

lines of travel to all persons attending the Association.

The proprietors of the hotels and boarding houses in Salem will make a liberal reduction to teachers and others in attendance.

E. B. McELROY,

Supt. of Public Instruction.

Report from Clear Lake.

The County Coöperation of the Christian brotherhood met at Clear Lake, Lane county, Or., May 11, 1883, and was called to order by Bro. R. G. Callison, Chairman, who read a chapter and, after singing, was led in prayer by Bro. Wiltse.

The minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted. Report of the committee on order of business was read and received. Roll of delegates from the various congregations was called and responded as follows:

Pleasant Hill—Bros. S. Baughman, Mulkey and Wiltse; Sisters Baughman and Mulkey.

Eugene City—Bros. Gill, Callison, McCrady, Shelley and Churchill; Sisters Callison and Shaw.

Clear Lake—Bros. A. C. Jennings, J. E. Roberts, I. W. Bond and A. M. Thurman.

Trent—Bros. Caleb Davis, G. W. Guiley and J. W. Parks.

Junction City—Bro. J. A. Bushnell.

Mohawk—Bro. J. F. Mulkey.

Hebron (Upper Coast Fork)—Bros. D. R. Harris and A. H. Powell.

Oak Hill—Bro. W. H. Mulkey.

Coast Fork, Liberty, Drain and Springfield not represented.

On motion, the officers of the Clear Lake church were made a committee to arrange for the preaching during the meeting.

It was then moved and seconded to adjourn till 4 o'clock P. M. Motion prevailed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Bro. S. Baughman.

Next in order was the discussion on the duties and work of an Evangelist, and, according to previous notice, Bro. I. N. Mulkey opened said discussion, followed by Bros. Bond, Thurman, Roberts, Wiltse, Baughman and Callison.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock to morrow, and that the discussion of the same subject be continued. Motion carried, and the meeting was dismissed by Bro. R. G. Callison.

SATURDAY, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting called to order, Bro. Callison in the chair, and, after singing, Bro. I. N. Mulkey read a chapter and lead in prayer. Bro. S. Baughman reopened the previous discussion, followed by Bros.

Wiltse, Roberts, Mulkey, Bond, Callison and Parks. The entire discussion, though not an entire unit, was conducted in a friendly manner, all, doubtless, desiring to learn all the truth possible, and to be profited thereby.

The reports from the churches being next in order. (Will omit publication, unless called for hereafter).

Election of officers under the new constitution was next in order, and resulted as follows: President, R. G. Callison; Secretary, J. W. Parks; Treasurer, Caleb Davis.

Moved and seconded that the chair appoint an executive committee of three. Motion prevailed, whereupon the chair appointed Bros. J. A. Bushnell, of Junction City, Wm. Churchill, of Eugene City, and A. H. Powell, of Hebron (Upper Coast Fork), said committee.

Motion that the Secretary be requested to correspond with the churches not here represented, asking them to inform Bro. William Churchill, of Eugene City, as to how much they will give toward paying a county Evangelist. Motion prevailed.

The time and place of holding the next quarterly coöperation was now in order, and the point selected being Hebron (Upper Coast Fork), commencing on Thursday evening before the fourth Lord's day in July at 6 o'clock P. M.

Subject for discussion at said meeting: Resolved that all officers, to-wit: Evangelists, Elders and Deacons should be ordained by fasting, prayer and the laying on of hands.

Bro. D. R. Harris, of Hebron, was selected to open the discussion. It was then moved that the minutes of this meeting be sent to the CHRISTIAN HERALD for publication. Carried.

Motion and seconded to adjourn. Motion prevailed, and, after singing, was dismissed by Bro. Philip Mulkey.

R. G. CALLISON, Pres.
J. W. PARKS, Sec.

To tell a lie, and then defend it with other lies, is like digging a cellar and making it large enough to hold all the dirt that is displaced.

Current Religious News.

The union of the Methodist churches of England is being discussed.

The honor of being the oldest English church in America is claimed by the old Friend's Church in Benton, Va.

The Pope declines the \$650,000 income which he might receive from the Italian Government if he chose.

The Rev. Father Mooney, of Newburg, N. Y., says that "New York is numerically the greatest Catholic city in the world."

Newman Hall's church in London has 1,071 members. Its thirteen Sunday-schools have 5,000 children and 400 teachers.

Christianity has 440,000,000 nominal adherents in the world, while less than 30,000,000 evangelical Christians are enlisted in missionary enterprises, and they contribute less than twenty-five cents apiece per annum for foreign missions.

An Anti-Opium Prayer Union has been formed in Great Britain, of which the members residing in different parts covenant to pray at least once a week, on Thursdays, for the overthrow of the appalling and accursed opium trade in China and elsewhere.

The subject of reunion between the North and South Presbyterian Church has been a prominent topic of discussion in the recent meetings of the Southern Presbyteries. They have been divided since the war. The subject will probably be discussed at the General Assembly, which opens this week.

Some care has been taken in recent years to get at accuracy in general statistics. Ecclesiastical statistics of late have been gotten up with very exceptional care. The very natural desire to show prosperity has been held in reasonable check. After very patient examination of the returns the Baptists have arrived at what they think a truthful estimate of their numerical strength. Of Baptist churches the total is in Europe, 3,079; in Asia, 514; in Africa, 32; in America, 24,753, and in Australia, 127. The membership is—in Europe, 316,514; in Asia, 34,006; in Africa, 1,147; in America, 2,113,

721, and in Australia, 7,700. The total number of Baptist churches throughout the world is 28,505. Of these churches there are 17,683, and the entire membership is estimated at 2,473,087. It is a goodly exhibit and is indicative of steady prosperity. The Baptists constitute one of the smallest of the great denominations, but they are active and energetic and do a fair share of the missionary work attempted by the Protestant churches.

A missionary from the Island of Peru, in the Samoan group, writes that there is not a heathen left. Missionary labors were commenced there only eleven years ago. During this time the whole island has been evangelized, churches, chapels, mission-houses have been built at their own expense, and they are now supporting their own pastors and contributing to the society that sent them pastors and teachers.

A Roman Catholic paper of New York City says that "five-eighths of the army of the United States, but are Catholics."

The Congregational churches of New England have had an accession of 1,500 members since Jan. 1.

An agnostic is defined by Prof. George F. Wright, of Oberlin, "one who confesses such a degree of ignorance concerning any proposition that he is unable to form an opinion as to its truth or falsity. His conclusion is that agnosticism is a help or hindrance to Christianity according to the point to which it is directed. If it relates to the fundamental ideas of religion, it paralyzes all effort to learn and accept the truth; but if it only covers minor objections, subsidiary doctrines, and apparent discrepancies, it clears the field for action."

Boston has an object of great interest to all visitors in the Old North Church on Salem street, opposite the Copp's Hill burying ground. This is the historic church in whose belfry John Newell hung the signal lantern for Paul Revere's midnight ride. The church is well preserved, and contains many objects of interest; communion service which was presented by George II. in 1758, and prayer book from which His Majesty's name was erased after the Revolution, a copy of the Scriptures known as the "Vinegar Bible"