

# Congregational Association Albany 1860

Association met at Albany Sept 5th 1860  
as per adjournment. The meeting was opened  
by the Moderator of last year

Roll being called the following ministers  
and chks were found present.

Albany Rev. J. Candour Broct. Wright Del  
Cortlandt Rev. M. B. Stear

Delaware not represented  
Essex — Bro. E. L. Riggs Del.

Forest Grove Rev. E. Walker Bro Notes  
Orange City Rev. G. H. Atkinson Bro J. G. Swafford

Portland Rev. P. B. Chamberlain Bro. Shindler  
Salem Rev. C. Dickinson Bro. J. T. Gilbert

Sand-Ridge not represented  
Trotter Plains not represented

Pacific University Rev. H. Lyman  
The following officers were chosen for the  
ensuing year Rev. P. B. Chamberlain Mod

A. Dickinson Secretary

Religious exercises by the Moderator  
Reading the Scriptures singing and prayer

After a few remarks by the Moderator the  
Association appointed the following committees

Religious exercises Rev. J. Candour. Rev.  
E. L. Walker Broct. Wright

On nomination of Correspondents.  
Bro. Stear Lyman J. G. Taylor

Secretary of the State of the Chks.  
Rev. G. H. Atkinson

Benévoloent Societies Rev. J. Candour  
A. Dickinson and J. G. Swafford.

Education Rev. H. Lyman  
Rev. Ervine and Joseph Notes of Forest  
Grove Rev. W. H. Main and Rev. H. D. E. Blair

Were invited to sit as Corresponding  
members and to take part in our publications  
Reports

of our then appointed Correspondents with

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Other ecclesiastical bodies were here called for. Rev. H. Lyman, D. B. Chamberlain, G. H. Atkinson, Rev. J. Colson, M. W. Stone and E. Walker reported no answers to letters from other bodies.

Rev. G. Dickinson read a letter from Rev. L. Smith, Hobart of the Mich. Assn. on motion reports of Chhs. was made the order of business for tomorrow P.M.

on motion adjourned to meet this P.M. at two o'clock. Prayers by Bro. Walker. Afternoon Session.

Association met as per adjournment at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Bro. Walker. Report of the Chh. Building Coll. was read accepted and adopted. The same Committee continued.

Report of Board on Distribution and Supply was accepted and Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. B. Chamberlain and D. H. Hatch were reappointed for the ensuing year.

Report of Com. on religious exercises was read and accepted.

Rev. G. H. Atkinson and Bro. A. Little were appointed to Committee to nominate the preachers for the Assn. next year and also to select the place of meeting.

A Committee was appointed to collect from our published minutes of past years such items and Resolutions as might be reaffirmed before the work. Rev. J. Colson that Committee. Committee appointed to look to the matter of publishing a paper. Reported that they had no successful plan had been devised for effecting

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this work.

Rev. P. B. Chambelain and G. H. Atkinson  
were appointed as Committee on this  
subject.

Report of Com. on Correspondents  
was adopted as follows

- Maine Rev E. Walker
- N. Hampshire & Kansas Rev W. A. Fry
- N. York & N. D. Rev A. B. Stone
- Mass - C. Dickinson
- N. Y. & Conn - Rev G. N. Atkinson
- Illinois & Rhode Island Rev J. Condon
- Calif - Rev S. H. North
- Mich & Iowa Rev G. Eells
- Ind & Ohio - Rev P. B. Chambelain
- Illinois - Rev W. Lyman

Association adjourned to meet  
tomorrow at 10 o'clock P.M. by  
Rev A. B. Stone

In the evening ~~the~~ the  
associational sermon was preached  
by Rev P. B. Chambelain from  
1 Cor 14: 40.

Subject the proper form of invitation  
to be used at the Communion Table

Friday Morning Sept 7th 1860

Association met at ten o'clock  
Morn by Rev E. L. Riggs

Resolved that the minutes of this association  
together with the associational sermons be  
published. After some discussion

the resolution was left for further action  
Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P.M.

Prayer by Rev Atkinson  
at 3 o'clock P.M. by  
Rev G. Shindler

Reports of Chhs being the order of  
business for the Morn were called for  
in alphabetical order

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After hearing the reports of the Chks  
 the question as to publishing the minutes  
 with the sermon was taken up and the  
 discussion continued, finally which  
 Association adjourned to meet tomorrow  
 at 10 o'clock Prayer by Bro. T. J. T. J.  
 Preaching at 7 1/2 o'clock by Rev.  
 C. Dickinson Text Mark 9. 24-27.  
 Subject the worth of the soul.

Sunday Morning Sept 8. 1860

Association met at 10 o'clock, Prayer  
 by Bro. Gilbert. The motion to publish  
 the minutes with the sermon being  
 withdrawn it was moved and carried  
 that the minutes of this session be published.  
 Moved that the associational sermon  
 be published. The question of publishing the sermon  
 in its present form was again withdrawn  
 and the following Resolution passed  
 Resolved that we recommend that  
 the invitation to the Communion  
 to be hereafter the following. We  
 cordially invite all who love  
 our Lord and Saviour in sincerity  
 and maintain a credible profession  
 in some Evangelical Chk to join  
 with us in celebrating the Ordinance  
 of the Lords Supper. Carried.  
 Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock  
 Prayer by Rev. Willson Blair.

After a good session  
 Association met for adjournment  
 Prayer by Bro. Dickinson  
 Committee not yet being ready to  
 report Rev. S. T. T. T. introduced

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the question of Revivals and the best  
means of promoting them  
Report of Com on narrative of the  
Chrs was read and adopted

### Narrative of the Churches

God has graciously preserved the lives  
of all the ministers of this Association during  
the past year, and permitted them to continue  
their accustomed labors.

Thirty members  
have been added to our churches and twenty  
removed; fifteen by dismission, two by  
excommunication, and three by death. Three  
churches reported revivals of religion in  
which were some tokens of the Spirit's power  
but those seasons soon passed away.

Harmony has prevailed, and good  
attention has been given to the world's cause,  
altho the ability of the churches and congregations  
has probably decreased, yet every call for  
religious and benevolent objects has been  
cordially received. In several cases  
increased effort has been made to support  
the ministry; liberal donations have been made  
to build, complete or repair houses of worship  
and to pay current expenses - in one case  
by a Ladies Sewing Circle, to the amount of  
several hundred dollars.

The Cause of Home and Foreign Missions  
has been regularly aided.

Laymen have felt their responsibility  
as a measure, showing a conscientious  
liberty and a corresponding activity in the  
Cause of Christ. It would then voluntary  
devotion as a most favorable source  
among the chief hindrances to the  
progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom may

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be mentioned the disposition to shrink from personal duty. It affects all churches & tends to concentrate all the care and all the labor upon the Ministry. Another hindrance is found in the prevailing preference for sect in this country, a ~~total~~ <sup>total</sup> scripture truth which redresses the Christian warfare to a mere partisan strife, and degrades the Gospel in the eyes of the reflecting. These two evils paralyze the church, and render her weak in the conflict with the numerous forces of sin.

The usual ~~methods~~ methods of labor in the Pulpit, the Sabbath School, the prayer meeting, and in visiting from house to house, have been adopted. We have labored and prayed for a general revival and ingathering, but our hopes have been deferred, and our burdens have been multiplied.

Yet we still trust in the sovereign will of God, from whom alone flows the life and increase and glory of his people. When he pleases the tents of our distress shall be filled, and the curtains of our habitation enlarged. One voice came up from all our brethren; We wait for thine appearing O God of Israel. One prayer ascended from every heart for divine wisdom to direct our councils and guide our labors.

There is a purpose to proclaim all the truth as it is in Jesus, whether men will hear or forbear. We know no law but Christ's. We bow to no authority but his. Yet with this unshaking adherence to revealed truth, both law

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to doctrine and duty. We would address our  
letters and words all other churches and  
before the world Christian and manifest  
the spirit of our Master. We would hold  
the truth in meekness, forbearance and love.  
Our strength is not in our numbers but  
in our principles and spirit. —  
of any thought of change is suggested by  
the narrative of the church brethren it  
is that there should be a more complete  
and harmonious unfolding of the fundamental  
doctrines of religion. Especially the doctrine  
of grace. Reforms are important but they  
must not take the place of the Gospel  
which produces and sustains them.  
God will bless the faithful and prayerful  
presentation of his word —

The Committee on reaffirming a portion  
of our post minutes, was heard, and the  
following adopted. On the Tract Society,  
on the subject of divorce, with the texts  
and also with the words added, "where both  
of the parties are still living."

Report of the Committee on Education  
was adopted as follows.

Resolved That in the view of this asso-  
-ciation the establishment of schools  
under the constant religious influence  
is of vital importance. The people  
of this country in the land; and we recommend  
the employment of Christian teachers.  
So far as possible. Ministers of the  
or in our schools; and we earnestly  
call the attention of all our churches,  
and of all Christians to this subject.

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Resolved That it is the duty of every  
teacher to make the reading of the Bible  
one of the religious exercises of the school  
Resolved

That the Institution at Forest  
Brook demands more earnest sympathy  
and support from all our ministers  
Churches, and congregations and  
thereas

There is great call for faithful  
labors in the Gospel ministry holding  
our views in doctrine and church polity  
Therefore Resolved

That our Clergy are  
called upon to encourage young  
men of promise in piety and talent  
to go forward in preparation for the  
ministry, and when necessary to aid  
them pecuniarily in such preparation

Rev. W. C. Tenny was appointed to  
preach the Communion sermon next  
year; Rev. C. Dickinson his substitute

Report of com on Place for holding  
next meeting was adopted  
Place Oregon City. Preacher Bro. Symon  
A. Soul sermon Rev. J. Condon substitute

Resolved that a form of chh covenant  
be printed with the minutes  
That the ministers of this Association  
be requested to preach upon all the  
doctrines of our confession of faith  
Resolved that the subject of the great  
Associational Sermon be the  
relation which the church holds  
to the State showing to what extent



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Ministers of the Empire may properly devote themselves to teaching.

Adjourned to meet after preaching this evening. Prayer by Bro Gordon.

Preaching at 7 1/2 o'clock by Bro Symon text Acts 26.7 - Subject - Conversion of St Paul

After preaching Association met as per appointment.

Prayer by Bro Walker  
 Resolved that Bro Atkinson be requested to prepare a brief history of Congregationalism in Oregon and forward it to the Congl Quarterly  
 Pledges towards printing the minutes.

Rev E. H. Atkinson	\$10.
Walker	12.
Portland	12
Covallis	5
Albany	5
Salem	8
Eola	5
Solles	2.50

Ministers were advised to preach at least one half of their sermons extempore  
 Resolved that the Secretary with Bro P. A. Chon be a com. to publish the minutes.  
 The thanks of the Association were tendered to the proprietors of the House of worship occupied, and also to the people of Albany for their generous reception of its members to their Christian hospitality  
 After Prayer by Bro Godly Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock  
 Sabbath

of Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock was conducted by Rev E. Walker

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After which was preaching and the annual  
Communion season.

At 3 o'clock a meeting was held  
for prayer and conference on the spiritual  
nurture of children in the family and  
in the Sabbath school. Several  
highly interesting addresses were  
listened to with profit as we trust  
to all.

At 7 1/2 o'clock. Preaching by  
Rev. E. N. Atkinson. This was the  
first day of the fast.

Sept 10. Monday Morning Session

Association met Monday morning  
at 8 o'clock.

Minutes were read  
corrected and approved.

Association adjourned. Prayer by  
the Moderator Rev. P. B. Chamberlain  
C. Dickinson Secretary