

Linn County Board of Co-operation.

The Linn County Board of Co-operation of the Church of Christ convened on Jan. 11, 1883, at Central church.

Meeting was called to order by Bro. J. W. Richardson, chairman of Board. After singing prayer was offered by Bro. D. M. Doty.

Reports from the several congregations was called for and responded to as follows:

Central Church—Bro. J. W. Propst reported the number of delegates and the condition of Central Church. Preaching once a month by Bro. J. E. Roberts. Officers of the church are J. W. Propst and Martini Miller, elders; H. C. Powell and Joseph Powell, deacons.

Bro. J. M. Churchill reported from Oak Creek—Officers of the church are J. M. Churchill and — Courter, elders; Bros. Hays and Hendrickson, deacons.

Scio, reported by Bro. D. M. Doty. Preaching on first and fifth Sundays of each month by Bro. D. M. Doty. Elders: Bros. Richardson, Gill and Coffey; deacons: Bros. Richardson and Merrell.

C. W. Cole reported from Mt. Pleasant congregation. Preaching once a month by D. M. Doty. Elders: John Shore and T. P. Goodman; Deacons: A. C. Christman and W. G. Montgomery.

On motion, a committee on programme was appointed, Bros. D. M. Doty, H. C. Powell and C. Cole were appointed said committee.

Bro. Doty made a brief statement in regard to the State Board, that it was permanently organized with State Evangelist selected.

The committee on programme reported and, on motion, adjourned till 8 o'clock A. M. Thursday morning.

MORNING SESSION.

Bro. Richardson in the chair. Minutes read and approved.

Social meeting, conducted by Bro. S. Slater, after which the discussion of the subject "The Duty of Church Officers," led by Bro. A. G. Marshall, which called for expressions from several members.

On motion, the subject for consideration for the afternoon session, "The Qualification of the Eldership. We then listened to an able discourse by Bro. Doty, the language of the Savior to the apostles, "Whom do you say that I the Son of man am?" after which partak-

ing of a bountiful repast, the meeting convened for the discussion Bro. Propst, leading, taking the view that it was not necessary in the qualification of elders that of laying on of hands in order to be fully ordained as such officers, but simply the choosing or electing or choice was sufficient ordination. Many of the brethren took part in the question, some taking an opposite view and presenting Scripture for proof of their position that after the choosing by the members of the church the laying on of hands was necessary for full and complete ordination.

The programme committee reported for Friday's work.

On motion, adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING 9 A. M.

Bro. Richardson in the chair. Minutes read and approved.

First in order social meeting.

Second, reports of committees.

Bro. Propst, chairman of committee on constitution and by-laws, reported, and was adopted. Bro. Doty then gave us an able discourse. Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Question: "The selection of a field for work, cooperating thereby with the State Board." Many of the brethren manifested much interest in regard to the place, the majority of the brethren favoring Albany, and was so decided by the Board.

2. Designating the time and place for our next meeting.

On motion, it was decided to meet at Scio on Thursday before the first Sunday in June, 1883.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to prepare and publish in the CHRISTIAN HERALD a programme for our next meeting in June. Bros. R. F. Ashby, A. G. Marshall and S. Slater were appointed said committee.

On motion, Bros. Slater and S. Powell were authorized to secure a house in Albany to hold a meeting.

On motion, that Secretary was authorized to correspond with the Corresponding Secretary of the State Board, and decide when we shall hold a meeting in Albany.

On motion, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Secretary of Board to send blanks to the several churches for private subscription to the Missionary work.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered the brethren and sisters and friends for their hospitality.

R. F. ASHBY, Secretary.

Missionary Column.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

Church of Christ in Oregon.

W. H. Adams, Portland..... President, Henry Shadle, Portland... Vice President. I. G. Davidson, Portland..... Treasurer. S. M. Hubbard, Amity..... Rec. Secretary. B. Welverton, Corvallis..... Cor. Secretary.

"What Do Ye More Than Others?"

The world is asking quite a different question! This question was asked by the Savior, the loving Jesus. And then the warning "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness" of those others.

"What do ye more than others?"

I imagine some one is trying to hide away from the Father's sight from the watchful eyes of the Lord

of the vineyard under the cover of the devil's question, "What do others more than me?" I fancy the Laodicean plague often comes among the people with such an introduction as this question affords.

It is so easy to compare ourselves with ourselves and "others." The standard is so near at hand, and often so low. Yet, "this is not wise." I repeat it, "It is not wise."

It is not the "wisdom which cometh from above." Nor, following such a gospel, shall the comers thereunto be made perfect. Do not even the heathens follow the iron rule of "tit-for-tat?" Do they not compare themselves with others?

If there is no pure gospel, the race is doomed, and each succeeding generation finds itself sinking lower by the force of carnal gravitation—sinking to where the Christian gospel found them, when God had for a time given them up to "work all uncleanness with greediness." (Rom. 1.)

Not a fig would I give for that man's Christianity who looks around on his neighbor, brother or friend, before he looks, or without

looking to Christ, to determine the amount of good he will do for the Master. Let this thought sink deep into the heart of him who is trying to excuse himself from his part of the service in the vineyard. Let this thought sting the conscience of him who is striving to find a standard of excellence among men rather than in Christ. No Christian ought to be satisfied with present acquirements in the divine life, nor with present excellence by which he has portrayed in his life the glorious feature of a risen Lord. Let him still feel there is

something yet to gain. "Excelsior" is ever the true watchword.

"Higher yet and higher, Out of clouds and night,

Nearer yet and nearer Rising to the light;

Oft these earnest longings Swell within my breast,

Yet their inner meaning Ne'er can be expressed."

These are the longings and these the aspirations and this the goal of the true soldier.

"What do ye more than others?"

As a question must burn its way into the unsanctified soul till it can exclaim, O! how little have I done. God, have mercy for my faithlessness and by thy grace assist me to strive now, and continually to take no standard of life but that of him who gave his life for the world.

A growing interest is manifested in the missionary work. Had we ten evangelists and the money to sustain them, we could have them all holding meetings within one week. The calls are many and the demands are urgent.

One brother writes, "I am much pleased to see that the mission work looks so encouraging in the State. All it wants is for its friends to work."

We fear the brethren are becoming anxious about that State Evangelist. But let them not get discouraged. They shall hear something to their advantage soon. Only don't forget to write to the "Treasurer" occasionally. Let it be on "important business."

Bro. Burnett is at work, and more of our home brethren, if we can be so fortunate as to find an idle one, will be working soon.

COR. SEC.

An Explanation.

MADISONVILLE, KY.,

Jan. 12, 1882.

Dear Brother:

Your order for tracts came in good time, but found me entirely out. Two weeks ago I ordered 16000 printed and confidently expected to get them in the usual length of time, but have not received them yet. The only explanation of the delay that I have received is that the office where I have my printing done has been over-run with work. I am very sorry that you have been disappointed, and will do all in my power to hurry matters. Certainly in ten days they will be here.