

Proceedings of Linn County Co-operation.

ALBANY, Jan. 16, 1884.

The Linn County Christian Co-operation convened at the appointed place and hour 2 P. M. Bro. T. P. Goodman in the chair. Bro. Craigie Sharp was requested to lead the exercises of social worship. On motion, Bros. Floyd, Campbell and Powell were appointed a committee on credentials.

On motion, Sisters Barker and Stinson and Bro. D. M. Doty were appointed a committee of arrangements. The committee placed Bro. Sharp on programme to respond to the address of welcome by J. F. Floyd.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock for services.

THURSDAY.

Forenoon session omitted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Goodman in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, proceeded to the enrollment of the delegates. The committee on credentials report the following named brethren and sisters as representatives of the churches extant in Linn county: Mt. Pleasant, T. P. Goodman; Central, J. G. Powell and J. W. Propst; Oak Creek, W. F. Hendrickson; Scio, Bro. and Sister Doty and R. F. Ashby; Albany, Dr. J. W. Cole and A. S. Powell.

A communication from Bro. J. W. Spriggs was then read by the Secretary before the convention, and, on motion, the communication was placed on file, and a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Spriggs for his information concerning the workings of the State and General Missionary Boards.

Treasurer reported some funds received for county work. Albany and Scio churches reported small sums for missionary work. Several of the brethren reported the condition of their respective congregations; some reporting progress, others offering no particular encouragement.

A motion was sustained that we the delegates and brethren do raise \$100 this year for the county work to be applied to the work at Albany in sustaining the county evangelist.

On motion, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Bro. D. M. Doty and G. M. Whitney of \$15.66. On motion, the remainder due Bro. D. M. Doty for last year's services be given him out of the

first money collected to the amount of \$18.43.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. sharp Friday 18th. FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The brethren and delegates convened at the appointed hour. Bro. J. W. Cole was called to the chair. Minutes were postponed until afternoon.

Motion made that we hold our Annual-Coöperation Meeting with Oak Creek congregation next June. On motion, the matter was postponed until the afternoon session.

On motion, a committee on programme for our Annual Meeting was appointed, consisting of the following named brethren: J. F. Floyd, J. W. Propst and John Huston.

On motion, the County Board authorized the Secretary to request the congregations of the county missionary work, to take quarterly collections for the work at Albany, which has been previously pledged by the County Board.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. J. W. Cole in the chair. Minutes were read and stood approved.

On motion, it was decided to hold our next Annual Meeting at Oak Creek.

On motion, a committee on programme were appointed to draw up a programme for our next meeting in June, 1885.

On motion, the Linn County Board authorized the Secretary to request the congregations to take up quarterly collections for this missionary work in the county.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted by the convention:

Resolved, That the Linn County Coöperation, as a band of disciples of Christ, is in hearty sympathy with all Scriptural methods for the suppression of intemperance in our State, and hereby pledges itself to use all legitimate means in its power to teach and to build up true temperance principles among the people.

On motion, adjourned.

R. F. ASHBY, Secretary.

The only way to shine, even in this false world, is to be modest and unassuming. Falsehood may be a thick crust, but, in the course of time, truth will find a place to break through.—Bryant.

Current Religious News.

The revised translation of the Swedish New Testament has been sanctioned by the King of Sweden. It will now be used in churches and schools throughout the country, according to the decision of the Synod which will meet in Stockholm in September. The revision of the Old Testament is not finished.

The Central Presbyterian thinks it not likely that the young man at Troas was the only person who fell asleep under Paul's preaching, and adds: "It does not prove that it is a poor sermon because some of the deacons fell asleep." No—but as a rule it proves that the wrong architect built that ill-ventilated church. More air, sexton, more air.

El Mahdi—the new Mahomedan Messiah, despite the declaration of the Koran that Mohammed is the end of all prophecy, and after him is none other—is described by a missionary at the Orient as being forty-two years of age, tall and slender, and having a decidedly reddish hue of countenance. An emissary sent to interview him some time ago found the Mahdi at Abba, surrounded by five or six hundred followers, all of them naked, with iron chain belts around their waists, and with drawn broad-swords in their hands. The Mahdi occupied a raised seat in their midst, and in his right hand he held a prophet's staff.

It is stated that only 6,000 out of the 27,000 young men of the city of Providence, R. I., attend Protestant churches, and that at least 12,000 attend no church whatever.

David C. Cook, the well-known Sunday-school publisher, has given a \$2,500 Cottrell steam printing press to the American Mission Publishing-House, of India. This Cottrell Machine will be the first and only machine except the ones used for English Government purposes, and will be of the same make as those in the Government Printing Offices at Washington and Mr. Cook's establishment. The machine will soon be on its way and serving the missions of various denominations.

San Francisco is to the Congregationalists of California what Boston is to those of Massachusetts. It is the headquarters of the denominations. It is there that the "Pacific," the organ of the churches, is pub-

lished; there the Congregational Club meets monthly, and on Monday of each week the minister's meeting is held. Across the bay, which is six miles wide, with a half-hourly ferry, is the city of Oakland, holding the same relation to San Francisco that Brooklyn does to New York City. There are located the Pacific Theological Seminary and its adjuncts, Hopkins Academy, both on a firm financial basis, and there is the largest church of the denomination, the First, of which the Rev. Dr. J. K. McLean is pastor, having seven hundred members, and sustaining a kindergarten, a Chinese school, and a very large Sabbath-school, and also a branch missionary church. It has an assistant pastor, who superintends the Sabbath-school and conducts the prayer-meeting and administers the communion at the branch church.

Enlargement seems to be the present watchword of all missionary organizations. Signs of promise are beckoning forward the laborers for Christ in every land. The English Church Missionary Society has made up its budget for 1884 at \$1,130,000, though the ordinary income of the society reached \$1,000,000 for the first time last year. Will not he who enlarges the field and its fruitfulness, enlarge also the heart of those who must sustain the laborers? The liberal man deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand.

A missionary tells of a poor Christian woman in India who said to him: "I have no money for missions, but I can speak to my neighbors and urge them to come to the savior I have so joyfully found." She had learned what was better and richer than gold and silver; the power of personal influence through an earnest zeal for Christ. And so, in her humble way, she had led eleven persons to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. Many a whole church, the past year, has come short of such success.

LOOK OVER IT.—It is said that John Wesley was once walking along a road with a brother, who related to him his troubles, saying he did not know what he should do. They were at that moment passing a stone fence to a meadow, over which a cow was looking. "Do you know," said Wesley, "why the cow looks over that wall?" "No," replied the one in trouble. "I will tell you," said Wesley, "because she cannot look through it; and that is what you must do with your troubles—look over and above them."