

Second Annual Report of the Christian Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Society met, pursuant to adjournment, with the Convention of the Christian Church of the State of California, in Napa Valley, Monday, Sept. 22, 1879.

Meeting was called to order by the Secretary.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Sister Phebe H. Truax; after which we adjourned till Tuesday 1:30 P. M.

This session was called to order by our President.

After devotional exercises, the Minutes of our last annual meeting were read and approved.

By request, the Constitution was also read in connection with our last annual report.

The Treasurer's report was then received, in which it appears that \$300 were collected and paid out to the support of Eld. J. N. Pendegast, of Woodland City, the late missionary for our mission at Sacramento City, and there still remained due of last year's subscription \$67.75. Of this \$17.75 have since been collected, leaving \$50 due.

In the Secretary's report it appeared that one hundred letters were written during the year, besides a number of postal cards, in reference to the Missionary work. Cost of postage and stationery \$4. Agents had been secured in twenty congregations and much work begun.

There is a healthy spiritual growth, especially in missionary sentiment, in many congregations throughout the State.

At the State Sunday School Convention, at Santa Clara, last spring, a proposition was made to request yearly contributions from our various congregations over the State to the Missionary Society. A few congregations sent up their offering this year to the Convention, and doubtless more would have done so had they known of the request.

At the same Convention a resolution was passed to try to interest all the Sunday schools in the State in the missionary work, and request them to take up a collection for it quarterly, fixing the first collection some time before the State Meeting. Many schools responded cheerfully to this request. Though some of these collections were small they show a willing mind and will, if kept up, aggregate a bountiful sum. To our Sunday schools we look for a large part of our strength. The good seed sown early will grow and bear fruit down to old age.

We met on Wednesday at 1 P. M., and opened with devotional exercises. This session was devoted to hearing encouraging speeches from brethren and sisters.

This day gave us much moral and financial strength. Among other speeches Bro. J. M. Martin gave the origin and history of our society, which is as remarkable as the parable of the "five loaves and two small fishes."

When we look at the work done in the city of Sacramento by so few workers and so little of this world's treasure, we recognize the hand of the Lord and ascribe all the glory to his name; and trusting in his strength we go forward.

On Thursday we met at 1:30 P. M. Devotional exercises as usual. This session was devoted to business. A committee was appointed to solicit members and funds during the Convention.

Some amendments to the Constitution of our society were proposed and discussed. As time was precious a committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and prepare a few necessary By-laws, and submit them at our next session.

After receiving some contributions, Any woman may become a member of this society by the payment of one

we adjourned to meet at 4 P. M., on Friday.

The meeting on Friday was opened with devotional exercises at the appointed hour.

Soliciting committee reported progress.

Committee on Constitution and By-laws made the following report:

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. NAME.

This society shall be called the Christian Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ART. II. ADMISSION FEES.

dollar, and any girl under twelve years of age may become a member by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. III. OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute its Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. The officers of this society shall be members of the Christian Church.

Sec. 3. The officers shall be chosen annually at the time and place of the regular annual meeting of the society.

ART. IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board, to sign all orders on the treasury and to deliver an annual address to the society.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all proceedings of the Society and of the Board. To correspond with the several agents of the society, to collect all moneys, pay over the same to the treasurer, taking receipt therefor, to countersign all orders on the treasury, and to make a full report at the regular annual meeting.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds from the Secretary, disburse the same on orders drawn by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary, and to make an annual report to the society of all receipts and disbursements.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to supervise all Missions established by the Society, appropriate funds from the treasury for the support of the same, appoint agents to transact such other business as may be necessary to the success of the missionary operations of the society, and to make a complete report at each regular annual meeting.

ART. V. AMENDMENTS.

Any change may be made in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of this society.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Reading the Minutes of last meeting.
3. Reports of officers and board of directors.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Election of officers.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Miscellaneous business.

ART. II. CONCERT OF PRAYER.

Six o'clock in the evening of the first Sunday in every month is set apart for secret prayer for the success of our missions. All friends of our cause are invited to join in this concert of prayer.

ART. III. DUES.

The dues of this society shall be one dollar per year for each adult member, and fifty cents per year for each member under twelve years of age.

ART. IV. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

This society shall meet annually at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Christian church of the State of California.

The Constitution was considered article by article and section by section, and adopted; no article or section receiving less than five-sixths of

the votes of all the members present.

The By-laws were also severally adopted, after which the entire report was adopted as a whole.

The Secretary next read the written report of Bro. Pendegast of the past year's work to July 1st. "In October, 1878, the church at Sacramento city numbered about seventy-three additions; by baptism fourteen, and by commendation nineteen, making, in all, something over one hundred names on our church roll. A number of them, however, are absent from the city, some temporarily, and others, perhaps, permanently.

We have twenty-five to thirty attending our prayer meetings, sixty to seventy attending the Sunday school, and a fair attendance of both members and others at preaching."

Soon after making this report Bro. Pendegast took sick and lingered until Sept. 22nd, when he departed this life.

His absence from his congregation for so many weeks, and, finally, his death, cast a gloom over them and a despondency which they have not yet recovered from.

One of the delegates from the church to the State Meeting made an oral report to us at this session of its condition up to the middle of September. Deducting from their roll all absent members, they count sixty-five, and are living in peace and harmony.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Bro. Pendegast.

The society received a request from the Sacramento Mission for aid in starting this year's work by a protracted meeting, by which they hoped to recover the impetus they have lost by the illness and death of their beloved pastor. This we pledged them, and more if their circumstances require it.

The church at San Francisco, in their annual report to the Convention, sent an appeal for help from this society, as soon as the Sacramento mission should be deemed strong enough to justify us in turning our attention to a new mission.

The Convention unanimously passed the following resolution concerning it:

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the favorable consideration of the C. W. H. M. Society San Francisco as a place worthy of their most earnest efforts.

After prayerful consideration this was decided to be the "Macedonian cry," and fearing God and trusting in his strength the society voted to take up the work in this great city, subject to our former action in reference to the Sacramento mission.

The following resolution also the Convention passed and sent to us for our comfort:

WHEREAS, The Christian Church of California, through her delegates to the State Convention, has abolished the free table at our State Meetings, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to the congregations throughout the State of California, that each, before the next Annual State Meeting, take up a contribution for missionary purposes, and that it be forwarded either to the secretary of the C. W. H. M. Society or to the treasurer of the committee on Evangelization, as each congregation may determine.

The committee on resolutions of respect reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, During the sessions of the Christian Woman's Home Missionary Society, in convention at the State Meeting at Yountville, Napa county, Cal., Sept., 1879, the sad intelligence of the death of our Bro. J. N. Pendegast, the missionary of this society, for our mission at Sacramento, was received. Therefore,

Resolved 1, That in the death of our beloved missionary we have lost a co-worker of rare ability, of unflinching zeal and of true devotion and self-sacrifice.

Resolved 2, That while we deeply deplore our loss of a soldier so faithful and true we rejoice to say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, that they

may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Resolved 3, That we deeply sympathize with the church in Sacramento, and pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send into that vineyard a laborer upon whom the mantle of our departed brother may rest.

Resolved 4, That we tender our deepest and most heartfelt condolence to the stricken widow and bereaved family of our dear brother.

Resolved 5, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Sister Pendegast, and also to the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER for publication, and that the *Apostolic Times*, *Standard*, and *Review* be requested to copy.

THE COMMITTEE.
PHEBE H. TRUAX,
CALLIE M. SMITH,
LYDIA F. LUSE,

Bro. T. F. Campbell, on behalf of the PACIFIC CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, made a proposition to give to our society twenty per cent. of all money we raise on subscriptions to that paper before the first of January, 1880.

We number now one hundred and sixty-two members and ought to make this offer profitable to both the MESSENGER and the Society.

Before closing this article permit us to call your attention to our young members. They knocked at the door till we changed our Constitution so as to admit them. The first mover in this was Florence Ware, of Napa city, only ten years of age. Before she was admitted she not only gave her own treasure, but went out among her acquaintances and collected \$1.50, and gave it joyfully to the work. Others who saw the good work of their elders asked leave to bear some small part in it, and who were we that we could deny them? Rather would we welcome them and make of them confidantes as well as helpers.

We have received on this year's work from fees dues and contributions \$178.50.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Pres., Mrs. Angie B. Martin, Santa Rosa; Sec., Mrs. Lydia F. Luse, 14 Essex St., San Francisco; Treas., Mrs. Sue E. Grant, Woodland.

The Board was instructed to publish the proceedings of the society, and we hope to furnish each member with a copy of the same.

Society adjourned, to meet on the first Monday of our next State Meeting, which will be held in Sacramento city. The exact time for our meeting next fall will be fixed and announced by the church as usual.

LYDIA F. LUSE, Sec.

Garrison's Late Home.

Almost under the shadow of the white marble standpipe in Roxbury, that crowns so gracefully the hills of Ward 21, is a neat unpretending two-and-a-half-story wooden house. If it were not within the city limits there would be no hesitation in calling it a cottage. It is a graceful, pleasing structure, and so picturesquely situated that it charms at first glance. Painted brown, through the half-curtained window you note suggestions of red, and the generous porch is shut in from the street by vines laced in and out over a trellis. The house stands upon a hill, perhaps fifty feet from the roadway—125 Highland street—and is approached to the right or left by paths, marked by box, ascending at a sharp angle. Large lindens and flower-laden horse chestnuts cover in the graded grass plats with liberal foliage. A few flowering shrubs dispute possession of the air with the pregnant perfume of lilacs. There is something very taking about the homestead, for it is a homestead, or perhaps, more properly speaking, was one yesterday. The owner has left it forever. For the past fourteen years William Lloyd Garrison has lived here having chosen the spot on account of his wife's health, when they moved from Dix place in 1865. The house is perhaps six years older and was built by Mr. Hunnewell. Mr. Garrison chose well, and from the large field at the rear—the place is nearly three

acres in extent—a charming prospect of our city to the south is obtained. Within, all is as attractive as without the harmony is unbroken. The stairs leading to the sleeping apartments directly confront you. Beyond is the dining room, to the left the parlor, carpeted in quiet colors, furnished in dark crimson velvet. Pictures, objects of art gathered on foreign trips, a few busts and flowers, complete the handsome room. The hallway contains a spirited bust of Mr. Garrison placed upon a pedestal. To the right is a small library, used by the dead hero as a study. The carpet is dark, the furniture red. The hall is covered with Mr. Garrison's earlier and later contemporaries in photographs, engravings, lithographs of Sumner, Phillips, Longfellow, Abraham Lincoln and a host of others, "choice and master spirit of the age," many of which were given by the portrayed to their late owner. Two or three easy chairs, a sofa, and in the corner just by the western window stands his desk. Here he worked and wrote. Above it are three or four dozen volumes, Appleton's encyclopedia and books for ready reference, closely arranged on the short shelves. The desk is open, the papers lie, as they were left, the quill pen seems reproachfully idle. The empty leather chair, half pushed back, stands full in the sunlight that falls softly through the window. But the worker comes not; he will labor here no more, and the lilac laden evening breeze blows mournfully through the masterless room. The shadows grow slowly longer on the desk, then silently fade into each other. Day and life have gone out together.—*Boston Herald*.

A Remarkable Journal.

The official organ of the Chinese government, known as the *Pekin Gazette*, is certainly a most remarkable journal. Not only is it the oldest newspaper in existence, but it is highly probable that it was the first journal ever published, and what is more, the first that was ever printed; for it is pretty well settled that the spread of news by means of written documents was attempted in Europe at certain periods long before the days of the printing press. The contributors to the *Gazette* are now, and have been for many centuries, the ablest men in the country noted for attention paid to education. On this account the files of the paper must at some future time prove of immense service to the historian who desires to write an account not only of the Chinese Empire, but of the Asiatic nations with which in times past she has held diplomatic intercourse.

Although a paper is published under the immediate supervision of the government, this much must be said of it—that its columns have been open to those holding divergent opinions, and from this point of view it has carried out the modern idea of a review more thoroughly than the modern conception of a newspaper. An instance of this impartiality can be found in the recent publication by it of the letter written by Wu-ko-tu, one of the board of civil office, just before his suicide, reflecting severely on the usurpations of the Empress Regent. The intent of this document was to force them to abdicate, and arguments against their further continuance in power were strongly given. A civilized despot would have deemed it advisable to suppress this seditious communication; but the Chinese rulers have perhaps shown their good sense, as they certainly have their consciousness of strength, by giving it the publicity its authors desired.—*Printer's Circular*.

—The Scriptures give four names to Christians from the four cardinal graces; saints for their holiness; believers for their faith; brethren for their love; disciples for their knowledge.—*Andrew Fuller*.