

At the twenty third session of the Oregon Annual Conference held in Salem from August 11th to 17, A. D. 1875, a new Circuit was set off entitled "Forest Grove Circuit." It includes so much of Hillsboro Circuit as lies west of Dairy Creek beginning at its mouth, thence up to the junction of its forks above Centerville, thence up the east branch of said Creek so far as it is settled.*

The first Quarterly Meeting of Forest Grove Circuit Portland District in the above Conference was held at Cornelius October 30 1875 at which time the Forest Grove Quarterly Conference was organized & held its first session P. M. Star P. O. in the Chair. Conference opened with singing and prayer.

J. E. Bailey was appointed Secretary

The following Board of Stewards were elected
viz. A. C. Brown, W. L. Curtis, John Kints,
J. B. Matthews, R. M. McKitt, David Wilcox,
Wm Waters, R. J. Patton.

On Missions. Sister M. A. Cornelius, Sarah Bowlby
and sister J. B. Matthews

On S. Schools. J. E. Bailey, T. R. Cornelius, J. R. Spences.

* This was the boundary advised in quarterly conference and as I find no boundaries mentioned in the conference minutes, I infer the above to be the division line - R. S.

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Committee on Tracts

J. F. Elliot Precher in Charge appointed

On Church Extension. J. R. Cornelius,
W. L. Curtis, Rev. Wm. E. Smith.

On Church Records. A. C. Brown, W. L. Curtis.

On Parsonage and Furniture.

A. L. Smith, W. L. Curtis.

On Music. Sarah Bowby, J. E. Bailey,
J. R. Spencer, Emma Smith

To estimate Pastors Salary. W. L. Curtis,
J. R. Cornelius, R. W. Mc Nutt

Trustees Church Property. Wilson Bowby,
A. C. Brown, A. L. Smith, J. B. Matthews
and J. Matthews

Paster J. F. Elliot submitted his quarterly
Report showing that there are in the charge two
S Schools well supplied with papers &c as see Report
on file

Report of Committee on Pastors Salary as follows

Pastors Salary	\$600.	
" Moving Expenses	12.	612.
Presiding Elders Claim		50
Bishops Claim per member $6\frac{1}{2}$ cts		\$662
There are about 65 members = 4.23		929.23
		666 23

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Total Claim for the ^{Brought up} circuit	606 23		
Stewards Report as follows			
Cornelius class \$30.			
Forest Grove " 64.50			
Garten			
Missionary fund Cur'y \$12.50 = 10.65			
Public 10.50			
	<u>135.65</u>	135 65	
Disbursed as follows			
P. E. \$12.50			
Paster <u>123.15</u>			
	<u>135.65</u>	135 65	<u>135 65</u>

Roll of Quarterly Conference as follows
 Pres. J. F. Elliot P. E. Rev. Wm E. Smith L. P. Joseph
 Mann Ex. A. C. Brown, W. L. Curtis, P. R. Cor-
 nelius, R. W. McKitt, J. E. Bailey David Wilcox
 John Kirtz, R. J. Patten, J. B. Matthews,
 J. Matthews Wm Waters.

Forest Grove was made the place where the
 next Q. Meeting is to be held
 Minutes W. L. Curtis made Recording Steward
 Minutes read, corrected and approved and
 on motion Conference adjourned

J. E. Bailey Sec. P. M. Starr P. E.

Minutes of the 2d. Q. Conference Forest

Grove Circuit Portland District Oregon Annual
 Conference of the M. E. Church held in
 Forest Grove M. E. Meeting house January 15-1876

J. Flinn President.

Conference opened with the usual religious services

W. L. Curtis was made Secretary

Members present Joseph Mann Ex.

W. H. Fadden, W. L. Curtis R. W. Mc Nutt
 J. R. Cornelius, J. L. Smith James Matthews

The following disciplinary questions were
 asked 1. Are there any complaints?
 2. Are there any appeals? and both were
 answered in the negative

Pastors Report read & handed in to be
 placed in file (see report)

Stewards Report as follows

Received. Forest Grove Class.	32 75		
" " Cornelius "	18.00		
" " Gaston "	3.00		
From Miss. fund \$12.50 Conv'g	10.68		
Public Collection	10.00		
	<u>74.40</u>		
Disbursed		74	40
To Presiding Elder	12.50		
" Pastor	61 90		
	<u>74 40</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>40</u>

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James Matthews resigned Trustee and in motion J. Gould was appointed in his stead Cornelius was made the place for holding the next Q. Meeting

The following Resolution was passed.

1. Resolved: That we members of this quarterly conference take great pleasure in bearing testimony to the long and faithful labors of our venerable Brother William Roberts as a faithful Minister of the Lord Jesus and more especially as Presiding Elder during the four years which closed with the last conference year.

Brother Roberts was always at his post - able, earnest, diligent, courteous and faithful. Serving the Church with zeal and fidelity. And our prayers shall commend him to the rewards of the faithful soldier of Christ.

2. Resolved: That this Resolution be made a part of these minutes & recorded with the same and that the recording steward be requested to forward a copy to Brother Roberts

The recording steward forwarded a copy in due time, and will here state that Bro. Roberts' health was so impaired that he resigned his active labors in the ministry & took a local relation to Confer.
W. L. Curtis R. S.

Minutes read and approved and in motion
Conference adjourned
W. L. Curtis. Sec. }

J. Glenn. Pres.

Minutes of the 3d. Quarterly Conference

~~Forest~~ Grove Circuit Portland Dist. Oregon Annual
Conference of the M.E. Church which was held
at Cornelius April 8 1876

P. M. Starr P. E. in the Chair

Conference opened with Singing and prayer

W. L. Curtis appointed Secretary

Members Present:— J. F. Elliot P. E. Wm. E.

Smith L. E. A. C. Leabo Ex. A. C. Brown

W. L. Curtis, W. H. Fadden D. Wilcox

Wm. Waters, J. L. Smith, T. R. Cornelius

"Are there any Complaints? none.

Are there any Appeals? none

Are there any Reports? Pastor submitted
the following report which is placed on file
Sunday School at the Grove is in a prosperous
condition and growing in numbers with prob-
haps an average attendance of 50 scholars
and 5 teachers. I have talked to the children

to some extent. Am not able to be present
at the S. S. at Cornelius by being engaged
elsewhere; but the school is efficiently managed
and is a great blessing to the neighborhood

Seven persons have united with us on probation
during the quarter and two dismissed by letter

Nine have died & none have been expelled

I have collected & sent to Bro. Doane \$4. our
apportionment to defray expenses of Delegates to Gen. Conf.

There is considerable religious interest at some

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points of the work. The prayer and class meetings at Cornelius and at the Grove have been well attended and generally very profitable. Also at the Patten appointment the prayer meetings conducted by Bro. Leabo have been very successful. Our Church finances have come up beyond our expectations except the Pastors salary which we hope will be made satisfactory before the session closes. J. F. Elliot

No Reports from Committees or trustees except Stewards report as follows

First Grove Class	\$49.50
Cornelius	51.00
Gaston	29.00
From Mis. fund	11.60
Public Call.	9.50
	<u>150.60</u>

Disbursed as follows

To P. G.	12.50
" Pastor	138.10
	<u>\$ 150.60</u>

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On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 3. p. m. this afternoon at Cal. Bernhelius's house

Conference next present to adjournment
 Are there any recommendations for license to preach? None
 Have the general Rules been read this quarter? None met

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Where shall the next G. Meeting be held?
On motion Gaster was made the place
and the 2d. Sabbath of June the time
Minutes read and approved and on motion
conference adjourned
W. L. Curtis Sec. P. M. Starn P. E.

Minutes of the 4th. Quarterly Conference
 Forest Grove Circuit Portland District Oregon
 Annual Conference of M^c Church held
 at Gaster meeting house June 10, 1876.

P. M. Star P. E. in the chair

Conference opened with the usual religious services
 W. S. Curtis made Secretary.

The following members were present
 F. Elliot P. E. Wm. O. Smith, L. O. A. C. Leubo^{Ex.},
 A. C. Brown, W. S. Curtis, W. H. Fadden,
 D. Milcox J. L. Smith, T. R. Cornelius, R. M^c Nut,
 R. J. Patten Wm. Waters.

Questions by the Chair

Are there any complaints? None

Are there any appeals? None

Are there any Reports? Pastor submitted
 his report & handed in to be placed on file

Verbal report from Trustees Forest Grove, but
 no other reports except Stewards which is as
 follows

Forest Grove Class,	\$103.50
Cornelius "	40.00
Gaster "	14.50
Miss. fund \$12.50 Cur'y =	11.25
	<hr/> 169.25

Public Collection	10.00
	<hr/> 179.25

Total of Previous Reports	360.65
	<hr/> 539.90

To other amounts raised at Forest Grove by bonny	117.10
from Passengers fund about forty dollars of which	\$657.00

Paul P. E.	45.	
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" Pastor	612.	
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See recapitulation of
 these minutes in
 these minutes. P. S.

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What amount has been raised for benevolent
Purposes. ans. —

Stewards elected for the coming year
W. L. Curtis, James Gould, R. M. Nutt
Wm. Waters, Geo. Wilcox, R. J. Patten
W. H. Fadden. W. L. Curtis was elected
Recording Steward also Dist. Steward
Trustees of or for Forest Grove
Dr. Bowlby, A. C. Brown, J. L. Smith
James Gould

Committee elected in missions
Sister F. R. Cornelius sister Leabo + Sister Gould

On Sunday Schools. F. R. Cornelius, W. L. Curtis
and Matthew Patten

On Tracts. Preacher in charge

On Church Extension. J. L. Smith, F. R. Cornelius
H. C. Raymond

On Church Records. R. M. Nutt

On Furniture. J. L. Smith, Eliza Brown,
Sister M. Nutt and sister Shaw

On Church Music. Dr. Bowlby, Emma Smith
and Sister Leabo

Committee on Pastors Salary. David Wilcox,
J. R. Cornelius, S. L. Smith

Examination of Character

The Character of Wm. C. Smith Local Elder
was examined and approved

Also that of A. C. Leabo Exhester was exam-
ined, approved and his License Renewed

The Character of W. M. Greeney Ex. was ex-
amined, approved and he was licensed to
preach and recommended to join the Traveling
Connection

Q. Have the General Rules been read this quarter?

A. Have not.

Q. Where shall the next Quarterly Meeting be held?

A. On motion Forest Grove.

The following Pastor's Report was mislaid
which will account for not finding it recorded
in its proper place.

Report for 4th Quarter. The S. C. at Cornelius
and growing Condition under the efficient
management of Cal Cornelius. It is truly a blessing
to the neighborhood. The School has 4 Bible Classes
with an average of 45 scholars. The School
at the Grove is about as reported last quarter

We organized a S. C. at Gaston on the seventh
day of last month, with Bro. Matthew Patton

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Superintendent and a good corps of teachers and officers. It will certainly be a great blessing to the community.

Since our last Quarterly Meeting Bro. J. M. Seewey was duly recommended and licensed to preach Exhort

Six persons have been Baptised during the quarter. Three have joined the Society, one by letter and two on probation and six have been received into full connection.

As to the present condition of the Circuit it is indeed encouraging and prosperous. Our Church and Parsonage property are entirely out of debt and a little more exertion will make the Pastor in the same happy condition.

Our prayer meetings at the Grove and at Cornelius are at present remarkably well attended considering the time of the year. It is not uncommon to have 40 or 50 present. So far as I can see, the Circuit is ripening for a revival of the work of God. Not only is the desire and hope for a revival entertained by our own Church, but prominent members of the Congregational Church share the same hope. Dr. Marsh the other day expressed his ardent hope to me that the Methodist would hold a protracted meeting in the M. E. Church at an early day that he would be most happy to assist all in his power.

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Of the 33 persons we have received into the Church during the year on the Circuit four or five we fear will fail of the Grace of God and have to be dropped
 Inquest F. Elliot Pastor

Minutes read and approved and on motion Conference adjourned
 W. L. Curtis, Sec. P. M. Starr, P. E.

Closing Review for the year
 Recapitulation of Finances

1. Quor.	\$135.65	} Apportionment
2. " "	74.40	
3. " "	150.60	} By
4. " "	179.25	
	<u>539.90</u>	" Amt \$662.
		" Bishops F. 4.25
		<u>666.23</u>
To Deficiency	<u>126.33</u>	
	<u>666.23</u>	

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Of the above \$126.33 deficiency \$43.50 was raised at Goston and the balance \$82.83 was raised nearly if not all at the Grove by appropriating about \$40. of the Hunt Gun Parsonage fund. Thus the claims for the new circuit for the first year were reported by Pastor to be entirely paid.

A meeting of the official members of the Circuit was called soon after the Pastor came on to the work to enquire into the matter of building a parsonage. and a majority of the official members

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from Forest Grove and Cornelius were present but none from Gaston (These 3 appointments constituted the Circuit) The meeting proceeded to business and after some talk a proposition was made by the brethren from Cornelius that they would take the Preacher and build and furnish a passage without asking any help from the grove or The Groves might take the preacher and build and furnish a passage without asking help from Cornelius. The proposition was made presumptive.

As there was no alternative the Groves agreed to provide a house for the preacher either by renting or building - Still expecting when it became necessary to build a passage help would be obtained from other parts of the Circuit, according to the tradition of the Church, including Cornelius. The meeting broke up and the official members of the Groves in consultation concluded ^{it} more politic to rent a house for the Preacher than build one the present year, and rented one and made their pastor comfortable.

After some three months the Pastor, felt the duties personally to himself & family, demand he should leave the Circuit for at least 6 months if not the year and to that end secured a man to preach, Bro. Wm E. Smith & left the work.

After some 4 weeks he found himself at liberty to return and was invited back

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by the official members. But when he came the second time there was no house, suitable, to be rented. A meeting of the ^{of the} official members was called and it ^{was} resolved to build a house as the only alternative. It was now well into Dec. and the rains pouring, but a house or front part 16 x 28 2 stories went right up was boarded with 2 thicknesses inch boards, shingled, the floors laid, walls papered, stairs put up, and in a very few weeks the Posters family was made snug & comfortable therein.

There was some \$700. raised and expended on the same but it lacked outside finish. yet it was comfortable for ^{three} man wife & child.

Early in the year the needs of S. S. ^{at the Grove} demanded an organ and the society set about collecting money for the same in which sister Sarah Bowlby was chief factor to whom the pastor gave help and an excellent Mason & Hamlin Organ was bought at a cost of a little less than \$200. and it gave new interest to the S. S. and society. Thus the Grove have raised during the year \$1264. with a membership of about 30.

W. L. Curtis Recording Steward