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Report of committee on credentials showed Pine City, Farmington and Four Mile not represented. Bro. L. D. Philips, of Penawawa, S. Emblar and J. W. Ellis, of Moscow, and P. E. Fisher, of Cabbage Flat, were in attendance, but not representing any organization, as there are none in these localities.

Report of committee on divine services was to the effect that Bro. Cannon should preach Saturday night, Bro. Wright Sunday at 11 o'clock, and Bro. LaDow Sunday night.

Reports of the different congregations show a growing prosperity in the cause of Christ. The report from Pleasant Flat congregation records the death of our beloved brother, Thomas Ruble, who was an elder in the church at that place. Treasurer's report shows that there was due Jan. 1, 1884, Bro. C. J. Wright, evangelist, \$307.50, received on this amount, \$162, balance due, \$145.50.

EVANGELIST'S REPORT.

VIOLA, I. T., Jan. 9, 1884.

To the Brethren, Sisters and Officers of the Missionary Society:

I submit the following semi-annual report of my sixth year's labor in this district. Total number of additions during the past six months as follows: by confession 9; by relation, 2; by letter, 12; from the M. E. church, 2. The past six months is the season of the year when but little can be done in the way of evangelizing, it being the time of harvesting, threshing and fall seeding. I will say that the success which the cause of Christ has met with in this country is due largely to the earnest, faithful, working brethren, and especially to our young preaching brethren, C. C. Gibson, W. D. Craig, E. A. LaDow and T. J. Cannon, who are doing good and faithful work for the Master. May the Lord reward them according to their works.

Your brother in Christ,

C. J. WRIGHT.

On motion, a committee of one from each congregation were appointed on arrangements for the coming camp-meeting.

On motion, the Missionary Board were instructed to employ an Evangelist for the coming year, provided the necessary funds were raised.

Motion prevailed that we suggest Bro. Wright's name to the Board as our Evangelist.

Motion that we employ a preacher from abroad. Carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. LaDow to meet Thursday June 26, 1884, at camp-meeting grounds, I. T.

W. H. H. McCLURE,
Chairman.

A. J. GREEN,
Secretary.

Current Religious News.

(Gleanings from our Exchanges).

The Lutherans have in the United States 6,130 churches, 3,429 ministers and 785,987 communicants.

A new lifeboat, suitable for navigation purposes, and the property of the Central African Mission, has just been launched on the great Lake Tanganyika to the immense delight of the natives. She is called the Morning Star (Nyota Ye Assubui).

A pupil in a Sunday-school at Hopedale, Pa., in the month of November memorized perfectly 1,563 Scripture verses, embracing 23 chapters of Mathew, one of Luke, and 12 chapters of Mark's Gospel, together with a number of Psalms.

The Second Baptist Church St. Louis, Dr. Boyd, pastor, has received 120 additions to its membership during the past year. In this time \$28,000 have been received for all purposes. The pastor's salary was increased at the annual meeting from 5,000 to 6,000. The Sunday-school numbers 900 members, the afternoon mission 400, and the Olivet Missions 320, making a total of 1,620 persons under the teaching power of the church.

The precious revival in Japan is still going on. At Okayama thirteen applied for admission to Mr. Cary's Congregational church, on the first Sunday in October.

The three Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions co-operating with the American Board have about one hundred and fifty women in the field, and an income of over \$150,000 per year.

The Cincinnati branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has raised in two years \$22,000.

The Missionary Societies report a gain of 308,643 communicants during the past year.

The Foreign Mission Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as we learn from *The Churchman*, has resolved to send to Mexico for the prosecution of its work there only such contributions as are made specially to it, or sent through the Mexican League, and not to make any appropriations to it from the general contributions to foreign missionary work. At the same time they urge the importance of such special contributions, in order that what is really valuable in the Mexican work may be fully sustained. That there is a great need of assistance goes without saying. The orphanage needs assistance, and so do the impoverished two bishops, and the other clergy who, through the failure of contributions to reach them, have been made penniless. We hope the Episcopal Church will rise to the high plane of its duty in this direction.

The remarkable changes that are taking place in quarters of the globe as widely apart as the poles, are just now being illustrated in a coincident manner by two items of information which reach us almost on the same date. One is from Rome describing the opening on a recent Sunday of a Waldensian Church in a principal thoroughfare, in the presence of a congregation representing many nationalities, and nearly every variety of Protestant denomination, the sermon of the preacher, Signor Prochet, an Italian, being from the text, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." The other is from Pekin, China, by which we learn that the Roman Catholic Cathedral in the eastern part of the Chinese metropolis is approaching completion, its lofty walls forming a marked object of interest to the native population.

In the Maratha Mission, India, a remarkable advance is reported in the direction of self-support, the sixteen pastors being wholly paid from their native funds. While there is but one more ordained missionary than in 1873, the number of native helpers has increased from 41 to 83 and the church membership from 620 to 1,421.

The Indian Mission School at Fort Wrangell, Alaska, in which Mrs. McFarland is teaching has increased in number and interest the past year, and many of the pupils have become Christians. One of the oldest girls has been married to a Christian Indian, and gone as mis-

sionary to upper Chilcat, where they both are doing faithful service.

The Rome correspondent of *The Standard* says that the conversation held by the Pope with Crown Prince Frederick William, upon the occasion of the latter's visit to the Vatican, consisted of two parts, one of which will remain absolutely secret, while the other will be published at the proper time. The Pope has informed the Cardinals that he has consigned to the secret archives a detailed account of the conversation between himself and the Prince, in order to transmit to posterity a statement which may in the future be of much importance.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has an agent at Rome, besides depots and colporteurs in various parts of the country. The National Scottish Bible Society also distributes a vast quantity of religious literature. The Italian Bible Society and the Religious Tract Society are engaged in a similar work, and there are published in Italy no fewer than eleven Protestant periodicals, four of which are printed at Florence. The Vaudois Church is the most efficient as it is the most ancient of the organizations which are attempting to evangelize Italy.

The Methodist of San Francisco inaugurated the centennial year of Methodism by dedicating Trinity Church on the first Sunday in January. The church has been so remodelled and beautified that it is now one of the handsomest churches in that city.

The Pope has presented to Archbishop Gibbons a life size portrait of himself, for the Catholic Council to be convened in Baltimore in November next, on the ninety-fifth anniversary of the Metropolitan See.

COURAGE FOR THE RIGHT.—Dorcas died regretted; she was worth regretting, she was worth being restored; she had not lived in vain, because she had not lived for herself. The end of life is not a thought, but an action—action for others. But you, why should you be regretted? Have you discovered spiritual truth like Paul? Have you been brave and true in defending it, like Peter? or cheered desolate hearts by sympathy, like Ananias? or visited the widows and the fatherless in their affliction, like Dorcas? If you have, your life will leave a trace behind which will not soon be effaced from earth.—F. W. Robertson.