

The President appointed as said committee Bros. S. C. Adams, J. W. Spriggs and Henry Shadle.

Bro. W. H. Adams moved "That a committee on resolutions be appointed by the chair, and that it consist of three persons." Carried.

The President then appointed Bros. W. H. Adams, J. P. Gil, and Sister Mary Holman as said committee.

Elder J. W. Spriggs moved "That a committee on time and place be appointed by the chair, and that it consist of three persons." Carried.

The President appointed Bros. G. M. Whitney, D. M. Doty, and T. J. Wilcox as said committee.

As regards a constitution for the present and the ensuing year, Elder J. W. Spriggs reported the following, which

was adopted: "Changing the name of said society from Co-operation to Christian Missionary Convention; and also providing for the election of the Executive Board."

First Report adopted and same committee continued until next meeting.

Your committee appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws would respectfully submit that the time is too

short to properly prepare the same for this meeting, and your committee ask to be continued or a new committee be appointed with leave to report a Constitution and By-Laws at the next annual meeting of this Co operation.

1. For the present we recommend that this association shall be known as The Christian Missionary Convention of Oregon.

2. That it shall be composed, when in session, of the delegates sent by the several churches.

3. That each church shall be entitled to two delegates, and to one delegate for every 25 members or major portion thereof above 50 members.

4. That at each annual meeting there shall be elected the following officers, who shall represent the Co operation when the same is not in session, to wit: A President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary; these shall constitute an Executive Board for the transaction of all business of the society during the time intervening between the meetings of the Co operation, subject to the direction of the Co-operation in convention. The Executive Board shall have the right, when so directed, to employ an evangelist or evangelists, to select fields of labor, and direct and control the labors of said evangelist or evangelists.

5. This Executive Board shall meet once a quarter, and at such other times as may be indicated by the call of the President, and at all such meetings three members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. These quarterly meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday in January, April, July and October, at such places as may be agreed upon by it.

7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, and at all meetings of the Co-operation, when present. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. The Recording Secretary shall keep all the records of the meetings of the Co-operation and of the meetings of the Executive Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the correspondent both for the Executive Board and Co-operation. The Treasurer shall receive and pay out, upon the warrant of Cor. Secretary, attested by President, all moneys contributed for Missionary purposes.

8. It shall also be the duty of the Executive Board to provide a programme for the annual meeting, to endeavor to keep the churches alive to the interests of missions, to notify all the churches of the time set for taking collections for missions, and to furnish the churches with blank statistical reports two months in advance of the time of the annual meeting, to be used for reporting the condition of churches.

9. It shall be the duty of churches engaged in this Co operation to be represented, if possible, at all annual meetings, by delegates, to take quarterly collections on the first Lord's day in January, April, July and October, or another Lord's day near this time, when the day set is not convenient, and to forward said collection at once to the Treasurer.

S. C. ADAMS,
H. S. SHADLE, } Com.
J. W. SPRIGGS, }

The convention elected the following officers for the ensuing year; President, W. H. Adams, Portland; Vice President, Henry Shadle, Portland; Recording Secretary, S. M. Hubbard, Amity; Treasurer, I. G. Davidson, Portland;

Corresponding Secretary, Bruce Wolverton, Corvallis.

Elder P. R. Burnett being absent his "Theme" was postponed till Friday afternoon.

Benediction by S. M. Hubbard.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, convention was called to order by President W. H. Adams, of Portland.

Singing, "Grace 'tis a charming sound."

Report of churches was called for, when what is found in table of church statistics was given.

Motion carried that Sister Emma Washburn be admitted as a delegate from the Brownsville church; also, that Bros. I. H. More, from Clear Lake; D. W. Bridges, from Trent; D. M. Doty, from Stayton and Scio; and E. Mays, from Liberty, be admitted as delegates; also, Elder G. R. Edmonds, from North Yamhill and Carlton; also, Bro. James Harlan, from Drain, be admitted.

After which Elder I. N. Mulkey addressed the convention, subject: "Home Instruction."

Discussion ensued, participated in by S. C. Adams and J. H. More.

Just here, Elder J. W. Spriggs moved "That the courtesy of this convention be extended to all ministers of other societies present, and that may attend, and that they be invited to participate in all discussions." Carried.

Rev. B. S. McLafferty, of the Baptist church, being present, accepted the invitation, and offered some good suggestions.

The discussion continued, participated in by Bros. Whitney, Gill, Stanley, and others.

Announcements were then made for the evening service, after which Elder Henry Shadle closed the service by prayer and benediction.

EVENING SESSION, 7 P. M.

President Adams in the chair.

Praise service, after which Bro. H. Shadle read the 4th chapter of Eph., and prayed.

The time having arrived for Elder S. C. Adams to speak, he delivered an able and instructive address, subject: "True Religion and True Science."

A discussion ensued, participated in by Bros. G. M. Whitney, B. S. McLafferty, S. M. Hubbard, and others.

After the announcements for the morrow, and the appointment of Elder J. W. Spriggs to lead the devotional services, and Elder P. R. Burnett the singing, Friday morning, Bro. Henry Shadle closed by benediction.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the convention met for devotional service at the usual hour, being led by Elder J. W. Spriggs, after which he made excellent suggestions as to personal responsibility and present duty.

President Adams in the chair.

Reports from churches being called for the following churches responded: McMinnville, Drain, Independence, Liberty and Sheridan. Then followed verbal reports, which were intensely interesting to all.

Bro. J. P. Gill offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Co-operation meeting be tendered to the pastor and members of the Baptist church, in Eugene City, for their kindness in granting us the use of their meeting house during the time our meeting house was under repairs.

The work and support of a State Evangelist for the ensuing year was discussed by Bros. P. R. Burnett, J. P. Gill, J. W. Spriggs, S. C. Adams, G. R. Edmonds, — Mays and others. The result of which was that the following pledges were made by varied delegates,