

Oregon Association 1864. Salem

Salem, Oct. 1st. Thursday 2 October P.M.

The Association was called to order by the resident Pastor of the place Rev O. Dickinson

The roll was called - Present - Albany
 Rev. D. B. Gray & Bro Godley.
Dalles - Rev. Thos Gordon & Bro. J. Donnell -
Forest Grove - Rev S. H. Marsh, Rev. H. Lyman
 & Bro Taylor. Oregon City, Bro Fish.
Portland - Rev. G. H. Atkinson & Bro Hurgren.
Salem, Rev. O. Dickinson & Bro Hatch -
Walla Walla Rev - Ellis.
Cola Rev O Dickinson

The Moderator then asked the Association to proceed to elect a Moderator for the present session by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Rev. S. H. Marsh.

Ass. then proceeded to elect a clerk resulting in the choice of Rev D. B. Gray.

The Ass. being then regularly organized the Moderator conducted the usual devotional exercises. After which the Chairman appointed the following committees, viz:

On Religious exercises, Rev O Dickinson, Rev D B Gray & Bro Godley.

On Nov. for Correspondence: Rev E. Walter Bro Hurgren & Bro Fish.

On Education Rev H. Lyman.

On Narratives of the state of the churches - Rev C. Ellis.

On motion the following committee for the state of the country was appointed by the Chair.

Rev. G. H. Atkinson - Rev O Dickinson & Bro Hurgren

On motion Rev J. H. D. Henderson was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Ass.

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On motion Rev. Mr. Selwood of the Episcopal, Salem was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Ass.

Rev. C. H. Atkinson read correspondence from Rev. G. Moore of California - Rev. E. H. Duly of Maine - Rev. - ~~Asy~~ Penneyes of Knox Co. Ill. - Rev. C. Emerson of Iowa - Rev. M. B. Starr, of Cal.

Rev. G. Moore also sent a certificate as delegate to the Oregon Ass. Rev. M. B. Starr asked for a letter to the Valley Ass. of Cal. which on motion was granted.

On motion a committee of two on publication was appointed viz: Bro C. A. Terry & Rev. D. B. Gray.

Rev. C. Dickinson read report of the Building Com. Vote that the report be included in the minutes.

Vote that so much of the report as the committee see fit be published in the Congregational Quarterly.

On motion, Rev. C. Dickinson - Bro Barnette & Bro C. A. Terry were appointed a standing Com. on church building.

Report of Com. on religious exercises as follows Ass. sermon by Rev. S. H. Marsh this evening.

Rev. D. B. Gray to preach tomorrow evening. Preparatory exercises Sat. evening by Rev. C. Esells.

Communion second Sabbath morning by Rev. D. B. Gray. (Bro Leonard to con. praying tomorrow morning)

Vote that the Report of churches be heard tomorrow afternoon.

Vote that the com. on benevolent societies report tomorrow afternoon

moved, to reconsider the motion to hear the narrative of churches tomorrow afternoon.

The vote being a tie the chair decided in the negative

Vote that the report of the com. on destitution & supply be the first business of tomorrow morning. Vote to hear the minutes &

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Adjourned after prayer by Rev G. H. Atkinson.

Sept. 2nd, Sunday Morning 1/2 past 8 o'clock
Prayer meeting conducted by Rev. Thos Leonard
At 1/2 past 10 o'clock the Ass. met & was opened
with prayer by Rev. A. Dickinson

Rev G. H. Atkinson requested to be released from
the com. on benevolent societies -
On motion his request was granted. Committee
then appointed as follows: Rev Thos Leonard
Bro Taylor & Bro Hurgren

Rev H Lyman presented request of Prof. C. S. Lanner
to be examined as a candidate for
License.

Rev Father Leslie, delegate from the conference
of the M. E. Ch. to this Ass. presented greetings
& christian salutations from that body - also
appropriate remarks of encouragement & congrat-
ulation. Response by the Chair expressing
a cordial sympathy & fraternal wishes of success
& good-will.

Report of Com. on destitution & supply by Rev
A. Dickinson - Rev G. H. Atkinson

On motion the report was accepted -
Moved to adopt the report. Lost.
Voted, To lay it on the table.

The following resolution was offered by Rev
G. H. Atkinson. Vj. Resolved. That we
earnestly recommend the A. H. Miss. Society to
send & liberally support three more missionaries
to labor in Oregon & Idaho.

On motion the Resolution was adopted.
Also offered by the same ^{the following} Resolved, That
we recommend the A. H. Miss. Soc to appoint an
Agent specially for Oregon, Washington & Idaho.

Laid on the table
It was suggested that we wanted something
more than merely an agent to travel through

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to spend a few days in each town or important place that we wanted an evangelist - a Revivalist to labor alternately with the Pastors & churches as Gods providence indicated. It was unanimously agreed that something of this kind was urgently demanded. On motion adjourned, after prayer by Rev. H. Lyman.

Friday 2 O'clock P.M.

Meeting opened with prayer by Bro Hatch, Reports of churches being called for they reported as follows: in order by Ministers & delegates from each church.

Bro. C. A. Lenz reported on publication of the minutes.

Voted, That the report be accepted & adopted.

Voted, That the Chan appoint a Com. of three to obtain the publication of an abstract of the minutes. Com. appointed as follows, Bro C. A. Lenz, Rev. O. Dickinson & Rev. D. B. Gray.

Voted, That the Clerk collect funds to defray the expenses of publication.

Voted, That the churches be requested to take up a collection each year previous to the meeting of the Ass to defray the expense of publishing the minutes.

On motion Resolved that we proceed as a Com. to the examination of Bro Lanner.

On motion Rev G. H. Johnson was chosen Chairman of the committee.

After the examination it was voted that the examination of Bro Lanner be sustained.

Voted, To grant Bro Lanner license to preach for one year.

On motion adjourned after prayer by Rev S. H. Marsh.

Sat Morning 1/2 past 8 O'clock.

Prayer meeting conducted by the Moderator Morning Session 1/2 past 9 O'clock. Prayer by

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Rev O Dickinson

Report from N. S. Pres. et al at Eugene held by
Rev D. B. Gray

Report from Committee on nomination for
correspondence as follows: Your Com. on correspond-
ence respectfully submit as a plan for securing in-
tercourse & regular communication between this &
sister Ass^s throughout our country: That del-
egates be appointed to the different bodies: and if
said delegates shall find it impracticable to attend
personally or by proxy; it shall be their duty to
correspond by letter with the body to whom they
may each be appointed

We would recommend the appointment of
delegates as follows:

Rev President Marsh	: Vermont & Ohio.
" G. W. Atkinson	: Mass. & California
" Horace Lyman	: New Hampshire & Indiana
" Thos Condor	: New York & Minnesota
" Lushy Ellis	: Rhode Island & Nebraska
" O Dickinson	: Michigan & Kansas
" D. B. Gray	: Connecticut & Illinois
" E. Walker	: Wisconsin & Maine.

On motion the report of the Com. was adopted

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~~correspondence was read & adopted.~~

The Com. on benevolent societies reported the
following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, 1st. That we assure the noble army
now in the field in defence of our most cherished
rights, that we honor them for what they are doing
for us & that we are not & will not be ungrateful
of what we may do & ought to do for them.

2nd. Resol. That we pledge them increased
efforts to enlarge Oregon's contributions to their
sanitary fund.

3rd. Resol. That as Christians seeking to
send needed material aid to the sick & dying

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of the ranks, the camp & the hospital, we may not forget our duty to send them too, the message of Divine love, & therefore, that we recommend to our churches that inasmuch as there is an efficient body of christian men engaged as a christian communion in carrying help & food & clothing to the soldier, that our contributions be sent through their hands.

4th Resol. That we recognize in the ^{present} signs of the times an assurance that the Providence of God is freeing the slaves of our country, that as freedmen are often in want & in many respects unprepared to meet the new forms of temptations incident to the state of freedom, the duty of their christian culture rests largely upon the churches of our land

5th Resol. That we recommend to the churches & communities we represent as the best means of discharging this important duty, & generous support of the "Freedmen, Aids Association"

6th Resol. That we renew our oft-repeated confidence in, & aid aid to our noble tract & Bible societies & pledge them in their added work for our Army, our prayers & warm cooperation.

Thos Coakley
A. Huggren }
Mr. Fish } Comrs

Voted, That the report of the Com. on the State of the country be deferred until the afternoon

Voted, That an abstract of the narrative of the state of the Churches be prepared by the Com on publication

Voted, That so much of the report of the Com. on destitution & supply as refer to ministers salaries be referred to a Committee of laymen

The Chair appointed the following Committee
Bro. A. Huggren - Bro. Est. Lem - Bro. Hale

Voted, To amend the Constitution so as to change the time of the meeting of the Ass. from the 1st

Thursday of Sept to the 3rd; Thursday of June
to meet at 10 o'clock A. M.

Voted, To amend the By Laws by inserting
"that the Clerk shall give notice in the papers
of the Annual meeting of the Associations at least
four successive weeks previous to the time fixed.
On motion adjourned, after prayer by Rev. C
Ellis.

Sat, 2 O'clock P. M.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev D B Gray
The Chairman of the Com. on the State of the
county reported a series of resolutions

The first & 2nd resolutions were discussed &
adopted ~~without amendment~~

The 3rd. resolution was discussed amended &
adopted. The resolutions as adopted read as
follows:

Whereas, Our Fathers on board the "Mayflower" adopted
the scriptural polity of ~~a~~ self-government, & at the same time
established a civil gov. recognizing the rights & imposing the duties
of citizenship upon every man, because of his manhood & not be-
cause of his money or titled birth:

1. Resolved That it is eminently fitting for Congregational churches
inasmuch as they are self-governed, to sustain our Republic
our gov by their sympathy, their prayers, their contributions
if need be, their personal devotion & sacrifice.

2. That since our enemies in the present civil war
have assailed the right of self-go. in ch. & state, we
most heartily support the Administration in the preservation
of the Union & our liberties, & that we implore Almighty
God to bless the President, his Cabinet, Congress, &
our Armies, to give them victory over all enemies &
establish national authority over the whole land.

3. That we gratefully acknowledge the good providence
of God, during the contest in giving freedom to such
large numbers of the slaves of the south & A
is our hope & prayer under the guidance of that

same good Providence, that in connection with the permanent establishment of the Union & lasting peace - slavery will be entirely destroyed.

Bro. A. Hargren Chairman of the committee on destitution & supply reported as follows.

The com. of laymen appointed to consider the subject of Ministers' Salaries, find that the amounts paid them are in most cases, below their most necessary expenses & in some cases we find that faithful & worthy men have been compelled to run in debt for bread & clothes for their families till they have become hopeless of extricating themselves by continuing in the ministry.

Our Com. are unanimously agreed that the Pastor should have an income sufficient to enable him to maintain his family on a footing equal to the most or at least the more favored of his brethren, for the following reasons

1st. Pastors usually have families to support & these are expected to be models in intelligence virtue refinement of manners & neatness of dress the first & last of which cost very largely in this country.

2nd. They are justly expected to know more not only of Christ, but for the sake of enforcing & illustrating his teachings they must know more than most men of the world & of the Sciences, & in order to keep up with this they must have the publications of the day, & the necessary books & the time to read them.

They are expected to be hospitable & this we know them to be, beyond their means and strength. From these considerations it is clear that the assumption "that our Minister can & ought to live on less than his brethren falls to the ground as unworthy, and establishes the fact that they need just so much more, as they are expected to be more & know more & do more than those

in any other position
The question should not be on how little can
the Minister live, but how much must he
have in order to bring all his energy and
powers into his true work; that like the great
Apostle he may be relieved from serving tables
& give himself continually to prayer & the Ministry
of the word.

A little reflection on the part of our own
people on these facts, will we are assured
increase their liberality, & if at this point the
generous spirit of Christ, the noble example
of the Church when no man called aught
his own & the unexampled sacrifices of our
Brethren & fellow citizens in other parts of our
land should enter into our hearts, then
undoubtedly will there be a lightening of the
burden that now bears down many a noble
& self-sacrificing spirit & hinder the full
measure of his influence.

It is due, ^{in notice} in this connexion the unusual spirit
of generosity on the part of citizens at large
who are not members of the Church - but who
in these troublous times discern the principle
to which the Church has ever stood true &
are thus testifying their respect for the Truth
and its Author.

On motion the report was adopted,
voted, to publish the Constitution & By Laws
& articles of faith of the Association with the
minutes.

voted, to add a foot note to the articles of
faith as follows; viz: These are the articles of
faith of the Association & not those of the
individual churches, unless adopted by
such individual churches.

On motion Rev G. H. Atkinson was appointed a
committee to prepare & present the order of bus-

inip for the next meeting of the Association.
Ordered, that Rev S. H. Almonson be invited to
preach the Annual sermon for the next meeting
& Rev C. Eells substitute.

Ordered, that Rev W. Lyman be appointed to
preach the Communion sermon & Rev O. Dickerson
substitute.

On Motion, It was resolved, That the delegates
to visit or correspond with other sister Asso-
ciations be requested to do it within two months
after the adjournment of the Association.

Ordered, that the Chairman or Clerk may grant
letters to any going to Cal. or the East. *

On Motion the Minutes were read & approved
On Motion the following resolution was unan-
imously adopted. Resol. that we cordially
tender our thanks to the families of the place
who have so hospitably entertained us during
our meetings.

On Motion adjourned after prayer by Rev
C. Eells.

D. B. Gray Sec.

* The following resolution was adapted & should have
been placed here: Resol. That we hail with joy
the increasing evidence of an earnest desire for
Christian unity & sympathy among all denominations
of our country & the world, & that it is our desire
to encourage by precept & example that Christian
intercourse that shall tend to unite all God's
people in closer bonds of love.