

Correspondence.

Annual Meeting.

DAYTON, W. T., June 9, 1882.

Bro. Stanley:

At our annual coöperation meeting at Waitsburg last June it was voted that each county of this coöperation hold a camp meeting before our great camp meeting at Waitsburg in June 1882. Accordingly the brotherhood of Columbia and Garfield counties selected Marengo on the Tucanon as the place, and the meeting was held from June 2d to the 5th, inclusive: Bros. Hamilton and Hastings doing the preaching.

Although our members were few the interest was good; the brethren became acquainted and exchanged ideas in regard to evangelistic work in the two counties besides hearing the word rightly divided. We had three additions by confession and baptism.

Enclosed I send the minutes of the meeting.

J. B. REDFORD.

MINUTES.

MARENGO, W. T., June 2, 1882.

Churches of Christ in Columbia and Garfield counties met at 12:30 P. M., and effected a temporary organization by electing Bro. Jacob Hastings Chairman, and J. B. Redford Secretary.

After interesting remarks by different brethren in regard to the object of our congregating here it was unanimously voted that all brethren in good standing in the two counties be considered delegates. Motion that our organization be declared permanent, prevailed.

Adjourned until 3 P. M.

Meeting called to order at the appointed time. Prayer by Bro. Joseph Nevels. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Reports of delegates from all the different congregations in the two counties received. Motion that each of the two counties employ an evangelist. After long and spirited discussion, lost.

Motion that a committee of three from each county be appointed by the Chair, to solicit funds to employ an evangelist, prevailed. Chair appointed Bros. Ragan, Musgrave and Marquis, of Columbia, and Bros. Win. McKee, James Johnson and Granville Foster, of Garfield.

Adjourned to June 5th.

Meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Hastings.

Committee on evangelizing reported not sufficient funds subscribed to employ an evangelist. Motion that the Chair appoint a new committee of five to solicit funds to employ an evangelist prevailed. Chair appointed Bros. W. R. Marquis, W. F. Anderson and J. B. Redford of Columbia, and Bros. Ransom Long and Joseph Nevels of Garfield.

Motion that each of the two counties hold a camp meeting in 1883, prevailed.

Chair appointed Bros. Sailing, Anderson and Oaks a committee to arrange for Columbia county meeting and Bros. Granville, Foster, Elias Cox and I. Tomilson a committee to arrange for the Garfield county meeting.

Motion that the Secretary forward the minutes of this meeting to the CHRISTIAN HERALD for publication, prevailed.

Meeting adjourned to the call of committees of arrangements, June, 1883.

JACOB HASTINGS, Chairman,

J. B. REDFORD, Secretary

Jottings From California Sunday-School Convention.

Dear Bro. Stanley:

Our Sunday school convention, which convened at Napa City has just closed, and it was really an enjoyable affair. The brethren and sisters of Napa had their hearts and their homes open, ready to give the convention a warm Christian greeting.

The church building is a neat edifice, and in fact one of the best furnished in the State and it was very appropriately decorated for the occasion. Over the pulpit were the words, "Welcome Workers," in a semi-circle in large letters, worked in evergreen—while around the pulpit were great banks or columns of flowers, roses, lilies, geraniums, ivy, myrtle, forget-me-nots, &c, were all so tastefully interwoven that it seemed as if they had grown upon the spot and bloomed from the floor. The room was so richly filled with the sweet fragrance that one felt as if he were in a garden of delights, and the songs were like the sweet songs of birds in their happy home where the workers should gather sweet nectar from each opening bud.

The convention was called to order by the President, Hon. Wm. Johnson of Sacramento. Scores of Sunday-school workers mingled their voices in sweet melody and

our venerable old soldier in Israel, Bro. G. O. Burnett, in tenderness and love invoked the blessing of our Great Father on the work of the Sunday-school Institute.

Bro. E. B. Ware, of Napa, gave the address of welcome to the workers, reviewing the work of the convention during the eleven years of its history, showing the upward movement of the Sunday-school work in the State. We all felt truly welcome.

Prof. W. H. Martin, of Woodland, gave a hearty response; exhibiting the magnitude of this work and making an earnest appeal for more earnestness and greater efficiency.

"Christian Character in the Sunday-School," was presented by Bro. J. H. McCollough, of San Francisco, in his telling style. To form character we must have the *beau idéal* man. The child will select some person as its ideal of example. The model character of Christ is given to the world as our great example. His life and influence on the world show him to be the great model for the formation of character. The address was very interesting and instructive.

Bro. J. J. Bruton, of Lake Port, introduced the subject, "What to Do and How to Do It."

There is plenty to do. Sunday-school workers need not be at a loss what to do. As to the how, it required a study and discipline on the how.

"Methods of Teaching." Prof. Damon, of Napa College. The teacher must be filled with his subject. Not talk with the mouth only. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." The Savior had a plan each day. We should keep one thought before the pupil and string the thoughts of the different lessons together and get them connected as a whole. The Savior was personal in his teachings. The Professor made good use of the blackboard.

"Organization and Discipline," by Prof. J. Durham, College City. The several different officers named together with their duties, then the appliances to complete the work, Discipline, Love and Firmness.

"Our work and our Reward," J. H. McCollough. We recognize in man the power of an idea. Ideas expand from one improvement to another. The kingdom of Christ will fill the earth. The inventions of the day as well as prophecy are showing that the coming of the Lord is at hand. The strength of the Jews is in the training of their children.

Not a city yet found where the Jews do not control a large part of the wealth. Children always at the Jewish worship. When a child asked a question everything else stopped till God's saving of Israel was experienced. Family Culture too much ignored. The child idea is coming uppermost, and schools are being established in mission lands to educate the children.

"The Book and its Teacher," Eld G. O. Burnett, of Santa Rosa. The Bible not a book of opinions and inferences, but a book of facts and truths. The Bible a book of man's anthropology in reference to eternity—it has two sides in its teaching, a human and divine. Man made books have only one side, the human. He illustrates the term Moriah, in apparent difficulty. All difficulties are only apparent, and the close student will find the reconciliation. The teacher must be thoroughly acquainted with the book—he must drink deep from his text book. Go at all hazards. "The Lord will provide." The address was well delivered and well received.

"Sunday-School Temperance Work." Prof. J. Durham. The antiquity of the theme. The Scientific and Bible view of the question. The how Sunday-school workers must take hold of the question, closing with a legal indictment.

"The Sunday-School Teacher, His Responsibility." Henry Shadle, of Modesto. The conception of Robt. Raikes has out-grown his idea. The idea of church and Sunday-school cannot be separated. The ultimatum of the teacher's work is that he is a worker with God. The teacher's obligations to the church is to "Go preach the Gospel."

These last two addresses were voted to be presented to you for publication, when your readers may have an opportunity of taking up each item.

The Sunday-School and Church of the Future." Prof. W. H. Martin. As to what their future may be must be largely drawn from their relation of the present. The character of its culture differs from others and is peculiar to its own work. The future of Sunday-school and church will be in its success and usefulness as they of the present are made efficient.

The various themes were thoroughly discussed.

Essays were read by Miss Stella Ames of Napa City and Mrs. Sue