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The Congregational Association of Oregon met in the Congregational Church in Salem, at 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday, June 17th, 1869.

The Association was called to order by Rev. P. S. Knight, Moderator of the last year.

The Roll being called, the following named ministers and delegates of churches were found present:

- Chester N. Terry, Registrar.....Salem.
- Rev. D. B. Gray.....Astoria.
- Rev. Thomas Condon.....Dalles.
- Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, D. D.....Portland.
- Rev. E. Gerry.....Oregon City.
- Rev. P. S. Knight.....Salem.
- Rev. E. Walker.....Forest Grove.
- Rev. H. Lyman.....Forest Grove.
- Rev. J. H. D. Henderson.....Eugene City.
- Rev. O. Dickinson.....Salem.

The lay delegates present were:

- E. S. Merrill.....Albany.
- Alvin Brown.....Forest Grove.
- John Walker.....Forest Grove.
- W. Adams.....Hillsboro.
- L. M. Parrish.....Portland.
- Wesley Jackson.....Portland.
- C. T. Locey.....Oregon City.
- A. B. Cospers.....Salem.
- E. C. Adair.....Salem.
- T. McF. Patton.....Salem.
- S. Farrar.....Salem.

The following named officers were duly elected:

- Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, D. D., Moderator,
- Chester N. Terry, Clerk.

Introductory devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, by reading the 61st chapter of Isaiah, and Hymn 615, Plymouth Collection, and leading in prayer.

On motion of Bro. Dickinson, Rev. S. V. Blakeslee and Rev. H. H. Spaulding were admitted as corresponding members.

A committee on religious exercises was appointed as follows: Rev. P. S. Knight, Bros. A. B. Cospers and W. Jackson.

Committee on order of business gave notice that a prayer meeting will be held every morning from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Rev. H. H. Spaulding addressed this body on the subject matter of attacks which have been made and published, relating to the missionaries and Protestantism in Oregon and this coast.

On motion of Bro. Lyman, that a committee of three be appointed on the subject matter presented by Bro. Spaulding, to be Committee on Executive Document No. 38, to wit: O. Dickinson, S. V. Blakeslee and E. Walker.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. S. V. Blakeslee.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. E. Walker.

The reports of the committees to correspond with the various Congregational bodies in the United States were called for, and the following were made:

Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D., made a report from Illinois; none from New Hampshire.

No reports from Vermont and Kansas.

Reports from New York and Connecticut; none from Indiana, Maine and Pennsylvania.

Rev. P. S. Knight made a report from Missouri.

Rev. J. F. Damon made a report from Minnesota.

On motion of Bro. Knight, the reports of the churches were postponed until Friday afternoon.

On motion of Bro. Walker, preaching was suspended for Friday evening.

Committee on religious worship made the following report, which was adopted:

Prayer meeting every morning from 5½ to 6 o'clock.

Rev. C. A. Huntington, committee on Indian affairs, made a report which was read.

On motion of Bro. Knight the report was referred to a committee of three, to examine and report upon the same. The chair appointed as said committee, Revs. P. S. Knight, H. Lyman and J. H. D. Henderson.

On motion of Bro. Knight, Rev. T. H. Small was admitted as a corresponding member.

Rev. J. A. Benton, delegate from California Association, presented his credentials and was admitted to a seat, and addressed the Association in regard to the condition and work of the Churches in California.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. H. Lyman.

THURSDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The associational sermon was preached by Rev. D. B. Gray, from Romans viii. chap., v. 37.

FRIDAY, June 18, 1869

One hour spent in religious exercises.

The Association was opened with prayer by Rev. D. B. Gray.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The committee on religious exercises submitted the following, which was adopted:

FRIDAY EVENING—Home Missionary Society.—Hymn 985, Rev. H. Lyman.—Prayer, Rev. E. Walker.

ADDRESSES.

Rev. T. Condon—Origin and object of the A. H. M. Society.

Rev. J. A. Benton—History of its work in California.

Rev. H. Lyman—History of its work in Oregon.

Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, D. D.—Its present work and claims upon us.

Hymn 962, and benediction by Rev. T. H. Small.

SATURDAY EVENING—Sermon by Rev. J. H. D. Henderson.

SUNDAY—Experience meeting, 8½ to 9½ o'clock A. M.

AT 10½ O'CLOCK, A. M.,

Congregational Church—Rev. Thomas Condon.

M. E. Church—Rev. D. B. Gray.

Baptist Church—Rev. E. Gerry.

United Presbyterian Church—Rev. H. Lyman.

Evangelical Church—Rev. S. V. Blakeslee.

AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

Children's meeting in place of S. School.

AT 8 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

Congregational Church—Rev. J. A. Benton, of California.

On motion, Rev. Thos. Condon was appointed a committee on Sabbath Schools, in place of Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D.

The committee on nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

Narrative of Churches—P. S. Knight.

Sabbath Schools—W. P. Abrams, T. McF. Patton and — Steele.

Education—H. Lyman.

Religious Condition of the Country—J. H. D. Henderson.

Publication of Minutes—C. N. Terry, P. S. Knight and I. N. Gilbert.

Committee on Order of Business—E. Walker.

Temperance—E. Gerry.

Religious Publications—O. Dickinson, E. C. Adair.

Indian Affairs—G. H. Atkinson, D. D.

Committees to correspond with the various Congregational bodies in the United States:

G. H. Atkinson, New Hampshire and Illinois.

S. H. Marsh, New Jersey and Ohio.

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H. Lyman, Vermont and Kansas.
T. Condon, New York and Iowa.
C. Eells, Rhode Island and Nebraska.
O. Dickinson, Michigan and Wisconsin.
D. B. Gray, Connecticut and Indiana.
E. Walker, Maine and Pennsylvania.
P. S. Knight, Missouri and California.
J. F. Damon, Massachusetts and Minnesota.
E. Gerry, Nebraska and Colorado.

American Bible Society—T. Condon.

Church Building Fund—O. Dickinson, C. N. Terry, C. M. Parmenter.

Home Missions—G. H. Atkinson, D. D., J. G. Glenn, D. B. Gray, A. Hurgren, O. Dickinson.

Preachers for next year were:

Associational Sermon—Rev. J. H. D. Henderson.

Alternate—Rev. E. Gerry.

Communion Sermon—Rev. S. H. Marsh.

Alternate—Rev. —. Miller.

On motion of Bro. Knight, Rev. C. F. Deininger, of Evangelical Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee on religious condition of the country made the following report, which was adopted:

Report on the Religious Condition of the Country.

By careful retrospect, it will appear to any candid mind, that a vast amount of noble effort has been put forth for the cause of Christ in Oregon. It has been a difficult field to cultivate. The increase of population has been slow.

A great majority of the settlers came with the express purpose of improving their worldly condition. An exceedingly small minority came with the definite purpose of building up the Kingdom of Christ.

As human nature always seeks an excuse for neglect of duty, many who were known as Christian professors in the East persuaded themselves that little attention could be given to religious duties in the rough, isolated work of making homes in a new country. A diminutive and scattered population has been unfavorable to a speedy development of religious institutions.

It is a matter of rejoicing, however, that against these and other difficulties, faithful Christian pioneers, of all denominations, have steadily gone forward, bearing testimony for Christ, rousing public sentiment, refuting

error and contending for the faith delivered to the saints. Each year shows a decided advance, we think, in numbers and Christian zeal, more proportionate to the increase of population. The present time demands our special attention.

Never before in the history of Oregon has there been more urgent need of prompt and decided action on the part of Christians and churches.

Our business men tell us that a new era is opening before us—an era of railroads, and rapid growth in population and enterprise.

We believe the churches of Christ are now in a condition to make an effort that will tell powerfully upon the future prosperity of Zion. We feel like calling upon every minister and every layman, of every name, to pray and work the ensuing year with special reference to the crisis before us. Behold! the field is white to the harvest! Now is a time to enlarge our labors. Open your hearts and your purses, O Christians, for the present time offers opportunity for labor and self-denial that will bear fruit most abundantly to the honor and glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. GRAY.

The committee on Executive Document, No. 38, made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Executive Document, No. 38.

Your committee to whom was referred Ex. Doc. No. 38, of the 35th Congress, 1st session, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined said document, and, to their surprise, find that while published under the authority of the Congress of the U. S. as through a report of J. Ross Browne, it contains only twelve pages of matter prepared by said Browne, but has fifty-three other pages, consisting of matter first published in a Roman Catholic newspaper of New York City, and afterwards issued as a pamphlet prepared by a Jesuit priest, named Bruillet. This pamphlet purports to give a true account of the Protestant ministers involved in the massacre of 1847, in which Dr. Whitman, with nineteen others, lost his life, and the mission was broken up.

Your committee find from overwhelming evidence, derived from the testimony of different U. S. officers, civil and military, and from other persons of the utmost credibility, that this portion of said Congressional document involves in it so many prominent and absolute falsehoods, as to give a most erroneous impression to the whole, and to cast most fallacious and infamous reflections upon the characters of the devoted and faithful missionaries of the American Board, there laboring at that time.

It appears positive that this Jesuit priest, Bruillet, was, as he himself ad-

mits, present at the time of the massacre among the Indians, and at the very place; it appears that he was actually baptizing the children of the murdering Indians while the outrage was going on, and in the presence of the unburied bodies of the victims, in hearing of the moans of suffering prisoners; that Roman Catholic priests did carry arms and ammunition to the hostile Indians, and when Capt. Rogers, at the Dalles, intercepted those arms, the priests did vigorously threaten that all the Catholic Indians, the French and the Hudson Bay Company's men, would attack said Captain if he dared to take said arms and ammunition.

Your committee believe, from evidence, clear and sufficient to them, that these Roman priests did themselves instigate violence to the mission, resulting in the massacre, and that this pamphlet, so most strangely published by Congress with no rebutting statements accompanying it, was prepared by them to throw the blame of the massacre upon the American missionaries.

Your committee conclude by presenting for your adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That as members of the A. M. of Oregon, and long acquainted with the surviving members of the Oregon Mission of the American Board, we believe them to have been, and to be persons of veracity, of sincere Christian devotion, and of unquestionable benevolence, in their labors to civilize and Christianize the Indian tribes.

2. *Resolved*, That their course redounded immensely to the promotion of all American interests on this Coast, if not indeed to the preservation of the country to the American Union.

3. *Resolved*, That we learn with great satisfaction that Rev. Mr. Spaulding has collected authentic documents for a truthful history of the whole matter, conclusively refuting the false statements of the priests, and that we earnestly ask of Congress, that as the erroneous pamphlet of a foreign emissary of the Pope has, under their sanction, been given to the world, so a candid and truthful account of the matter there treated of, now being prepared by an able committee of reliable American citizens, may also be published under their sanction in a Congressional document.

4. *Resolved*, That from acquaintance with facts for the last twenty years, and other clear evidence, we believe that the missionaries, contrary to the statements made in Congress, did not abandon the mission, but were first driven away by the war, and that those who have been anxious to return, have been excluded by government officials, even to the having their houses pulled down and the Agents of the Board threatened with violence if they persisted.

O. DICKINSON,
S. V. BLAKESLEE,
E. WALKER.

Rev. C. C. Stratton, delegate from the M. E. Conference of Oregon to this body, was introduced and made an address.

On motion of Bro. Lyman the report on home missions was made the order of business this evening.

On motion of Bro. Locey the business of the Association was suspended for thirty minutes, to give an opportunity for a council to hold a session on matters concerning the Church at Oregon City.

The suspension having expired, the Moderator called the Association to order.

The committee on church building fund made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee in regard to the church building fund would report that the amount of funds on hand, available for the wants of our needy churches, to be \$220 80 gold or \$300 66 currency.

O. DICKINSON,
C. N. TERRY,
C. M. PARMENTER,
Committee.

The session closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. D. Henderson.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Bro. L. M. Parrish.

The statistical reports from the churches were read, showing generally a healthy condition.

On motion of Bro. Terry, Rev. Wm. Royal, of the M. E. Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion the Association adjourned until 7½ P. M., after prayer by Rev. Wm. Royal.

EVENING SESSION, 7½ O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. E. Walker.

The committee on home missions submitted their report, which read as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on Home Missions.

It will be remembered that the Association last year recommended the

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A. H. M. Society to appoint Rev. O. Dickinson their general agent for Oregon and the adjoining Territories. The subject was presented to the Secretaries of the Society in August. Their reply was that they had not funds at present to support an agent in Oregon, or men and money to supply new fields that might be opened by an agent; that they would do all in their power for us in continuing aid to our churches and, as funds increased, in sending and supporting more laborers. We have reason to express our gratitude to that Society and the churches which it represents for their generous and long continued aid. By their agency and help nearly all of our churches have been established, and some have been brought to a condition of self-support. While we have confidence in their purpose to continue to make appropriations for this region of the northwest, as funds allow them to do, we are reminded that new communities must learn to rely upon themselves more and more, and that aid from abroad is granted to encourage self-reliance and independence. It is a question whether this can be done better by the method now employed, or by granting to churches according to a scale diminishing by a small per cent. annually. We have had less annual progress because of our distance from the centers of emigration, and yet, with more local effort, might not our gain have been greater? Would not more mission work of the local church increase its power and permanence? On the same principle, would not the occupying new fields in which churches might now be found, still be a means of greater usefulness in the future? Our churches and ministers do not, indeed, limit their influence to their own locality. The regular services of the Sanctuary on Sabbath, the Sabbath School and prayer meetings are an example of great power. If the choice must be between a few such churches and itinerant labors, the former is to be preferred. But may not both methods be adopted? May not the outlying settlements and the nine or ten counties of our States in which we do nothing be visited, and a share of the toil of the success be ours also?

There are several fields once occupied by us which we do not now occupy. If a brother could regularly visit St. Helens, Corvallis, Eugene City, Dallas, Sand Ridge, Albany, Eola, and strengthen the things that remain, we might hope for great and good results in the future. Besides these, scores of places invite our evangelical work. Washington and Idaho Territories are almost utterly neglected by us. In a word, the field is broad, but the laborers few.

G. H. ATKINSON
J. G. GLENN
D. B. GRAY
A. HURGREN
O. DICKINSON,
Committee.

After the reading of said report, addresses of a spirited

character were made, on the subjects heretofore presented, by Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, D. D., Rev. J. A. Benton, of California, Rev. Lyman, and Rev. Thomas Condon.

The session was closed by singing the 962d Hymn, Plymouth Collection, and benediction by Rev. T. H. Small.

SATURDAY, June 19, 1869—8 A. M.

One hour spent in religious exercises.

The Association was opened with prayer by Bro. C. T. Locey.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The committee on the subject matter of the report submitted by Rev. C. A. Huntington, on Indian affairs, and to whom the same was referred, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to consider the Essay of Bro. C. A. Huntington concerning the Indian tribes, respectfully report that they fully appreciate and commend the spirit of that Essay. Its historical statements are true, and its positions as to the obligation of the Christian Church to consider the condition of the Indian races, are correct. We would recommend the cordial endorsement by this body of any plan for the mental and moral elevation of these races, devised and executed in the spirit of Christian benevolence.

But your committee find peculiar difficulties in the way of their recommending any definite plan of action at present. Since the essay of Bro. H. was written, very important changes are reported to have been made by our Government in its plans as to the future care and treatment of the Indian tribes. And while we are free to condemn the past policy of our Government in its treatment of these tribes, we would be slow to recommend any plan of action that would direct the Christian philanthropy of our country into channels where there would be no good prospect of success. If the Indians, as reported, are to be turned over to the military, the difficulties will be different from those now existing. And we are quite sure the difficulties will be increased by the proposed change. We think the change will increase the present misery and hasten the final extinction of the Indian tribes.

And your committee are somewhat in doubt as to whether the plan sug-

gested in this Essay for the education of the Indian children is the best. If the Indian races are to be regenerated, it seems to us they should be dealt with as races. This plan, which proposes to separate the children finally from their families and tribes and place them here and there as so many foundling orphans, or mere dependents, in separate families, is one the policy of which is, to say the least, doubtful in the mind of your committee.

Therefore, while we endorse the main position of the Essay above referred to, and would rejoice to see them go before the people, we do not feel these suggestions can be adopted at this time as a plan of action meeting our full approval.

We recommend that the standing committee on Indian affairs be continued another year, with instructions to present to this body, in a condensed and direct form, some plan for the treatment of these forlorn and fast perishing tribes, for its final consideration and approval.

P. S. KNIGHT,
HORACE LYMAN,
J. H. D. HENDERSON,
Committee.

The report of the committee on home missions was taken up and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Lyman, the committee on home missions was requested to nominate and recommend an agent for our immediate home work, so long as we can support him.

The committee on temperance submitted a report, which was read, and pending which the session closed with prayer by Rev. O. Dickinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Bro. A. Brown.

The report of the committee on temperance, pending before adjournment, was taken up and adopted, as follows:

Your committee on temperance recommend to the churches in our connection that,

1. As far as practicable they cordially unite with existing temperance organizations, as the best present means of reaching and holding to lives of temperance the adult population around them. And
2. We would urge upon our churches, that in our own Sabbath Schools

there are presented the very best temperance organizations to reach and hold the youth and children of our country.

THOS. CONDON, Committee.

The committee on narrative of churches made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Narrative of Churches.

While there have been no extended revivals of religion in our churches the past year, the reports show encouraging progress, some increase in numbers, and a firm steady growth in the purpose, labors and hopes of our members.

The largest increase in numbers has been at the Dalles, some of the additions being the fruit of an extended interest the previous year; while the present has also had its rewards and encouragements. Improvements have been made in the enlarging of their church edifice and the securing of a bell. The Sabbath School, always good, has advanced in efficient working.

Forest Grove has enjoyed most bountiful refreshing, resulting in accessions to the different churches, among whom are a number of students preparing for usefulness in public life. A commendable feature of the work there has been the cordial unity of the different churches in a revival, which brought a large measure of blessing to the whole community.

The church at Portland was fortunate in securing the labors of an efficient minister during the illness and absence of their pastor, and now rejoice in the restoration to health and return of the faithful shepherd and bishop who has been so long with them.

The report from this church shows industrious effort on the part of the members in the city and region round about, and an initiatory effort toward raising funds for a church edifice.

The church at Oregon City—holding on its way with such commendable zeal for so much of the time in years past without a minister—has secured the services of Rev. E. Gerry, of Massachusetts, whom we gladly welcome as a co-laborer in a common field.

From Albany we have report of a well sustained Sabbath School, though the church is still without a pastor.

Salem reports the addition of a fine bell to call together its strong band of Christian workers, encouraging congregations, and its efficient Sabbath School, of which one of the brethren said that it is the nearest place to heaven he could find on this earth.

Astoria reports progress in the Sabbath School, several accessions to the church, some advance in the liquidation of their debt, the plastering of the church, and the procuring of a bell.

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In the hopeful spirit of all our churches and ministers, and in addition to our working ministerial forces, and in the strong determination manifest to go forward with renewed zeal and enlarged labors for the cause of Christ, not exceeded, we believe, by any previous year in our history.

Attention is being turned more and more to the importance of evangelical labor in out-stations and destitute regions where the Gospel is seldom preached.

New fields are becoming more imperative in their demands for missionary work in our State, which is now looking forward to a more speedy development of its resources.

Our watchword is Onward!

The Master calls us to renewed consecration.

We rejoice in the labors and successes of other Christian bodies, between whom and ourselves there exists such fraternal regard and mutual sympathy for the common cause of salvation.

Let us rally round the standard of the Cross.

Under its benign and sanctifying power flourishes every good cause—temperance, peace, purity, faith, love, hope, and all blessings for man in this life and that which is to come.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. GRAY.

The committee on religious publications made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Religious Publications.

Your committee report that time has only deepened their convictions as to the truth of the last year's expression of your body upon the subject before them. They would repeat the opinion then expressed—that no religious paper east of the Rocky Mountains can meet the wants of this coast, as one who is not personally acquainted with our circumstances can fully appreciate them.

And while we in time past have regarded the PACIFIC, published in San Francisco, as partaking too much of the character of a local organ, and apparently too much devoted to the temporal interests of California, we regard it now as better adapted to our wants than any other publication now before the mind of your committee, and do most cheerfully recommend its continued support to the churches composing this Association.

J. H. D. HENDERSON, Committee.

Bro. Merrill offered a resolution in regard to occupying the Puget Sound country, which was referred to the committee on home missions.

Bro. C. T. Locey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Association the efficiency of our churches is greatly hindered by the lack of organization; therefore, we recommend that each of our churches elect corresponding and visiting committees.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Sabbath Schools would report that we have observed with thankfulness the steady growth of our Sabbath Schools, showing an increase of members from 492, of last year's report, to 727, of that of the present one.

These numbers, while manifesting an encouraging growth, fall short of measuring our real progress; for there is in all our churches a deepening, intelligent Christian enthusiasm directed to the fullest endowment of their Sabbath Schools with all needful means of progress.

THOS. CONDON,
G. H. ATKINSON,
Committee.

On motion, it was voted that the next annual session of this Association be held at the city of Albany.

On motion of Bro. Condon, it was ordered that the Articles of Faith and Covenant be printed with the journal.

On motion of Bro. Terry, it was ordered that six hundred copies of the minutes of this session be printed.

The committee on home missions, to whom was referred the resolution presented by Bro. Merrill, reported adversely to the adoption of the same. The report was not concurred in. The resolution was then adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, There are in the District of Puget Sound quite a number of prominent populous towns, viz: Port Townsend, Port Ludlow, Tokelet, Seabeck, Port Madison, Utsalady, Seattle, Port Orchard, Tacoma, Steilacoom, Olympia and Tumwater, besides the villages on Whidby's Island and Grand Mound Prairie, most of which are destitute of regular Sabbath ministrations, and entirely, with the exception of Olympia, unoccupied by any Congregational effort; and

WHEREAS, The prospect of a speedy connection with the East by railroad

enhances the importance of that whole field, almost beyond the capacity of human foresight to properly estimate; therefore be it

Resolved, That we deem it essential to the well being of the dwellers in the Puget Sound District and promotive of the cause of the Redeemer that the field be generally occupied, and that right speedily, by some brother commissioned by the A. H. M. Society, with discretionary power as to the field and times of service, until something more tangible shall warrant specified labor in circumscribed fields.

On motion of Bro. Condon, the Registrar was directed to furnish a copy of the above resolution to the Home Missionary Board.

Rev. Thos. Condon offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the people of Salem, for hospitalities during the session.

The committee on home missions nominated Rev. J. H. D. Henderson as an agent for our home work, which was concurred in.

On motion of Bro. Dickinson, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock p. m., after prayer by Bro. Merrill.

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EVENING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

On motion of Bro. Knight, that if it is found impracticable to hold the next session at Albany, the Moderator and Clerk are hereby authorized to name the place and give notice accordingly.

The Association adjourned *sine die*, with prayer by Rev. P. S. Knight.

GEO. H. ATKINSON, D.D., Moderator.

CHESTER N. TERRY, Clerk.

SATURDAY EVENING, AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Sermon by Rev. J. H. D. Henderson, from John, 5 chap., v. 39.

SUNDAY, June 20, 1869.

8½ A. M.—Prayer and Experience meeting.

10½ A. M.—Communion Sermon, by Rev. Thomas Condon, from John 16 chap., v. 22 to 30.

2, P. M.—Children's Meeting—addresses from several of the brethren.

8, P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Joseph A. Benton, from Mark 12 chap., v. 30.

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NOTICE.

The next Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at Albany, commencing on the THIRD THURSDAY of June, 1869.

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CLERK'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Clerk of the Congregational Association of Oregon, respectfully submits the following report of moneys received, as follows:

Balance on hand per last report.....	\$10 80	
To cash of Church at Astoria.....	3 00	
" " Dalles.....	8 00	
" " Oregon City.....	7 00	
" " Portland.....	15 00	
" " Salem.....	6 00	
" " Forest Grove.....	4 50	
		54 30
By amount paid out as follows—		
To printing Minutes.....	\$58 00	
To postage.....	4 00	
		62 00
Balance due.....		\$ 7 70

C. N. TERRY, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.—CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Organization.....	MINISTERS.	Commencement....	CHURCH MEMBERS.			ADMIS- SIONS.			REM'LS		BAP- TISM		s. s.		CONTRIBUTIONS.				Av. att. pub. wor'p..	
				Males.....	Females....	Total.....	Total.....	Letter.....	Profession....	Deaths.....	Dismissions..	Excommu'cd.	Adults.....	Infants.....	S. S. Scholars.	Home Mis'ns.	Foreign Mis- sions.....	Pastor's sup- port.....	Other objects		Conversions.....
Albany.....	1853			6	10	16							50								
Astoria.....	1866	D. B. Gray.....	1865	11	16	27	6	2	8	1		1	70	\$14 05	\$27 50	\$320	\$1111 03	5	100		
Dalles.....	1859	Thomas Condon...	1861	22	40	62	17		17			201			600	1300 00	14				
Forest Grove..	1845	S. H. Marsh.....	1869	39	41	80	12	1	13	1	2	7 5	50	2 25	3 00	100		150			
Hillsboro.....	1866																				
Oregon City...	1844	E. Gerry.....	1868	16	32	48	2	5	7		3	83			500	134 33	1	100			
Portland.....	1851	G. H. Atkinson...	1863	49	51	100	2	3	5	1	3	1 2	150	21 50	25 60	2000	604 95	2	150		
Salem.....	1852	P. S. Knight.....	1867	41	53	94		2	2	1	6	5	134	45 50		1200	426 00	2	200		
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