

Oregon Cong. Association 1863.

The Congregational Association of Oregon met at Portland on the 3rd of Sept. 1863.

The Association was called to order by the Pastor of the place - Rev G. H. Atkinson - acting as Chairman pro. tem.

There were present during the session from

Albany	Minister D. B. Gray	Delegate	J. Wright
Corvallis	Not represented	"	"
Dalles	"	Thos. London	"
Eda	"	O. Dickinson	"
Forest Grove	"	S. H. Marsh & H. Lyman	" R. P. Hawley
Oregon City	"	G. H. Atkinson	"
Portland	"	G. H. Atkinson	" Humphrey
Salem	"	O. Dickinson	" - Saml Cooke
Sand Ridge	Not Represented,		

After the certificates of Delegates were presented, officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows:

Rev S. H. Marsh	Moderator
" D. B. Gray	Clerk

Religious exercises - Reading scripture - Singing & prayer - were conducted by the Moderator

The following committees were appointed by the Chair, viz.

On Religious exercises	Rev G. H. Atkinson & Bro Humphrey
" Business	" O. Dickinson " D. B. Gray
" Benev. Societies	" O. Dickinson " D. B. Gray
" Correspondence	Rev S. London & Bro Wright
" State of Chh's.	" G. H. Atkinson & " Cooke
" Education	" S. London

Standing Committee

on Ch. Building: Rev O. Dickinson & Bros Whitlock & Parmeter

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On Destitution & Supply,
Rev O Dickinson, Rev G. H. Atkinson & Bro Gilbert

On motion it was agreed that the daily meetings of the Association be held, in the forenoon from 9 until 12 o'clock & in the afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Sep 3. 3 o'clock P. M.

Opened with prayer, by Bro Cooke -

Report of Committee on Correspondence
Letters were read by Rev. J. Condon from ^{Rev A. S. Redding} the general conference of Michigan & Rev J. S. Zelim of the gen. Conference of California expressive of their good wishes & an earnest interest in our welfare.

Report of Com. on Destitution & Supply,
On motion the subject of des. & supply was referred again to the same committee.

Report of Com. on Ch. Building
Read & adopted after discussion & inquiries about the Albany Church.

On motion the committee was recommended to donate the interest on the fund loaned to the Albany church together with the principal which can now be applied as the conditions have been complied with.

Moved that the narrative of the obit be the order for tomorrow afternoon.

An hour was spent in social prayer & conference.

On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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Sep 4th 9 O'clock A.M.

The Moderator being absent the meeting was opened with prayer by the Sec.
On motion Rev E Walker was chosen Moderator
in lieu.

Moderator in the chair

Report of Com on business called for.

It was suggested that a course of study be recommended by the Association for young men who might wish to engage in the work of the ministry in our denomination

On motion the following persons were appointed by the chair - a Com. building committee.
Rev C Dickerson & Bros Huteh & Whullock.

The Sec - is in doubt about this last resolution.

The following resolutions were presented by the business Com.

Resol - 1. That this Association appoint a standing committee of three to be styled the "Com. on Theological studies".

Resol - 2. That the duties of the committee shall be to receive applications of Christian brethren who may wish to pursue a course of Theological study in view of preaching the Gospel.

Resol - 3. That said committee arrange a programme of studies for such students, examine at proper times as to their progress in the same & give such advice & encouragement as divine providence may indicate.

Resol - 4. That this Com. report annually to the Association then work in this respect & if necessary, invite the Association to meet at other times for examination & licensing of candidates.

On motion - after discussion of the first resolution - it was laid on the table.

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The second resolution was then discussed & on motion was laid on the table.

After reading of the 3rd. resolution a motion was made to amend by inserting after the words "Theological studies" doctrinally in accordance with our present creed.

On motion the amendment was laid on the table.

On motion adjourned after prayer by Rev E. Walker.

Sep. 4th P.M.

Opened with prayer by Rev D. B. Gray.

Report of Albany ch was given by the Minister
Rev D. B. Gray & Bro Wright delegate

Corvallis - information given by different brethren.

Report of Dalles ch by Rev J. Condon

Report of Eola ch by Rev O. Dickinson

Report of ch at Forest Grove by Rev J. H. Marsh
Rev. W. Lyman & Bro Hawley.

Report of Oregon City by Rev G. H. Atkinson.

Report of Portland handed in by Bro Humphrey
& read by Rev G. H. Atkinson.

Report of S.S. by Dr Glen - Superintendent.

Report of Salem by Rev O. Dickinson and
Bro Crocker.

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Bro Spaulding's work among the Sic Perce
Indians was spoken of as highly encouraging.

On motion the licensure of Rev D. B. Gray
continued another year.
was
Rev H. Lyman to preach this evening.

A resolution respecting Rev. P. B. Chamberlain
was laid on the table

Rev P. B. Chamberlain requested to be permitted
to read a paper connected with the history of
the Association

On motion it was agreed to hear the paper
read at 8 o'clock tomorrow

Adjourned after prayer by Rev H. Lyman

Sep. 5th 8 o'clock A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev S. Condon

Historic paper read by Rev P. B. Chamberlain
occupying the forenoon session.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev O. Dickinson

Sep. 5th P. M.

Opened with prayer by Bro Humphrey

On motion Rev G. W. Atkinson & Rev S. W. Marsh
were appointed a standing committee on
destitution & supply.

Report of committee on Benevolent Societies
read by Rev O. Dickinson.

Moved to appoint a committee to correspond
with Rev A. H. Spaulding & others in the
upper country who might give information of
its condition & prospects.

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On motion the Association recommended that an agent be appointed by the Bible Society for such time of the year as he could work.

On motion the 1st of the resolutions relating to the appointment of a committee on Theological studies was taken up & adopted.

On motion the 2nd Resolution was taken up & adopted.

Moved to take up the amendment to the 3rd resolution

The vote being a tie the Chair decided to take it up

Moved to adopt the amendment; lost.

On motion the 3rd resolution was adopted

On motion the 4th resolution was adopted.

On motion it was resolved that the committee referred to in the resolutions be instructed to write to the Education Society for help in the work of educating men when necessary & also that the committee on destitution & supply write to the A. H. Impoverished Society for help in this work.

On motion Rev S. H. Marsh - Rev H. Lyman & Rev E. Walker were appointed said committee

Report of the Narrative of the chhs. was read by Rev G. H. Atkinson

On motion the report was accepted & adopted.

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Report of committee on education -

Committee offered the following resolution.

Resol. - That in the present efficient state of Swanton Academy & Pacific University we recognize a great want of our chris. communities as met, & therefore cordially urge upon our chris. the duty of sending & urging others to send their youth to that place

On motion the next meeting of the Association was appointed at Salem.

On motion Rev S. H. Marsh was appointed to preach the Associational sermon & Rev ~~H. Johnson~~ ^{S. H. Johnson} substitute.

On motion Rev J. Condon was appointed to preach the communion sermon.

On motion the chairman & clerk were instructed to grant letters of dismission & recommendation according to constitution & By Laws & were also authorized to grant certificates of appointments as delegates to any brethren of corresponding bodies.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to prepare the statistical report for the Cong. Quarterly & send it on immediately.

The Moderator & Clerk were instructed to answer any correspondence of Brethren of other chris.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the people for their kindness & hospitality in entertaining the members of the Association.

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Rev S. H. Marsh to preach this evening

Adjourned after prayer by Rev S. H. Atkinson

Sep 5th Evening - 9 O'clock

The minutes were read & corrected,

On motion the following resolutions on the state of the country were adopted.

Resol. 1st. That we have watched with ~~intense~~ intense interest the struggle still going on in our country & reaffirm our devotion to the Union, while we recognize with gratitude the success with which God has blessed our national forces.

Moved that the vote by which the amendment to the 3rd. resolution on Theological studies was lost be reconsidered - lost.

On motion adjourned

D. B. Gray Clerk,