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Proceedings of the Annual State Co-operation of the Christian Church.

PORTLAND, OR., NOV. 9, 1880.

First Day.

The delegates from the different congregations of the State assembled at Nonpareil hall at 10 A. M., Elder P. R. Burnett, of Salem, chairman of the missionary board, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder Johnathan Todd, of McMinnville.

In the absence of the president of the co-operation, Elder P. R. Burnett was chosen temporary chairman, to preside till the annual election of officers.

Motion prevailed that the order of business in regular session, be as follows, namely:

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports from churches.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.

Motion prevailed that a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, the same to report at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

The following were appointed on said committee: R. H. Moss, D. H. Deardorff, and Edward Barton.

Motion prevailed that a committee of three be appointed on religious exercises. Committee—A. Blaney, J. Todd, Mrs. Nancy Hembree.

Motion prevailed that the sessions of the co-operation be opened at the following hours, namely: At 9:45 A. M. 2 P. M., and 7:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Co-operation reassembled at 2 P. M. Elder Burnett in the chair, who opened the session with prayer.

The co-operation proceeded to reading of reports from the following churches: Oak Creek, Harrisburg, Central, Mt. Pleasant, Linn county; Pleasant Hill and Clear Lake, Lane county; Fifteen Mile Creek, Wasco county; Lafayette and Carlton, Yamhill county; Damascus, Clackamas county; Centerville, Umatilla county and from Portland church. A letter was received and read from Prof. E. B. McElroy of Corvallis, stating that they were hoping to secure assistance from the east sufficient with amount already pledged, to build a house of worship at no distant day. Most all the churches reporting up to the present time, show progress in the spread of the cause of Christ.

Motion prevailed that all brethren and sisters present and who may be present, not delegates, be invited to participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

Partial report from committee on religious exercises.

A communication from the state annual meeting of the Christian church of California was read, recommending elders Cragie Sharp and P. H. Cutler, to represent them in the co-operation, and expressing sympathy, and praying the blessings of God to rest upon the same in their deliberations. These brethren were not able to be present at the meeting.

Motion prevailed that a committee of three be appointed to arrange a programme for the meeting. Committee, Bruce Wolverton, J. Todd and A. Blaney. The committee reported the following programme for the present session:

1. Time and place of holding next co-operation.
2. Appointment of delegates from the various churches.
3. Form church reports.
4. More successful co-operation of neighboring churches in evangelizing.
5. Form of church letter.

Motion made and seconded that the next state co-operation be held in June next, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday after the third Sunday.

Motion prevailed to lay the same on the table till the afternoon session of Wednesday. On the apportionment of delegates motion prevailed that this be postponed till the afternoon of second day.

Motion carried that a committee of three be appointed to submit a form of church report. Committee, A. Blaney, R. H. Moss and W. H. Adams.

Passed to the fourth part of the programme. More successful evangelizing was discussed at considerable length by R. H. Moss, P. R. Burnett, W. H. Adams, A. Blaney, Bruce Wolverton and others.

The assembly manifested great interest in this part of the work, and expressed a deep anxiety to see more system in everything, and assisting congregations needing aid. Pending the discussion the meeting adjourned; Elder R. H. Moss pronouncing the parting blessing.

Elder Moss preached at 7:30 P. M. on the subject, "The sufficiency of our Creed."

Second Day.

Morning session was opened by reading of the sixth chap. of Galatians and prayer.

Elder P. R. Burnett in the chair. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting.

The committee on nomination of officers of the association for the ensuing year made a report, nominating P. R. Burnett, of Salem, for chairman and Bruce Wolverton, secretary. The report was adopted.

The co-operation then proceeded to the election of a missionary board for the ensuing year. Brethren Bruce Wolverton, J. W. Cowles, R. H. Moss, Jonathan Todd, Frank Martin, and H. A. Johnson were duly elected to constitute a missionary board.

A written report of the present missionary board not having been received, Elder Burnett, of the board made a verbal report of the principal work of the same during the year. He stated that Elder E. W. Barnes and Bruce Wolverton had been employed a portion of the time during the past year, the latter in connection with evangelizing to solicit funds for the purchase of a lot in Portland. He recommended that a small part of the

funds raised by the board the coming year be appropriated toward the support of a pastoral work in Portland.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I. G. Davidson, chairman of the committee on Sunday schools, made a brief verbal report, stating that while he believed this part of the church work to be of vital importance to the advancement of Christ's cause, the committee has been unable to make any great progress, yet was pleased to report that in many congregations of the State, Sunday school interests were prospering. He recommended this be given considerable attention by the evangelists under the employ of the missionary board. The subject was postponed to a subsequent session.

Report from the "lot-fund" committee was read, stating that the sum of three thousand dollars had been subscribed for the purchase of a church building lot in Portland, of which amount about \$1100 had already been collected. Committee asked further time to make final report when all collections shall have been made.

Motion prevailed to refer to a committee of three to recommend further action. Committee appointed as follows: J. W. Cowles, D. H. Deardorff and Frank Martin.

After a short deliberation the committee brought in the following verbal report, viz: Since conditional pledges have been given by different brethren throughout the State, and certain parts of Clackamas, Washington, Columbia and Wasco counties and neighboring churches in Washington territory have not been thoroughly canvassed, and since the Portland church have not paid in all their subscription, we commend that the committee, for the relief of this burden, be instructed to raise as much of the amount as possible from such places as designated.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Returned to third order of business.

Reports were read from the following churches, viz: Amity, Chehalem and McMinnville, Yamhill county.

On location of the State co-operation, motion prevailed to appoint a committee to report place for next meeting. Committee recommended that the same be held at Amity, which report was adopted.

Session closed with prayer.

SUPPLEMENTAL.

The following are the names of delegates reported so far:

Portland—Bros. E. Barton and A. Blaney; Sisters F. O. Adams and C. B. Blaney.

Carlton—Sister Nancy Hembree and Bro. Bruce Wolverton (proxy).

McMinnville—Bros. J. Todd and J. W. Cowles; Sisters L. M. Cowles and Emily Snelling.

Chehalem—Bros. G. W. Hardwick, Wm. Dwire, and Sister Mary E. Hardwick.

Lafayette—Bro. and Sister Frank Martin.

Amity—Bro. J. W. Bridwell and Sister Nancy Springer.

Monmouth—Bro. R. H. Moss (proxy); Sisters D. Stump and E. Bidwell.

Oak Creek—F. M. Courter (proxy). Salem—Bro. P. R. Burnett and Sister Martha Adams.

Damascus—Bro. and Sister D. H. Deardorff.

P. R. BURNETT, Chairman.
 BRUCE WOLVERTON, Secretary.

From Bro. J. L. Wigle.

MONROE, BENTON CO., OR.

Nov. 3, 1880.

Bro. Campbell:

I have just learned of the death of Sister Mays, wife of our earnest and esteemed Bro. Elijah Mays, of Liberty congregation, Lane county. Sister Mays was sick but a few hours. I can think of no words that would add to the interest of her Christian life. Her faith in the crucified and risen Savior, as shown by her presence at places of our assembling together, and the exemplary life she has led, rob language of its force. Bro. Mays has lost much of the comforts of this life. It is our duty to give him a place in our sympathies, and as I have frequently heard him ask for the prayers of the Disciples we ought certainly to remember him. Brethren, above all let us especially hold up the faithful soldiers that they may know that our house is their house, and that though we cannot shelter from all the storms of life we can at least sympathize with the needy.

Ere this reaches the readers of the MESSENGER our meeting of delegates will be over and the "Portland Lot Fund" will have become a success or a failure. It is gratifying to see Disciples coming up to the helping of the cause. Some of us can only feel and show a sorrow for our inability to help in such efforts. Such is the condition in Benton. With a very light membership, a part discouraged, and a goodly number not able to do, and worst of all we find that we cannot conduct a meeting without taxing our finances how could we aid in purchasing a lot in Portland. We would be exceedingly glad to see a work done in Corvallis. But is it not a fact that the Gospel was first preached to the poor and that it has mainly been sustained by the poor from that day to this? Is it not a fact that in the country the people are more established than in our towns, that there is less moving from place to place, that it requires less finance for a living, that the traveler more readily finds a shelter, that in church there is less display of unnecessary dress, less of choir singing, fewer organs; and do we not find disciples who will endure more for the cause. If these are facts and if the country is the support of the city, why not make the stronger effort there. If the country is demoralized the city is sure to be, and if the people of the country are guided by the "Perfect Law" it will inevitably reach the most stable part of the city.

J. L. WIGLE.

From Bro. J. B. Redford.

NEAR DAYTON, W. T.

Nov. 7, 1880.

Dear Bro. Campbell:

As it is very seldom that I see a word from this part of Washington Territory, I will write a few lines for our valuable paper—the MESSENGER. Times here are pretty hard this fall. Wheat-crops were rather light, and oat crops nearly a failure on account of the grasshoppers; in addition to this prices are very low, wheat being worth only thirty cents per bushel at Dayton. Still we live in hopes, and think there is a "better day coming" in the near future, as it is certain that we will be connected with Portland by rail before another harvest. When shippers see that there is a chance to send produce out of the country they

will be more eager to buy everything produced.

It seems to me that our brethren are doing but little in this part of Washington Territory to advance the Master's cause. There are several reasons for this. Some of the churches are doing as well as could be expected, and some are in a lethargic state, bordering in death. We had hoped to build a house of worship in Dayton the past season, but times were rather hard and the brethren generally in very humble circumstances, and I believe the idea has been abandoned for the present.

I see in the last MESSENGER that you confidently look forward to the time in the near future when you can retire from the editorship of the paper. Our prayer and hope is that the health of your family may be speedily restored, and that you may be spared many years to come to manage the paper you have so ably conducted through its infancy, and to a firm basis.

I have just read with great interest Bro. Adams' unanswerable little work "The Law and the Gospel." It should have a wide circulation, as it certainly would counteract the influence of those Judaizing teachers scattered over our land.

Your brother in Christ,
 J. B. REDFORD.

It is Curious Who Give.

"It's curious who give. There's Squire Wood, he's put down \$2; his farm's worth \$10,000, and he's money at interest. And there's Mrs. Brown, she's put down \$5; I don't believe she's had a new gown in two years, and her bonnet ain't none of the newest, and she's them three grand children to support since her son was killed in the army; and she's nothing but her pension to live on. Well, she'll have to scrimp on butter and eggs for a while, but she'll pay it. She just loves the cause: that's why she gives."

These were the utterances of Deacon Daniel after we got home from church the day pledges were taken for contributions to foreign missions. He was reading them off, and I was taking down the items to find the aggregate. (The deacon said he had so much more confidence in my knowledge of arithmetic than he had in his own.) He went on: "There's Maria Hill, she's put down \$5; she teaches in the North District, and don't have but \$20 a month, and pays her board; and she has to help support her mother. But when she told her experience the time she joined the church, I knew the Lord had done a work in her soul; and where he works, you'll generally see the fruit in giving. And there's John Baker. He's put down \$1; and he'll chew more than that worth of tobacco in a fortnight. Cyrus Dunning, \$4. Well he'll have to do some extra painting with that crippled hand, but he'll do it and sing the Lord's song while he's at work." C. Williams, \$16. Good for him. He said the other night to prayer-meeting that he'd been reading his Bible more than usual lately. Maybe he read about that rich young man who went away sorrowful and didn't want to be in his company."

So the deacon went on making his comments to the end of the list. Now I wouldn't have thought for a moment that the deacon was finding fault with his neighbors, or was too critical in his remarks; for I assure you he had the most Christ-like spirit of any one I ever knew. But he was jealous for the Lord's cause in every department of it, and very shrewd in noticing inconsistencies in giving.

He wouldn't have spoken so freely to every one; but I was in the family and I am not sure but he intended to teach me a lesson.—The Advance.