

Portland Oregon

June 21st 1866

Cong'l Ass'n of Oregon met
at the 1st Cong'l church in Portland
June 21st 1866. The churches were
represented as follows:

Albany, Rev. J. F. Daman, Bro.
E. Merrill delegate;

Sales,

Cola, Rev. A. Dickinson;

Forrest Grove, Rev. H. Lyman J. Gaylor.

Oregon City, Rev. F. S. Knight,
Bro. E. C. Chelari, delegate;

Portland, Rev. G. H. Atkinson, Bro
A. Margren, delegate;

Salem, Rev. A. Dickinson, Bro. A.
Wade, delegate;

Walla Walla, not represented;

Hillsborough, Rev. E. Walker, Bro
W. C. Adams, delegate;

Astoria, Bro. S. B. Gray.

The Ass'n. Elected by ballot, for Moderator, Rev. E. Walker; Secretary Rev. F. S. Knight. Moderator-elect on taking the chair opened the Ass'n. with religious exercises. The following Committees were then appointed;

On religious exercises: Rev. G. H. Atkinson, Rev. D. B. Gray + Bro. O. Hargren.
 Narrative of Churches, Rev. F. S. Knight;
 Education, Rev. H. Lyman;
 State of the Country, Rev. J. F. Daman;
 Publication of Minutes, - Officers of the Association;

On nominations, Rev. D. B. Gray, Bro. O. Hargren + Bro. E. Merrill;

Benevolent Societies, Rev. G. H. Atkinson, Bro. O. Wade + Bro. J. G. Naylor.

Rev. S. V. Blakeslee of the Cong'l Ass'n of California, was received as a ^{corresponding} member of the Ass'n.

Rev. Richard Wylie of Oregon Presbytery (A. S.) and Rev. J. P. Wylie of the Presbytery of Benecia Cal., were invited to sit as Corresponding members.

Communications were called for, and Bro. Blakeslee offered the congratulations

and fraternal greetings of the California Ass'n. Rev. G. H. Atkinson made statements in regard to the Maine Conference and other eastern bodies. A communication from the Ass'n of Missouri was read.

Prof. A. G. Harpending of Pacific University, was invited to sit as an honorary member.

After prayer by Rev. S. V. Blakeslee, adjourned.

Afternoon Session

Voted - That the Ass'n spend one hour in remarks and prayers touching the objects of this Ass'n. Remarks were made by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D.D., and Revs. H. Lyman, C. Dickinson, and Bro. Wade.

Rev. S. V. Blakeslee gave an interesting account of the work being done by churches of our order in California.

Voted - That the officers of the Ass'n be authorized to give certificates to any member visiting other bodies in correspondence with us.

Voted - That Rev. D. S. Knight be deputed to visit the Ass'n of California.

Voted - That the hour from 9 to 10 A.M. tomorrow be devoted to narratives of churches.

X Committee on church building fund reported the sum of \$211.80 raised during the year. Report was accepted.

Resolved - That the Cong'l Union be requested to appropriate a portion of their fund to aid in the building of churches in Oregon.

Bro. Gray presented a petition from the Cong'l Church of Astoria to become a member of this Ass'n. The communication was received, and on motion the Church at Astoria was duly associated.

The Cong'l church at Hillsborough also petitioned for membership, and was duly received.

Committee on nominations reported corresponding committees to the Cong'l books of different states as follows

- Rev. Pres. S. Marsh, New Jersey, Ohio;
- " G. H. Atkinson New Hampshire, California;
- " H. Lyman, Vermont, Kansas;
- " J. Condon, New York, Iowa;
- " C. Eells, Rhode Island, Nebraska;
- " A. Dickinson Michigan, Wisconsin;
- " D. B. Gray, Connecticut, Indiana;
- " E. Walker, Maine, Pennsylvania;
- " D. S. Knight, Missouri, Illinois;
- " J. F. Daman Massachusetts, Minnesota.

Committee on destitution and supply presented a report, which was received.

On motion the report was made the special order from 9 to 11 o'clock on tomorrow.

Rev. A. Dickinson, and Bro's Q. W. Terry and Q. M. Parmenter were continued as committee on Church building.

The subject of Education was made the special order from 11 to 12 o'clock tomorrow.

The subject of the local Church was
made the order for tomorrow. From 3 to 4
P.M. and the subject of

After prayer by Rev. D. B. Gray,
adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Portland
June 22^d 1869

Ass'n met and was opened by religious
exercises.

Minutes of yesterday were read and
approved.

Narratives of churches being called
for, the delegates and pastors of different
churches made brief statements.

The narratives occupied the time of the
Ass'n for two hours, after which the
report of the Com. on Destitution and Supply
was taken up and discussed.

On motion it was
voted - that a Home Missionary Committee
of three be appointed with authority to elect
a Chairman and Treasurer.

The following resolution
was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved - That this Ass'n
heartily endorse the recommendation of the
late Cong'l Council to the churches of our
order to increase their contributions to the
funds of the C.M.S. Society."

After prayer by Bro. Odair, ad-
journed.

Afternoon Session

One hour was spent in ~~in~~ prayer, and consultation in regard to preaching more definitely the great doctrines of the Bible. Remarks were made by Bros Atkinson, Dickinson, Blakelee, Lyman, Knight

Committee on Education presented a report.

Bro Lyman introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved - That the idea and practice of the fathers, that education is the handmaid of religion, and that the school and college should go hand in hand with the church, should be a living practical idea with us in Oregon, while laying foundations here."

The resolution was adopted.

The following Committee on Home Missions was ~~appointed~~ appointed:

Rev. G. H. Atkinson, ~~Rev.~~
Rev. C. Dickinson, Rev. Thos Cordon, Bros
Ct. Hargren and J. G. Glenn.

Rev. S. V. Blakelee gave a statement of the condition of the Pacific, and asked that this ass'n take action as to their sympathy with that paper. Bro. Dickinson was appointed to prepare resolutions on the subject and report in future.

x The question of the local church was taken up and discussed, the discussion touching questions of pastoral labor, and local evangelization through the efforts of lay members.

The following resolutions were proposed and adopted:

Resolved - That we recommend churches of our order, when deprived of a pastor, not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, but to meet at regular times and conduct services by singing, prayer, scriptural reading, reading of sermons and religious conference."

Resolved - That we recommend our local churches to send out committees to visit and invite all families to attend religious meetings and sabbath schools.

The following resolution was reported by Bro Dickinson, and adopted:

Resolved - That this Ass'n feeling the importance of some religious paper that is fully outspoken on all the great issues of the day, recommend the Pacific published at San Francisco to the Christian people of Oregon, and we hope that they will give it their hearty support.

Resolved - That, as we are fully satisfied with Bro. Dickinson's conduct of his department, we heartily request him to continue it for the year to come.

Question of the local church being under consideration, the following resolution was proposed and adopted:

Resolved - That this Ass'n recommend churches of our order when deprived of pastors, not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, but to meet at regular times and conduct services by singing, prayer, scriptural readings, reading of sermons and religious conference."

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After prayer by Bro. Adams,
Ass'n adjourned.

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June 23rd 1866

Ass'n met and was opened with prayer
by Rev. J. H. Wylie.

After reading and
approval of the minutes, the Ass'n considered
the question of Sabbath Schools. Remark
next made by Bro's Dickinson, Atkinson,
Walker, Lyman and others.

The following resolutions were
adopted:

Resolved - That, this Ass'n, feel-
ing the importance of the Sabbath School as
a Christian power, commend it earnestly
to our churches. Some system of visiting
ought to be adopted for the purpose of ex-
pressing first an interest in the
religious welfare of the family;

Secondly of securing the attendance of
the children at Sabbath School.

Resolved - That the great thing to be
done in the Sabbath School to bring correct
Bible truth to bear upon the hearts of the
children. To this end we regard the teachers
meeting conducted by some competent person
as a most important if not indispens-
ible part of the work.

The following resolutions were
adopted:

Resolved - That the Oregon Ass'n
express their thanks to the A. M. Society for
the liberal aid heretofore granted to our Church
and that we heartily endorse the action of the
Cong'l Council to sustain their work; and
that we will endeavor to raise our half
proportion of the \$300,000 proposed to be

raised for their purposes.

Resolved - That in view of destitution in our state and adjoining territories, we earnestly request their continued efforts for our region.

Resolved - "That This Ass'n cordially approve the action of the Cong'l Council sustaining by liberal contributions the A. B. C. F. M. the A. M. Cross'n and the American Cong'l Union."

The following resolution also was adopted

Resolved - That this Ass'n appoint a standing Committee of two upon the subject of Sabbath Schools."

Rev. E. Walker and Bro. E. C. Adair were appointed said Committee.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted;

Whereas this Ass'n feels the importance of having in this state a first class literary institution in sympathy with Congregationalism, prepared to educate young men for all honorable professions and to surround them with influences calculated to promote their spiritual as well as their temporal welfare;

And whereas we are convinced by present indications and by our past connection with those who control Pacific University that by proper encouragement it may become such an institution as we require, therefore,

Resolved - That we tender our hearty sympathy to those who are laboring, and who for eighteen years past have labored, to build it up, and recommend

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it to the sympathy and support of
all ~~those~~ who value the cause of liberty
and truth.

Resolved - That a standing
Committee of three be appointed by the
body to visit said institution, at each
commencement and report their ob-
servations to this body.

Dr Atkinson proposed the following as an
amendment to the By Laws, and adopted:

"There shall be a
standing committee of arrangements of three
chosen for three years, the first to hold his
office one year, the second two years, and the
third ~~year~~ three years, the vacancy to be
filled annually by the Ass'n."

After prayer by Bro.
Atkinson, adjourned.

"Afternoon Session"

Opened with prayer and remarks by
Bro. Lyman.

Report of Committee on the
state of the country was presented and
adopted after discussion and amendment.

On motion the committee on the state
of the country was made a standing committee
and Bro. Lyman was continued as said
committee.

Committee on the narratives of
churches presented a report which was
adopted.

X Visiting Committee to Pacific University
Bros. Dought, Condon, and C. C. Terry.

Bro. Walker was appointed Associate delegate to the Evangelical bodies in California in correspondence with us.

Bro. Sawyer was appointed to present our salutations to the Methodist Conference at Albany.

Bro. Gray was appointed corresponding delegate to the Oregon C. S. Presbytery.

Bros. Dickinson and Lyman were appointed committee to arrange the scriptural texts referred to as proof of our Articles of Faith.

Bro. Hargren was appointed to aid in publishing the minutes.

Voted - That the minutes be published in connection with the Articles of Faith and covenant.

Preachers appointed for next year.

Associational sermon Rev. J. Condon
Communion sermon, Rev. D. W. Gray.

Bros. Knight, Lyman, and Dickinson were appointed committee on business.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved - That the thanks of this Ass'n be tendered to the people of Portland for hospitalities extended to our members during the session.

The following resolutions were adopted under the order of Temperance.

(Voted - That the publication committee be authorized to abridge the minutes for publication.)

Temperance Resolutions:

Whereas the Apostle Paul placed the subject of Temperance on the highway of Christian doctrine, with righteousness and judgement to come, and whereas the Word of God is replete with warnings against the vice of Intemperance;

Resolved - That it is the duty of the Ministry to present