

California State Meeting.

(Continued.)

The church at Duarte reported as having a membership of 30.

No further business; the convention adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

Meeting called to order. President in the chair.

After prayer, the Minutes were read and approved.

The convention then opened under the head of Reports from Committees. The following report was submitted by the nominating committee: Wm. Johnston, of Sacramento; G. J. Lucas, of Yolo; A. Hoyt, of Salano; W. H. Martin, of Colusa; B. C. Lawson, of Yolo; all of which respectfully submitted.

On motion, the report was received. On motion, the report was adopted with the following amendment, that there be added one member each from districts No. 1 and 5, and for such additions the report was referred back to the committee, with instruction to report at the next session.

On motion, the convention adjourned until 4 P. M.

EVENING SESSION, 4 P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer the Minutes were read and approved.

Under unfinished business the nominating committee reported as additional: G. O. Burnett, district No. 1, and Hon. Thomas Laine, of San Jose, for district No. 5.

On motion, Bros. A. Johnston, J. M. Martin and Sister Luse were appointed a committee to draft resolutions of respect in memory of B. W. Reagan.

On motion, the convention tendered a vote of thanks to the brethren of Yountville for their hospitality and kindness in fitting up the camp ground, and to Mr. George Linn for granting the use of the same.

On motion, adjourned until 9 A. M. of 26th.

MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

Convention called to order by the president.

Singing and prayer. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Committee on resolutions of respect reported as follows:

1. Whereas Bro. B. W. Reagan, famous for his liberality to the cause of his Master, by the mysterious dispensation of divine providence, has been suddenly removed from our midst, by a sad and untimely death.

2. That we recognize in him the devoted disciple who poured out his wealth with a princely liberality for the establishment of the cause of Primitive Christianity in the city of Oakland and throughout the State of California.

3. That we tender our profound sympathy to Sister Reagan in this the saddest of afflictions, and pray that the richest blessing of that loving Father who has promised to be a husband to the widow, may rest upon her.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Sister Reagan, and to the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER for publication, and that the Apostolic Times, Christian Standard and Christian be requested to copy. Resolutions unanimously adopted.

REPORTS FROM CHURCHES.

San Francisco report a membership of 78. Received during the year, by letter, three; relation, two; confession, one; total, six; dismissed by letter, 32; dropped from roll, 23; excluded, five; total, 60. Average attendance at Sunday school, 75. Contribution to Woman's Mission, \$24.15.

Pleasant Grove reported as having about 60 members. Sunday school about 30 scholars.

Berysa reported about 15 members; no regular preaching.

Under unfinished business the following resolution was offered:

Whereas the churches of California, through their delegates to the State Convention, have abolished the free table at our State Meetings, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches, each through the State of California, before the next Annual State Meeting, to take up a contribution for missionary purposes, the same to be forwarded to the secretary of the Christian Women's Home Mission Society, or to the treasurer of the committee of evangelization, as each church may determine.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was offered by E. B. Ware:

Resolved, That this committee recommend to the favorable consideration of Christian Woman's Home Mission Society, San Francisco as a place worthy of their most earnest efforts.

The following resolution was offered by A. Johnston:

Whereas from past experience we find that churches languish and perish as a general rule where the Gospel is not regularly and faithfully preached; and whereas Paul says: "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed." Therefore

Resolved, That we urge the brethren everywhere, as far as possible, to have the Word faithfully preached and pastoral labor done in their midst, by some one giving his whole time to the work.

Pending the discussion of this resolution the committee adjourned until 9 A. M. of the 27th.

MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

Convention called to order. President in the chair.

After singing and prayer the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President Keith made additional report for College City Sunday school: Number of scholars 60 or 70. Bros. Durham and Keith superintendents alternate.

It was moved and carried that the State evangelist, committee on Evangelization and the society of the Christian Woman's Home Mission Society, are requested to forward all of their reports and items of interest to the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER for publication.

It was moved and carried that the secretary be requested to forward immediately a copy of the Minutes to the P. C. MESSENGER for publication.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. H. Thomas:

Resolved: That in fitting up the ground for the use of our next State Meeting, we use cloth tents, twelve by seventeen feet, and that all the brethren who can do so prepare and bring with them a tent for their use, and that fifty tents be built by the church of Sacramento, and paid for out of the money taken in for privileges.

Unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Sister Martin:

Resolved, That the convention request the deacons of the several churches through the State to take up a quarterly collection for the benefit of infirm preachers or their widows, and that the same be forwarded to the treasurer of the Christian Woman's Home Mission Society.

Resolution adopted.

The convention moved a vote of thanks to the president for the able manner in which he had discharged his duty.

The pending discussion of the last session was taken up, ably discussed and unanimously adopted.

Sister L. T. Luse offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS the boys and even young men of many Christian people and of our Sunday schools are going to ruin, and

WHEREAS good employment helps

to save some, then therefore

Resolved, That the elders, evangelists and Sunday school teachers and officers of our churches be requested to provide some kind of missionary work for them to do.

On motion, the convention adjourned sine die.

HENRY THOMAS, Pres. W. H. BRIGGS, Sec.

Report of Committee of Arrangements for State Meeting held at Yountville, Cal., Sept. 19, 1879.

Receipts:—From sale of privileges, \$578.00; sale of tickets, canvass, lights, groceries, &c., after the meeting, \$426.06; on sale lumber, \$327.88; collections, \$53.60; sundry other sales, \$46.29; total receipts, \$1421.97.

Expenditures:—Lumber, \$327.50; meat, \$248.50; groceries, \$214.80; bread, \$40.00; coals, \$97.59; hired help, \$50.00; lights, \$28.00; printing, \$8.00; restaurant and outfit, \$131.64; W. C. H. M., \$53.60; total, \$1200.54; balance, \$221.43.

In reference to the distribution of the remainder there were various suggestions in the committee; but after due consideration, it was thought best to follow the long established precedent of paying over whatever is left in these meetings to the church where the meeting was held. This has been the universal practice, and was the expressed condition upon which the delegates asked for the meeting at Sacramento next year.

COMMITTEE.

"Another Pioneer Gone"

"Friend after friend departs Who hath not lost a friend."

Died, at his residence, in Menmouth, Oregon, at 4 o'clock P. M., Oct. 18, 1879 of general debility, after a protracted sickness, J. B. V. Butler, aged seventy years, and one month.

The deceased was born in New London, New Hampshire, Sept. 18, 1809. In his early manhood he migrated west, settling in Pittsfield, Ill., where he employed his time as bricklayer. In 1839, May 9th, he married Miss Elizabeth Ingalls, of Pittsfield, who survives to mourn his loss. He crossed the plains in 1849 to Oregon, stopping a short time in Oregon City, and going thence to Portland, where he was interested in the second store kept there. He built the first brick stove for a steam mill, and kept in a log cabin on the river bank, the first post office in Portland. He took part in the organization of the first Masonic lodge in Portland. Removed to Eola in 1852, where he engaged in mercantile business. In 1856, he came to Menmouth where he built the first store house and kept the first store in the place. In 1874 he built a fine residence west of the village and surrounded it with every convenience and many ornaments, not the least of which is a beautiful grove of fir and maple on the brow of the hill overlooking his residence and the college. He took a lively interest in everything that tended to advance the interests of the village and the community in which he lived. His large and liberal views were manifested in the generous contributions to Christian College and the Christian Messenger.

He gave about \$1800—more than any other man except perhaps David Stump—to the new college building. His donation of one hundred dollars was the initial point whence the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER became a possibility.

When in the financial embarrassments of the paper in its first years, every other source proved unavailing, Mr. Butler never failed to come to the rescue. Without his aid the paper could hardly have been sustained.

Through industry, economy and fine business capacity, he had acquired large property which he managed with a generous and liberal hand for the good of the worthy poor and needy.

In the several relations of citizen, neighbor and friend, he performed well his part. A faithful husband, a kind and indulgent father, his loss is mourned by a widow, four sons, and five daughters—all grown up—and by many warm friends. With a mind at rest, he calmly fell asleep without a struggle. In a ripe old age he has gone down to the grave respected and honored by all who knew him.

The remains were conveyed by the Masonic fraternity from the residence to the church, where the funeral services were conducted by Pres. T. F. Campbell, after which the casket containing the body was conveyed to the cemetery and consigned to its last resting place with Masonic honors.

Death of Elder Nathan Porter.

The painful duty devolves upon me to announce to the brethren the death of another of our pioneer preachers. Bro. Porter has been in the "restoration movement" from the beginning. He was born in Connecticut in 1797. Died Oct. 7, 1879. He had reached the good old age of 81 years and 9 months.

When but a boy his parents emigrated to Ohio. At the age of 17 he made a profession of religion and united with the Baptist church; and at the age of 19 he was set apart to the ministry, and commenced at once the preaching of Christ and him crucified. From that time till the day of his death he did not cease to speak in the name of the Lord, as circumstances would permit. As has been said he has been in the reformation from the beginning. He made the acquaintance of Bro. Campbell, Walter Scott, B. Stone, and many others of the leading men in the reformation. He was a member of the convention in Ohio, of which Mr. Campbell was a member, which resulted in a formal separation between the Baptist and Disciples. He was one of the first readers of the Christian Baptist, and became a warm supporter of Bro. Campbell, and also of Bethany College, at which one of his sons graduated. He has often been at Bro. Campbell's house and enjoyed his fireside conversations. In 1850 he emigrated to California, and preached his first discourse in this State in Liberty school house, near Petaluma. Bro. Porter had been twice married; his first wife died about 12 years ago; he was the father of seven children, five of whom had gone before, and two are left behind. For 65 years he has faithfully served his Lord and Master, and 63 years of that time have been devoted to the preaching of the Word. It will be remembered that Bro. Porter took sick at the State meetings; his sickness was short, but very painful. He bore it with Christian fortitude and was evidently prepared for the final stroke. The day before he died, when in great pain he repeated a verse of the Hymn "Oh when shall I see Jesus" which was his favorite hymn, the words repeated were "When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin." He rests from his labor and his works do follow him.

E. B. W.

Advertising Cheats.

It has become so common to write the beginning of an elegant, interesting article, and then run it into some advertisement, that we avoid all such cheats, and simply call attention to the merits of the Oregon Blood Purifier in as plain, honest terms as possible, to induce people to give it one trial, as no-one who knows its value will ever use anything else.

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