

Ministerial Association.

A number of the ministers of the Christian church met at the grounds of the Annual State Meeting, at Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, on Monday, June 18, 1877, at 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion, Bro. T. F. Campbell was elected permanent chairman, and S. C. Adams, secretary.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Elders J. J. Moss, D. T. Stanley and J. M. Harris, to consider and report as to the advisability of forming a Ministerial Association in the State of Oregon, and if said committee reported favorable thereto, then to report a basis for such association.

The ministers at the Annual Cooperation Meeting met as per adjournment, June 20th, at 3 P. M., with T. F. Campbell in the chair and S. C. Adams, secretary.

The report of the former meeting read and approved.

Bro. J. J. Moss, chairman of the committee heretofore appointed, made a report, favoring the organization of a Ministerial Association, and a basis for such organization.

Bro. L. J. Rowland moved to adopt it of the committee as read, seconded by Bro. P. R. Burnet, and discussed by Bro. D. T. Stanley, after which Bro. J. J. Moss moved to amend by acting upon the report item by item.

Item 1, on motion to adopt, was discussed by a number of brethren, and on vote was adopted.

Item 2 was read, and after discussion, adopted.

Art. 1 was read, and Bro. Rowland moved to amend by including the wives of male members.

Bro. Stanley moved to amend by striking out the initiation fee of 50 cents. During the discussion of which the meeting adjourned, to meet on tomorrow, June 21st, directly after the 4 P. M. services.

Ministerial Association met at 3 P. M., June 21st, Pres. T. F. Campbell being in the chair. Secretary elected being absent, A. W. Lucas was appointed Sec. pro tem.

Then the association proceeded to the adoption of the report of the committee on ministerial basis. Art. 1, sections 1st, 2d and 4th adopted. Art. 2, Sec. 1, which provides that there be one annual meeting the first Tuesday in November next. Adopted. Sec. 4, making place of meeting at Salem. Adopted. Art. 3d, sections 1st, 2d and 3d, adopted. Art. 5th adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 5 P. M. Association met at 5 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Motion made and carried to reconsider, and on motion, Art. blank filled out. Pre-ample and report as a whole adopted.

The committee proceeded to the election of officers, resulting in the election of T. F. Campbell, President, J. J. Moss, vice-President, S. C. Adams, Secretary, H. A. Johnson, Treasurer.

The officers and executive committee were authorized to prepare a programme. The association resolved into a committee of the whole to obtain signatures, and collect fees between this and the first meeting in November.

On motion, adjourned sine die. T. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman. S. C. ADAMS, Secretary.

Basis of the Oregon Christian Ministerial Association.

ARTICLE I. SEC. 1. The name of this association shall be—The Christian Ministerial Association of the State of Oregon.

SEC. 2. This association shall be composed of such preachers or evangelists, elders and deacons of the Church of Christ in this State as shall sign this basis of association and pay fifty cents initiation fee.

SEC. 3. Each member shall pay annually into the treasury of the association twenty-five cents.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. There shall be a meeting of this association annually on Tuesday before the 1st Lord's day in November, the first meeting to be held in Salem, November, 1877, and thereafter at such place as shall be agreed upon at each preceding meeting.

SEC. 2. All monies in the treasury of this association not necessary for the expenses of the association shall be turned over annually to the State Christian Cooperation Meeting for missionary work.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of this association shall be a President, vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The duties of the aforesaid officers shall be the same as are usual with such officers in similar associations.

SEC. 3. The association shall be governed by such by-laws as may at any time be adopted, provided such by-laws shall accord with the word of God, and shall not be inconsistent with this basis of association.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The objects and purposes of this association shall be to perfect ourselves in the knowledge of our official duties, responsibilities and obligations, and to assist and encourage each other in the more faithful discharge of the same.

SEC. 2. To put in order and perfect the churches and the brethren not by compulsion, dictation or the exercise of authority, but in gentleness, meekness, love and in the spirit of Christ, by beseeching and persuading them for Christ's sake, for their own sake and for the sake of perishing sinners around them to perfect themselves.

In a more perfect order of worship and a more efficient discipline (b) In the adoption of a more perfect and Scriptural system of finance (c) In encouraging them to employ and support men in every church who will give their whole time to study and pastoral work (d) In getting every brother and sister to engage in missionary work (e) In establishing Sunday schools in every church and missionary Sunday schools wherever it is practicable.

ARTICLE V.

This basis of association may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority at any annual meeting of this association.

The following persons have already entered into the association:—J. J. Moss, T. F. Campbell, R. H. Moss, P. R. Burnet, I. N. Muncy, J. M. Harris, Peter Shuck, S. C. Adams, D. T. Stanley, Leo Willis, Wm. Manning, H. M. Waller, L. L. Rowland, D. R. Lewis, G. A. Maddox, M. Morrison, W. E. Pedigo, F. S. Powell, J. S. McCarty, Wm. Rubie, A. W. Lucas, Wm. Dawson, C. A. Wallace, A. Kelley, J. Todd, L. B. Frazer, J. M. Campbell, M. Faulconer, T. Morrison, H. Lindsay, J. H. Hawley, Wm. Burt and H. A. Johnson.

Beloved Brethren:

You are requested as soon as this falls into your hands to send your name with the initiation fee to S. C. Adams, of Salem, secretary of the association, and to use your influence to get every preacher, elder and deacon within your reach to do the same. We believe the objects, as set forth in the basis of association, will commend themselves to every good man, and we trust you will earnestly engage in the work, and that you and all the preachers and elders of the churches of the entire State will come up to Salem next October 20th, and be ready to commence early on the morning of the 30th, and continue till November 2d, at night. If we do so we shall inaugurate a new era for our cause in the State. That something must be done and that right soon we

think you must see and feel, or we as a people shall soon be dead and buried.

T. F. CAMPBELL, Pres. S. C. ADAMS, Sec.

Letter from Bro. Hedrix.

BETHANY, MO., July 4, 1877.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

We began our Missionary Campaign June 1st. Beginning at Princeton, the first 19 days of June were spent in Mercer county. Preached 17 evening and six morning discourses. Owing to continuous rains, we had but few good hearings, and the people were very anxious, and many exceedingly discouraged because of the unpromising prospects for crops. There were three baptized at Walter's school house. Many pleasant hours were spent in the society of the few faithful ones, with whom we made our stay. We notice a general disposition among our old neighbors to hear us gladly, and with many it was more because of us than of the things we preach. Of course these are among our friends who have never obeyed the Gospel. There are many of this class, noble and generous hearted in many respects, but fail to choose that "good part." Of course you are aware of the many pleasant homes open to us at Princeton, but none were or could be more dear to us than that of Bro. and Sister Bristow.

Among those who obeyed the Gospel was Sister Edwards, wife of our old class-mate, A. Edwards, who in every way is a good brother; he takes your excellent paper, also our Record and Evangelist; both of which he greatly admires, and reads with pleasure and profit.

During our ten days visit and rest in Grundy county, we heard two discourses from Bro. J. Padgett, who is improving and growing in favor with the people. We preached two sermons for him at Spickard, on 4th Lord's day in June. On June 29th we returned to Princeton, and next day took passage in a hack for Bethany. In all our rough travel in eight years, we do not call to mind any 30 miles where the roads were so rough. The route is managed by Mr. Smith Hann, and we were happy to find a driver who, under all the provocation of poor teams and rough roads, did not use any profane language.

On our arrival in Bethany, we met for the first time, our worthy Bro., Prof. James E. Duma, who is a native of Virginia and a graduate of Bethany College. He has just closed his second year with the church here, and left yesterday to take charge of the church at Richmond, Mo. We next met and found a pleasant home with our old pioneer preacher, Bro. J. S. Allen, who has not only done much for the Master's cause, but accumulated much of this world's goods; but we regret to learn of recent losses in stocks at St. Louis, and some insurance, &c.

With little time to rest, we are in a good house and before a fair audience of attentive people, which on next day and evening was quite large, but threatening rains distracted the attention of many. About a year ago, a heavy storm through this country did much damage, and now every one is excited on a very slight appearance of storm.

July 2d. There is now every prospect for dry, hot weather, and a fair crowd assembled to celebrate the 4th, and every day now reminds us that the elements are returned to their usual regularity. The church here is strong both in members and wealth, yet we regret to see some lukewarmness and hope, they will strengthen the things that remain. Already they are making us propositions to locate here, and a third year of failure of crops in Iowa compels us to think of a possible return. Yet of Iowa, I must say, "With all their faults I love thee still." We shall continue here over Lord's day, and spend our next meeting in Grundy county, at Trenton, not yet full.

Expect to be present at the Grundy county cooperation meeting, to be held at Trenton, July 24th.

Upon the whole, the cause in North Missouri is not just at this time, advancing; having been somewhat paralyzed by the political struggles of the late campaign. But as things now are, if all would rally to the work, the future would bring success. May our brethren be wise before the opportunities pass by.

Fraternally, S. B. HEDRIX.

Temperance Meeting.

DALLAS, July 18, 1877.

Ed. P. C. Messenger:

A number of citizens of Polk county, pursuant to notice, assembled at the shed on the camp ground, near this place, on Saturday, July 14th, to have a picnic dinner, and to organize an open temperance society.

After some appropriate remarks by Rev. J. W. Miller and Rev. M. Campbell, the meeting temporarily organized by making W. D. Cole, chairman, and N. Garwood, clerk. A committee was then elected on permanent organization, consisting of J. W. Miller, McMinn Dodson and M. Campbell, who made the following report:

1st. This society shall be known as the Polk County Temperance Society, and all persons becoming members are required to sign the following pledge: We will not use any intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor buy nor sell the same, nor vote for any person for any office who uses intoxicating drink. 2d. This society shall be governed by a President, vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors are elected.

3d. This society shall hold meetings quarterly, the annual meeting to be held at Dallas, on the 2d Saturday in July of each year. The quarterly meetings to be held at such places as the previous meeting shall determine on.

This report was then signed by thirty-one persons who became the voting members of the meeting.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: A. Shrieve, President; McMinn Dodson, first vice-President; M. Campbell, second vice-President; N. Garwood, Secretary, and Mrs. T. C. Garwood, Treasurer.

A. Shrieve being absent Mr. Dodson took the chair.

On motion, W. H. Vandervort, T. Pierce and W. D. Cole were elected a committee on business for the next meeting. Society decided to hold their next meeting at Monmouth, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., October 13, 1877.

After voting to request the Williams-ette Farmer, P. C. MESSENGER and Itemizer to publish the proceedings of the meeting, the society adjourned. McMINN DODSON, Pres. pro tem. N. GARWOOD, Secretary.

Wise Sayings.

The moment a man is satisfied with himself, everybody else is dissatisfied with him.

There are many shining qualities in the mind of man, but none so useful as discretion.

If we do not flatter ourselves the flattery of others will not hurt us.

The man who minds his own business has a good steady employment.

Never apologize for a long letter; you only add to its length.

Retiring early at night will surely shorten a man's days.

He speaks in his drink what he thought in his doubt.

True men make more opportunities than they find.

An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes.

An editorial in a Dublin paper says: "Our country's cup of misery is overflowing and has been for ages and is not yet full."

[The following poem was intended for the Annual Reunion of the Associate Alumni of Christian College, but was too late in reaching its destination.]

Our Columbia Valley.

In the far-off classic ages, In those grand poetic times; When the poets chanted pages, Of their soul-inspiring rhymes.

In most charming strains their verses Praised the fertile valleys fair, And the rivers gently flowing Through the landscape rich and rare.

Grand old Tiber's yellow waters, Often stained with human gore, Were the pride of every Roman Who the name of freeman wore.

And in Egypt's halls of learning, Cradle of the useful arts, Incense on the altars burning And devotion of true hearts,

Given to the wondrous river Which enriched the blooming mead, Praised the Nile, the bounteous giver That could banish every need.

In the ballads of our nation, To Americans so dear, There is many an oblation, To the streams so broad and clear.

The Potomac consecrated By the tomb of Washington, And a Lincoln has made sacred, The calm-flowing Saugamon.

Thus our muse in endless numbers Sacred memories might bring, Legends filled with fear and wonder Which to eastern rivers cling.

Yet with all their hallowed story, Graced with cities broad and fair, And their wealth of human glory, Our Columbia we'll compare.

Born amid the lofty mountains, Purity's and Freedom's home, Fed by sparkling rills and fountains, Spanned, alone by heaven's dome.

Though no cities fringe its border And no gilded temples stand, Nature in her own high order Crowns it with a matchless hand.

Columbia grander than the towers Built by a monarch's pride, Waterfalls and shady bowers, Stately forests, meadows wide.

Fill our dear Columbia valley With the wondrous and sublime, And the sons of freedom rally To this far-off sunset clime.

Here among the sunny hillsides, Fittest places 'neath the sun, A new star in embryo Bears the name of Washington.

Close beside her fair young sister, Blushing 'neath her honors won On our nation's hundredth birthday, Stands our loved Oregon.

Long as downward roll these torrents To the bosom of the sea, Will the name of Genoa's hero Be remembered by the free.

With the names of noblest heroes Thus to guard our acts and aims; Could we'er be else than freemen, Ever spurning tyrant's chains?

With the grandest works of Nature O'er our land so kindly strown, Could we'er refuse our homage Giving back to God his own?

Then as long as rookribbed mountains Lift their heads above valleys broad, May Columbia's gushing fountains Gladden Liberty's abode.

And as pure as crystal mantles Which those lofty peaks adorn, May we each preserve a record For eternity's bright morn.

F. L. BELL.

Palouse City, W. T., 1877.

Knowledge is power—power to control the hand, the eye, the tongue, the ear, the heart; the power to influence your fellow-man for good or evil; power to perceive causes and calculate their effects; power to arrange premises and draw conclusions; power to harness the forces of nature to the car of industry; power to make the best uses of our resources; power to direct our energies to the best advantage; power to make earth a heaven or transform it into a hell. Then parents and guardians, spare no pains to store the minds of your children and wards with the best knowledge.

Every day, and every night, speak the goodness of God, and when they have finished their testimony, leave it to the next day and night to say the same.