

design of an enemy is to injure; but a pretended friend is as a serpent in the grass. But to obtain true friends we have a part to act. We must show ourselves friendly to those with whom we associate. We must enter into their work, the spirit of their work and take part with them. How many of us have been bereft of friends and relations by death. Then how alleviating the sympathies of a friend in our sorrows, when they come to us with words of consolation pouring in oil and wine into the wounded heart.

Our joys extended will increase. Our griefs divided are hushed in peace. Sorrow! How much is contained in that one word! Its very utterance fills the heart with sadness. Not only our own sorrow causes us to be unhappy, but the afflictions of others, of those around us who are near to us by ties of friendship excite our sympathy and cause us to be sorrowful when we would not otherwise be. Although there is so much sorrow in the world if we would think all is for the best, many hearts would be lighter. Bringing our sorrows to the foot of the cross, for there alone can peace be found. For if we were always surrounded by pleasure and friends, I fear we would forget God the giver of all good. I tell you my sisters it is a sad thing to hear or see a person trusting entirely in themselves and ignoring a higher power, as I saw and heard a young person doing not long since. I trust I may always have a submissive spirit so when disappointments come, and enemies misjudge my actions or slanderous things are said of me, that it all will be for the best, or God would not suffer it to be so. Let us ask God to help us and he will. But do not let us sit down and expect Him to bring joy and gladness to our hearts, in this work no more than anything else. God helps those that help themselves. Let us be willing to be under orders to Christ, willing to persevere under difficulties, willing to begin anew in His service from this very hour, if needs be.

Your Sister in Christ,
A. M. BEDWELL.

Since I have known God in a saving manner, painting, poetry and music have had charms unknown to me before. I have received what I suppose is a taste for them; for religion has refined my mind, and made it susceptible of impressions for the sublime and beautiful.—Henry Martyn.

Lane County Co-operation.

The Lane County Annual Co-operation of the Church of Christ convened in Junction City at 11 o'clock A. M. Nov. 24, 1882.

Meeting was called to order by Bro. R. G. Callison, chairman, and, after singing and reading, prayer was offered by Bro. Roberts.

Report of the delegates from the various congregations was called for, which was responded to as follows:

Eugene City—Bro. R. G. Callison and Sisters Churchill and Powell.

Pleasant Hill—Bros. S. Baughman and I. N. Mulkey.

Trent—Bros. Caleb Davis and J. W. Parks.

Springfield—Bro. J. C. McPherson.

The following brethren were, upon motion, requested to act as delegates for their respective congregations, to-wit: I. W. Bond, Clear Lake; J. B. Ferguson, Liberty; Z. Crabtree, Oak Hill; J. F. Mulkey, Mohawk, and J. A. Bushnell for the few brethren of Junction City, inasmuch as there is no organization at that place.

A petition was presented by Bro. I. N. Mulkey, from the elders of the congregation at Drain, Douglas county, asking to be annexed to the Lane County Coöperation, which, upon motion, after appropriate inquiries, was agreed to.

On motion, the chairman appointed the following committee on order of business: Bros. Davis, Bond and Bushnell.

The different congregations then reported as follows:

Clear Lake—Accessions during the year: by primary obedience, 2; by letter, 2; removals, 17; present membership, 55. The church is in good condition. Bros. Roberts and R. L. Shelley preach for us, each once a month. Amount paid for preaching during the year, about \$140.

Pleasant Hill—No. of membership June 18, 1882, 102; dismissed by letter, 5; present membership, 97. Church expenses: Foreign missions, \$17; State Evangelist, \$17; Church at Washington, \$5.50; Miscellaneous, \$3.60; Total, \$43.10. Meeting every Lord's day. No regular preaching.

Liberty—No. of members about 20. Meet once per month. Preaching by Bro. E. Mays.

Trent—No. of members about 60. Meet every Lord's day. For breaking of bread and social worship, except preaching by Bro. I. N.

Mulkey on the 2nd and 4th Lord's day in each month. The congregation proposes giving the sum of \$22 for the support of a County Evangelist. The prosperity of the congregation is reasonably good.

Junction City—No. of members, 10. Only partially organized. Day of meeting, 4th Lord's day in each month. Good union Sunday-school every Sunday.

Springfield—No. of members, at last report, 34; received since, by commendation, 4; present membership, 38. Amount in treasury for Evangelist, \$6.75. Preaching by Bros. John Mulkey, I. N. Mulkey and R. G. Callison. Union Sunday-school each Lord's day. We are trying to meet every Lord's day.

Drain, (Douglas county)—No. of members about 20. Preaching, incidentally, by Bros. Todd and I. N. Mulkey. Will give \$3.33 per quarter for County Coöperation.

Mohawk—No. of members, at last report, 22; moved away since, 9; present membership, 13. No regular preaching. Meet once per month.

Oak Hill—No. of members, 40. Meet once per month as an organized body. Preaching by Bro. Philip Mulkey. Contribution, per annum, by Z. Crabtree. No Sunday-school.

Eugene City—No. of members, May 2nd, 73; received since, by immersion, 2; by commendation, 14; dismissed, by commendation, 4; withdrawn from, 1; present membership, 84. Lord's day contributions, \$66.50. Paid for preaching, \$40.60. Paid for incidental expenses, \$25.90. We have built a belfry to our church house, costing about \$200, most of which has been raised by donations. The congregation is enjoying a good degree of prosperity, and peace reigns within her borders. Preaching each Lord's day at 11 A. M. and in the evening, mostly by Bro. G. M. Whitney. Sunday-school each Lord's day.

Bro. L. O. Beckwith, the former treasurer of the Coöperation, when moving to Portland, turned over the funds in his hands, amounting to \$18.40, to Bro. J. P. Gill, who paid the same to Bro. G. M. Whitney on a deficiency due him for Evangelist work previously performed.

On motion, adjourned to 2 P. M. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of committee on order of business read and adopted.

The election of officers now being in order resulted as follows:

President, R. G. Callison; Vice President, S. Baughman; Secretary, J. W. Parks; Assistant Secretary, J. M. Shelley; Treasurer, Caleb Davis.

On motion, the chair appointed a committee of three, consisting of Bros. J. A. Bushnell, I. N. Mulkey and J. E. Roberts, to draft a constitution and by-laws, for the County Coöperation for this county, to be reported Monday, Nov. 27th.

On motion, the Coöperation agreed to employ an Evangelist. It was then moved that Bro. Wright be solicited to act as such Evangelist for the ensuing year.

A pledge was then taken from each congregation as to the amount each would give for the support of an Evangelist, resulting as follows:

Liberty.....	\$ 40 00
Junction.....	50 00
Clear Lake (I. W. Bond)...	25 00
Mohawk (J. F. Mulkey)...	20 00
Oak Hill (Z. Crabtree).....	25 00
Trent.....	22 00
Springfield.....	25 00
Eugene City.....	200 00
Pleasant Hill.....	200 00
Total.....	\$607 00

The chair appointed an executive committee, as follows: Bros. J. A. Bushnell, Wm. Churchill and A. H. Powell.

The committee on arrangements announced the order for preaching: Saturday, at 7 P. M., Bro. I. N. Mulkey. Lord's day, at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M., Bro. J. E. Roberts.

On motion, after benediction by Bro. I. N. Mulkey, the Coöperation stood adjourned until Monday, Nov. 27th, at 8 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, NOV. 27TH.

Coöperation met at 8 A. M., Bro. Callison in the chair. Prayer by Bro. Parks.

Minutes of Nov. 25th called for, read, and, with slight corrections, stood approved. The corrections are as follows: Bro. J. C. Campbell was admitted as delegate from Junction City, and Coast Fork and Cottage Grove congregations should have been noted as not being represented in this Coöperation.

Bro. J. A. Bushnell, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, asked time, until the next meeting of the County Coöperation, to make their report, which was granted.

"The Interest of the Sunday-school" being next in order, Bro. I. N. Mulkey introduced the subject, followed by Sister Powell, Bros. Callison, J. F. Mulkey, McPherson, Baughman, Bushnell and