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Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to receive the equivalent of one hundred dollars, through Moore H. Fogg & Co., to be used for the benefit of the Shanghai church; under the direction of its pastor; and that, in case there should be income from rents on our property in Shanghai, the agent be authorized to appropriate another \$100 in the same way.

Voted, that Stephen Burdick be authorized to finish up the work assigned to him in the Central Association, and then go through the Western Association in the same work of preaching to feeble churches, and collecting missionary funds in all of the churches.

Adjourned to the call of the Corresponding Secretary.

C. A. BURDICK, Sec. Secy.

TRUST BOARD MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society was held, pursuant to adjournment, at Leonardville, N. Y., July 13th, 1868.

Present—A. B. Spaulding, J. M. Todd, Kara Coon, K. Maxson, Geo. B. Clark, R. P. Davis, C. W. Hubbard, J. R. Ordway, O. M. Whitford, and J. B. Clark.

Prayer by J. M. Todd.

Eld. L. C. Rogers and Bro. A. M. West, being present were invited to participate in the deliberations.

1. Bills were presented from G. B. & J. H. Utter, for printing annual report, new editions of tracts, &c., amounting to \$318, and from the Trow and Smith Book Manufacturing Co., New York, for new editions of stereotyped tracts, amounting to \$150.36, accompanied with an account of receipts, by G. B. Utter, in favor of the Society, for \$51.00.

2. The Corresponding Secretary read a communication bearing date May 10th, 1868, and signed by a large number of brethren of Lost Creek and vicinity, West Virginia, petitioning the Board to send the lecturing agent, A. H. Lewis, again to that field, and giving as a reason the prospect of good results from efforts for the cause of Sabbath truth, which prospect, they say, "was never brighter in our history, two persons having embraced the Sabbath, and many others are halting between two opinions, the subject being agitated outside our own limits, so that the first-day leaders are busy trying to quiet their people, all of which was brought about, we believe, through your Agent." And should he return, they think he "could do a great work, through the blessing of God," and they will contribute liberally toward his support.

3. The quarterly report of the lecturing Agent was also presented by the Agents present, in writing for the press, distributing tracts through the mail, lecturing at various places in Erie and Niagara Counties, N. Y., and attending the meetings of our Associations east of the lakes, and expenses incurred in traveling and for postage and freight on tracts, &c., amounting to \$53.77, and receipts from various sources, amounting to \$274.68; balance in his hands \$224.91; and showing, also, that beside the call from Lost Creek, there are direct calls for labor from Berlin, Watson, Steet, and Alden, in N. Y., and Hebron and Oneasago, in Pennsylvania, and indirect calls from Dundaff and Smithport, Pa., and other points. A summary of the Agent's labors is as follows: Preached and lectured, 23 times; traveled about 1700 miles; tracts distributed about 25,000 pages.

The following items of business were then presented:

1. The President appointed an Auditing Committee, to whom were referred the printer's bills and the agent's report of collections and expenses.

2. The Treasurer reported \$48.08 in his hands; when the Recording Secretary was instructed to state the needs of the treasury, and appeal to the churches for funds, through the Sabbath Recorder.

3. The petition of the brethren in West Virginia was granted, and the lecturing agent was instructed to comply with the same, so far as he may be able previous to the Anniversary.

4. The Auditing Committee reported that they found two errors in the agent's account, and recommended "corrections," which accordingly were made.

5. Orders on the Treasurer were given, to cover bills of printing amounting to \$468.86, and to A. H. Lewis for \$303.77, being \$250 salary for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1868, and \$53.77, traveling expenses, &c.

6. Adjourned to meet on the 11th of August next, at 2 o'clock P. M., at West Leonardville, N. Y., to consider the annual report, and such other business as may come before the meeting.

J. B. CLARK, Recording Secretary.

The Pope on Famine or Orange.

The Pope has lately delivered an Allocution upon the condition of America, which is worthy of the church of the present century. Here is his own account of the condition of the country, and of the state of the people.

On the 11th of December, 1867, the American Government presented to the Pope a memorial, in which it was stated that the country was in a state of famine, and that the people were suffering from want.

The Pope, in his allocution, expressed his sympathy for the American people, and his hope that the Government would take measures to relieve their distress.

He said that the famine in America was a great calamity, and that it was the duty of the Government to provide for the needs of the people.

The Pope also expressed his hope that the American people would be able to overcome their difficulties, and that they would be able to enjoy the blessings of peace and prosperity.

His allocution was received with great interest and sympathy by the American people, and it is believed that it will have a beneficial effect upon the minds of the people.

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admitted on the same footing with the members of the State. Although we felt great grief on being informed of the fact, and wished to raise our voice against it, we nevertheless gave proof of forbearance, and we deem it advisable that we keep silent, chiefly supported by the hope that the Austrian Government, lending a doleful ear to the just complaints of our venerable brethren (the holy prelates of Austria), would return to a sounder determination. But our hopes have been frustrated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

July 8th, 1868, finds us off again on the evening train west from Horrellville. A roomy sleeping car gives a good rest until four o'clock, when the conductor thrusts his thumb against your ribs, spits your morning nap, and announces, "Time to get up." The whistle screams, and before one's senses are fully awake, he is set down at a little station where the Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad crosses the Atlantic and Great Western, one hundred and fifty miles south of Lake Erie, and five miles from the western line of Pennsylvania. A murky, chilly fog, hugs the earth, and fairly dops one's breath as he goes out into the gray of the early morning. "Wheeling train due at half past five." So you doze, and wait. The train comes, you get out in joy, only to return in sorrow; for just as you are stepping on board, the conductor announces that "the track below is torn up by the rain of last night, and there will be no through train until afternoon." Away he goes, while you lope, and wish, and wonder whether to sulk, or lament, or go to breakfast. Deciding on the latter, you seek out a small, half-kept hotel, where half-rate meals are sold for half a dollar, and drown your disappointment in a cup of poor coffee. A long, hot forenoon is passed in reading the Independent, consulting a railroad guide, eating peanuts, and sleeping on a boarded bench. Dinner is somewhat better than breakfast, and at two P. M. you are on the way again.

A run southward through this part of Pennsylvania shows some of the finest farming lands in the State, some thrifty towns, and a plenty of "iron works." We strike the Ohio river at Rochester, twenty miles north-west of Pittsburgh, and turning to the right, run down the west bank to Bridgeport, opposite Wheeling. The river is "low." The landscapes are varied and pretty; seldom bold or strongly marked, and blotted by "nooks of derrick," which stand useless around unflowing oil wells, fit monuments of the folly that paid high prices for "stocks" which sank like lead in the sea.

At Bridgeport, an omnibus picks up the passengers for Wheeling, and creeps across the island-divided Ohio, on high-water bridges, the main one of which is an "iron suspension" of ten hundred and ten feet span. Ten o'clock, "No train to-night," and hence a good night's rest at the McClure House.

Eight A. M. train for Grafton, via Baltimore and Ohio road. We follow the Ohio, on the east bank, for ten miles below Wheeling. There are but three or four feet of water in the channel, muddy, yellow stuff, which lags along until one feels like describing the river, as he would a Digger Indian, calling it a "lazy, dirty thing." Leaving the river, the road plunges south-easterly into the West Virginia hills, and winds its way, by all possible contortions, windings, and tunnelings, toward Grafton, and thence on to Baltimore. We twist up to Grafton at one forty-five, and at two are on the Parkersburg train, westward for Clarksville, which is reached at mid-afternoon. It is Sixth-day, and the only means of reaching Lost Creek, ten miles away, is a lively horse, which his long ago learned to walk slow, to trot hard, and have his own way as nearly as possible; nevertheless, at sunset, we saddle him, and rest at our old home, Des. Williams Kennedy's.

Physically, West Virginia looks far better in July than in March. Verdure covers the roughness of the hill-sides, and mellows the sharper points in the landscapes. The season has been somewhat dry and late. Winter wheat is good, and is now being stacked. Hay is fairly good. It is comparatively later than further north. Early apples are beginning to fall. Peaches and pears are looking well. Mulberries are nearly gone. Strawberries have long since disappeared; black raspberries are among the things of past weeks; and blackberries are now ripening everywhere. This is a land of berries and briars. Peas are getting old. Early potatoes are getting ready, and the other products of the garden are in fair proportions.

If I say it is hot weather, you will not believe me. You read one will think of a day, hot as noon, spike towards night, and so on till morning. But I mean a day, hot in the morning, hotter at noon, and only a little cooler at midnight, and so on, and ready at the next sunrise. There are few days when a man looks for such days, and says for his own and West Hill.

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