

Convention Jottings.

Having just returned from the California Sunday School Convention, we feel like making a few remarks on how things went off.

In the first place the brethren and sisters were ready for the convention, although the congregation at Santa Clara is one of the smallest in the State. It was a few years ago quite a large congregation, but other congregations have been formed near there and the members naturally preferred to unite with the congregations nearest to them. At Santa Clara there are some very faithful workers, among them stands Senator Laine, the brethren and sisters love to hear him talk to them. Notwithstanding his high standing at the bar and in the political arena, he is faithful to his Christianity. His remark to me was that the greatest thing needed among our public men is a greater regard for religion and religious sentiment. Many young men aspire to prominent positions, but they seem to think that piety and strict Christian integrity are things of the past, not knowing that it is the foundation of our social fabric. Bro. Laine delivered the address of "Welcome," which was requested for publication in the MESSENGER.

The convention was presided over by Pres. J. M. Martin with his accustomed grace and dignity. Bro. M. is an able man with the pen and in the pulpit; and in the school room he has no superiors. He has done much in educating the head and heart of the young of this coast. We hope he shall do as much more to say the least.

Bro. Wm. Johnson, wife and daughter were on hands. Bro. J. is always ready with his presence, counsel, and money at our Sunday school conventions and State meetings. He being vice-President was called on to preside a part of the time, which he did in a very dignified manner. He is a good Sunday school worker.

Bro. Alex. Johnston gave us some practical points on "Mistakes in Teaching." Bro. J. is preaching for a congregation in Oakland. They meet in an elegant house, built by our wealthy Bro. Regan, I understand. We need many more such noble and liberal Christian men who will preach with their money. If the money is properly used it will speak long after the living voice is silent. Many a man "though being dead yet speaketh."

We met a Bro. Rice, of Saratoga, and the only one, I believe, of four or five brothers that is not a preacher, yet he is a money preacher, one of the strongest too. Two of his family were students in Abingdon College, Ill., when I was teacher, hence his face is an old friend. He is doing a good work, and will do more as his days shorten, and as he hears that mansion where dwells two or three of his brothers and several of his own household.

Santa Clara is the home of Bro. B. S. Gardner. We were not there in time to hear him on "What the Sunday school has done," but it was pointed and plain, as he is one of the best posted men in California on the Sunday school work. Having been our Sunday school evangelist one year, he has done a great deal of that kind of work. His afflictions have prevented him from doing more. He possesses many superior qualities as an evangelist. His Teachers' Meeting Lesson, "The Promise of the Holy Spirit," was quite interesting. Bro. G. is going to work immediately and certainly will succeed. He has been preaching at Napa during the last year.

Bro. Geo. H. Kincaid, from near the same part of Illinois was present. He is now assisting the brethren in San Jose. His health will not permit him to labor with the vigor of his younger days. He has a faithful

family, and he will do all he can for the cause.

Bro. H. D. Connell, who is one of the movers of Sunday school work in California, conducted a normal class, subject, "The Birth of Christ," with interest. He demanded the answers should be exact and clear. His address "The Relation of the Bible school to the Spiritual Life of the Church," was one of great merit. It is a theme of the greatest importance. Bro. C. is one of the best workers in the Sunday school on the coast, and is always ready with promptness in every good word and work. He was selected by the convention to bear our Christian greetings to the Monterey Sunday school assembly.

Bro. E. B. Ware, who never fails to be present at each convention, was at his place, and the discussion of "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church" by him was well done, was very suggestive and elicited an interesting discussion. I wish every brother and sister in the State could have heard the address. Bro. W. has lately removed to Napa. I should think he could do more work than any other brother in California, because there is more of him. If he could give some of his flesh to Bro. Connell Bro. C. would never give out, I think.

Prof. A. G. Burnett favored the convention with an address on that important question, "The Relation of the Sunday school to the temperance question." There was no subject during the convention received with greater enthusiasm. So much was this the case that a unanimous request was extended to Prof. B. to furnish the address for publication. It will appear in the MESSENGER, we hope. A few hours before our Bro. read his address a telegram was received from our earnest Bro. J. W. Webb, of Lompoc, saying: "Don't forget the temperance question in the convention."

Bro. W. W. Smith, of Vacaville, a faithful worker in the Sunday school, was present. Though there are but few hairs between him and heaven, he is ready and anxious to be on hand and help in any way he can. An acquaintance with him since my school boy days, has only strengthened with time and trial.

Our old pioneer Bro. Kendrick, probably the oldest in the convention, was present. He has, no doubt, the scars of many a hard fought battle. We did not hear his "Bible Reading, The Rules and Principles of Scripture Interpretation," but would suppose a man of his age and experience and association with the old movers in the Reformation, and forty years as a preacher, would present something interesting. His address: "The relation of the Sunday school to the plea of the Disciples of Christ for a return to primitive Christianity and the union of Christians," was closely written and well presented. It is a subject that needs much to be discussed. Bro. K. is preaching for a church in Oakland. He carries his age well and looks as if he could do much good service yet.

Bro. Pollard, of Saratoga, with all his earnestness and zeal was present to help the good work.

Bro. Craycroft was present a part of the time. We hope soon to hear of him doing more work in the cause.

The convention missed from the programme Bros. Martin, of Colusa, Pres. Elston, Logan, Rule. Pres. Keith, Santa Clara being his old home there were many questions as to his absence. And lastly we missed Uncle Pende; we had hoped to grasp his old faithful hand at this convention. We trust his life will be spared that he may meet with us at the next convention, at the home of our venerable brother, G. O. Burnett. We hope to see these two old soldiers together again—would that old Bro. De Witt could be with them. They, with Bro. James Anderson, of Santa Rosa, I believe, are all of the old California

pioneer preachers that are left.

But, old Uncle Ben, the colored brother who goes on his knees, was there. It looks like a State meeting or Sunday school convention would not be complete without Uncle Ben. He says, "Ize a gwine to be wid ye ebery time, if de good Master lets me live." His life should encourage every one. Having to go through this life on his knees, if he continues faithful God will give him an erect and lofty spirit in His heavenly kingdom.

Pres. Martin and his estimable wife were selected as delegates to represent the convention at the grand Yosemite assembly in June. We hope they may be present, and amid those soul inspiring scenes our greetings shall be borne to that body with heavenly eloquence.

The question box, presented all its wonted interest, and the answers gave us many valuable thoughts respecting the managing of our work.

The Minutes of the convention was kept by Bro. Eveleth, of Santa Rosa, and it was the universal conclusion that they were the most complete ever presented to the convention. The reports from the schools were very general and showed a general interest in the Sunday school work. While Bro. Eveleth's report gives us the best view we have ever had of the status of the Sunday schools in the State. A few prominent schools were not reported.

The Women's Christian Home Missionary Society met during the convention. Sister Martin is President, and Sister Luse, of San Francisco, is Secretary. I should have said that Sister M. read a very interesting address to the Sunday School Convention on "The Study of the Bible." These two sisters presented the plan of their work, had a report of what had been done, and what they wished to do; and the members of the Sunday School Convention became so interested that a resolution was passed requesting each Sunday school to take up quarterly collections for the mission work, and that the first quarter begin with July, and that the amount be sent to the next State Meeting. This resolution passed from the fact that no collections are expected to be sent from the different churches, for the support of the State Meeting. Even the smallest amount will be thankfully received. The sisters received several dollars to further the work. On the whole the convention was a decided success. The brethren and sisters went away greatly encouraged, and with greater determinations. The stream of love deepened and widened, and old brethren and sisters said, "It is good to be here." Such meetings will give the cause an impetus in the State, all felt encouraged. There is light ahead—every cloud has a silver lining—the mists will soon be cleared away.

Prof. Burnett was selected to deliver the parting words, which were well spoken; and every heart felt the strings vibrate in unison with the sentiments he uttered, at the joy and profits of these meetings, the better preparing ourselves for the future work. A parting hymn was sung and with streaming eyes we took the parting hand. Bro. B. pronounced the benediction, and we separated with a determination to all be present, if possible, at the next convention at Santa Rosa, on May 22, 1880.

D. P. S.—I omitted to mention the name of W. Y. Taylor, who has recently arrived from Texas. Bro. Taylor gave us an interesting address on "What shall be our Harvest." We are glad to meet this faithful worker on this coast. We hope he will not long for the light of the "lone star" so much that, just as the brethren in California become attached to him, he will return to his old home and leave us to mourn. He is making his home at Santa Rosa.—D.

Notes and Observations by the Way.

We traveled through storm, mud and rain, and reached Coast Fork, saw many of the brethren, visited old acquaintances at Latham, and returned to Bro. White's on Saturday evening, on our way back to the Coast Fork school house, to attend the meeting on Lord's day. We had a fine congregation and the best of order. This is called the Coast Fork congregation. Bros. David Harris and Johnson White being the elders, and both apt teachers of the word. At this meeting we enjoyed the presence and counsel once more of the venerable J. M. Harris; although nearly an octogenarian, his heart is yet young in the cause. Long may he be spared.

Tuesday morning we set out on our journey, passed through Cottage Grove and Cresswell, through mud and rain, and turned our faces toward Pleasant Hill. We saw many hills which looked pleasant, but most of all we found pleasant people. Pleasant Hill certainly is worthy of more than a passing notice. In the first place it is a beautiful locality from where we could see snow white mountains seventy-five miles distant, overlooking a country lovely with green pastures, grain fields, orchards, and cottages. But few of our preaching brethren in Oregon but have visited the Pleasant Hill congregation. This is one of the oldest congregations in the State, and a model one, with a commodious house of worship, capable of seating 500. A membership, if my memory is not at fault, 100 or more in living working order. They meet each Lord's day, and keep the Lord's house in order; have a flourishing Sunday school. All know their places and how to work systematically. They possess influence, zeal, wealth, and a bountiful supply of Biblical knowledge. In a word, they are fully panoplied for any emergency, even for heaven itself. We had a fine congregation on Lord's day, in the forenoon at the Pleasant Hill church, and in the afternoon at Trent school house. I formed acquaintance of Bros. Mulkey, Parks, Davies, the Bristoes, Callison, Morgan, McClure, and others whose names have escaped my memory.

I visited the graveyard near Pleasant Hill church, and read some inscriptions engraved on those white marble monuments. This is an old burying place, and many are slumbering beneath the "soft green sward."

On Monday morning I bid adieu to those brethren and proceeded on my journey north. Stopped and took dinner at the pleasant home of our well known Bro. Whitney, at Eugene, and spent a few minutes with Bro. McCorkle, so well known, especially in California, as one of our strong men, who was just recovering from sickness brought on, I suppose by overwork. They had had a pleasant meeting there the day before.

Eugene is one of our handsome little cities surrounded by a fine agricultural country. Our State University is an ornament worthy of attention, which is situated there. I did not spend sufficient time there to see much of the town. I was pleased to meet with Bro. S. Harlan, late of Eugene, also an old acquaintance from Coquille City.

From Eugene I traveled north, crossed at Sparr's Bridge, and traveled down the Willamette river on the north side.

We visited and formed an acquaintance with Bros. John Harris, David son, the Stewarts, Hughes and others, and met with the brethren at Harrisburg, and baptized a young man from Yoncalla who has chosen "that good part." May the Lord shield him from the temptations of this world. There was a fine congregation out at early candle lighting. The order was perfect and the attention good. At Harrisburg they have a good house, large and commodious. There were but few of the brethren in attendance.

At Harrisburg I formed the acquaintance of Bros. Churchill, Humphrey, Shelly and others, all kind and obliging, among whom the preacher finds a pleasant home. Harrisburg is a pleasant town surrounded by a rich agricultural district.

T. M. MORGAN.

Tangent, Or., June 12, 1879.

Obituary.

Died, of diphtheria, May 22, 1879, near Seio, Linn county, Oregon, Mary P. Richardson, aged 9 years, 9 months, and 6 days.

Peacefully gently lay her to rest,
Fold her dear hands upon her cold breast;
Our darling has left us in sorrow alone,
And has gone to a bright and more heavenly home.

Ah! yes she has left us, our Mary so dear,
But this consolation is left with us here,
We know that her suffering forever is o'er,
That now she is happy on Canaan's bright shore.
For when dying she said: "I don't want to get well,
I am going up yonder in heaven to dwell."
And now she is singing around the bright throne,
Where sickness and sorrow never is known.

HER SORROWING PARENTS.

Died, June 3, 1879, Anna, wife of Frank Hooper, and daughter of David and Loretta Johnson, aged 24 years and 3 days.

The writer was to see her on Friday previous to her death, and found her calmly awaiting the death summons. She had given full instructions as to her burial and seemed perfectly reconciled. Society will miss her, as she was born and raised in the neighborhood in which she died, and was loved and respected by all who knew her. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community, but they sorrow not as those that have no hope; they have the sweet consolation that they will meet beyond the river by and by.

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