

Evangelizing Board.

DAYTON, W. T.,
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Editor Christian Herald:

DEAR BRO.—I herewith enclose a synopsis of the minutes of the two last meetings of the Evangelizing Board of Columbia county, W. T.

The Board met at Fairview school-house, September 22nd, at 2 o'clock P. M. Bro. J. B. Redford in the chair.

After prayer by T. M. Morgan proceeded to consider propositions from various ministers relative to evangelistic work in this county, which resulted in the employment of Bro. T. M. Morgan, of Eden Valley, to preach for Columbia County Coöperation for one year, beginning on or about the first of Dec., 1883. The salary Bro. Morgan is to receive is eight hundred dollars, to be paid in quarterly installments in advance. Members of the Board present—J. B. Redford, W. F. Anderson, W. R. Marquiss, C. Musgroves and I. N. Richardson. Brethren present not members of the Board were invited to take part in the deliberations.

Adjourned to meet at Bundy school-house, Dec. 22nd, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which time Bro. J. B. Redford was again in the chair. Prayer by Bro. S. Hamilton. Members present—W. F. Anderson, W. R. Marquiss, J. B. Redford and I. N. Richardson. Sufficient funds not having been subscribed to sustain the Evangelist a full year, and the brethren of Garfield county having requested the services of the Evangelist one-fourth of his time, it was agreed that Bro. Morgan should labor for them, as requested, on condition that said brethren pledge him the sum of two hundred dollars.

Adjourned to meet Dec. 23rd, immediately after the forenoon services. Bro. Redford again in the chair. Members present—W. R. Marquiss, I. N. Richardson, J. B. Redford and W. F. Anderson. Bro. C. Musgroves having moved out of the county, and Bro. John Shepherd not having been able to attend the sittings of the Board, their places were declared vacant, and Bros. M. McCauley and J. R. Ware were appointed to fill such vacancies.

Bro. Morgan was instructed to go to Touchet church after closing his protracted effort at Bundy school-house, from thence to Dayton, thence to Fairview school-

house, thence to Enterprise school-house, thence to Lost Spring school-house, holding meetings at each place as long as he deems proper.

Adjourned to meet at Touchet church on Saturday before the 2nd Lord's day in March, at 2 o'clock P. M.

I. N. RICHARDSON, Sec.

Woman's Missionary Society.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, 1883, the sisters of Hebron met for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary to the Woman's Christian Missionary of Oregon. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. J. C. Spray. The constitution was then read, after which we proceeded to the election of officers. Mrs. J. C. Spray was elected President; Mrs. D. R. Harris, Vice President; Mrs. Martha Powell, Rec. Sec.; Miss L. Powell, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. A. H. Powell, Treasurer. The pledge was then circulated and ten names enrolled. A motion was then made and carried that we adjourn to meet on the 27th day of January, 1884.

MRS. J. C. SPRAY, Pres.

MARTHA POWELL, Sec.

Reported by M. McCarty, Cor. Sec. W. C. M. S., Monmouth, Or.

Annual National Reform Convention.

The annual meeting of the National Reform Association was held in Cleveland on the 11th and 12th inst. About two hundred persons the convention, besides the audiences which gathered to hear its proceedings. The Hon. Felix R. Brunot, of Pittsburgh, presided. Addresses were made by the Rev. Frederick Merrick, former President of Delaware University, Ohio, on "Our Politics;" by the Rev. J. B. Helwig, D. D., (Lutheran) of Akron, Ohio, on "Christ's Authority over the Nations;" by Bishop Bedell, of the Diocese of Ohio, and the Rev. H. M. Tenny, of Cleveland, on "Divorce Reform;" by Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, Pres. of the Ohio Women's Christian Temperance Union, on "Intemperance and the Republic;" by the Rev. A. M. Milligan, D. D., of Hittsburgh; the Rev. D. McAllister, Professor of Political Science in Geneva College, and the Rev. Sylvester F. Scovel, President of Wooster University. The theme of the last address was "Rights of Conscience."

The resolutions adopted set forth, as fundamental principles in political philosophy, that God is the

source of all authority and the fountain of all law; that nations are moral persons subject to his law and that civil government is a divine institution; that God the Sovereign has vested the government of the world in his Son, Jesus Christ; that nations are expressly commanded to yield allegiance and obedience to him; and that the will of God revealed in the Bible is of supreme authority in civil affairs. These principles, it was declared, ought to be embodied in every constitution of government, and it is a grave defect in our own Constitution that it contains no acknowledgment of them. Such an acknowledgment would furnish a constitutional basis for Christian features in the government, for the maintenance of the Bible in schools, and for the exercise of the national authority in suppressing great systems of iniquity, and would build the superstructure of the government on the rock of eternal truth. The want of it is inconsistent with the early history of the nation and with the Christian institutions of the land, and is the prime source of the alarming corruption of our politics. Such systems of evil as human slavery, Mormonism, adulterous divorce laws, the Sabbath mail service, and a legalized and protected liquor traffic, would have been impossible under a government administered in the fear of God and in harmony with the divine law. The National Reform movement is entitled to the support of all good citizens, because it is fundamental to all other reform measures, as that without which they cannot be secured, or being secured, cannot be maintained.

Six of the nine District Secretaries of the Association were present, and presented reports of their work. The report of the Financial Secretary showed the receipt of more than six thousand dollars, from nearly three thousand contributors, during the year which closed June 1st. During the three months just past the receipts have been almost three thousand dollars, given by more than fifteen hundred contributors in nineteen states and territories.

The Hon. R. Brunot was re-elected President. The list of Vice Presidents embraces more than one hundred names, representing every state and territory. Among them are President Julius H. Seelye, D. D., of Amherst College, Massachusetts, Prof. Edmund H. Bennett, of the

Law Department of the Boston University, the Hon. Thomas W. Bicknell, Editor of the Boston *Journal of Education*, the Rev. Dr. A. A. Niner, the distinguished advocate of Prohibition, Bishops Huntington, Bedell, Jaggar, Vail, Green and Kip, of the Episcopal church, Bishop Nicholson of the Reformed Episcopal church, Bishop Simpson of the Methodists, Drs. Hodge, McIlvaine, Craven, Green and Jeffers, of the Presbyterians, Drs. Wilson and Sloane, of the Covenanters, Presidents Scovel, of Wooster University, Valentine, of Pennsylvania College, Heckman, of Hanover, Blanchard of Wheaton, and many other representatives of educational institutions; Mrs. Mary Woodbridge, President of the Ohio Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Judges Rockwell, of Massachusetts, Phelps of Connecticut, Brooks, of North Carolina, Haggans, of Cincinnati, Sawyer, of California, and Green, of Washington Territory. All the names published in this connection have given their express adherence to the cause.

Monthly Report to the Executive Board of the Missionary Society.

Dear Brethren:

We beg leave to submit this, the first of a series of monthly reports in which we hope to record our labors in this land. On Sept. 20, we arrived in San Francisco, where we were met by the brethren and cared for to the best of their ability. On Tuesday evening, Sept. 25, they gave us a farewell reception, in which ministers of other churches in the city, as well as visiting brethren, participated. Wednesday evening, our last night on shore, we spent in their prayer-meeting, and on Thursday, Sept. 27, we bade farewell to lately found but true friends, and to our native shores.

On the vessel we observed the Lord's supper every first day of the week, meeting in our stateroom. We also held a prayer-meeting on Wednesday before we landed, when we ought to have been in the harbor, but were hindered by stormy weather, and another on our first night on shore, Oct. 19, for the Japanese mission. We secured accommodations in a quiet hotel immediately on landing, and having received some kindly offered help from the Baptist missionaries, we bought some books, secured a teacher, and on Monday began the study of the language.

Having visited Tokio, and ex-