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## Gathered Grains from the California Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday School Convention met at Santa Rosa on the 24th day of May, 1880, and was a decided success. The programme was very long, nevertheless there was scarcely a variation in the performances as laid down. We had the most satisfactory as well as the most general report of the churches and Sunday schools in the State that we have ever had.

The address of welcome was given in a ready and very welcome style by our Bro. P. K. Dibble, lately of Missouri, but now of Santa Rosa. Bro. Dibble is preaching for the brethren in Santa Rosa; and they say well be pleased in having such an able advocate of the Gospel to labor for them. Bro. D. is in the prime of life. I think he can quote more Scripture than any other man I have ever seen before. A workman, truly, that needeth not to be ashamed. The response was given by Bro. J. W. Webb, of Lompoc, in a very happy manner. We were much pleased to again meet Bro. Webb at our convention. His business of late years has kept him confined to the village of Lompoc; but we are pleased to learn that he has cut himself loose from secular work, and will devote his time and talent to the work of the church. He is about locating in San Francisco, to preach for that church.

"The Best Method of Interesting and Training Teachers in the Sunday School Work," was discussed ably by Bro. E. B. Ware. Bro. W.'s production elicited many interesting remarks from other members of the convention. We want to hear it again.

Prof. A. G. Burnett, of Healdsburg, presented the many errors to be avoided in Sunday school work. The subject elicited much interest. Bro. B. is doing a good work at Healdsburg. He is also principle of the High School at that place. The school is well conducted and giving entire satisfaction.

Bro. Durham presented "The International Lessons; their Influence on the union of Christians," showing that their tendency, when properly used, is to unite the christian world on the Bible. Some ten arguments were presented. The convention were unanimous on the question.

Dr. Pearce presented some valuable hints on "The Best Methods of Teaching Bible Class." He showed that there are many methods of teaching a Bible class, and that it is difficult to decide which is the best. The judgment of the live teacher may suggest

different methods.

Sister Angie B. Martin read us a well prepared essay on the subject "Are Parents Responsible for the Character of their Children." The essay was a most excellent production, filled with many gems of thought. It will be published in your columns, we hope, and then we can read it over and your readers may judge of its merits.

"The Influence of the Sunday School in the Formation and Development of Christian Character," was the subject of an able thesis by Bro. E. B. Ware. It was one of the best prepared papers I have ever heard at any convention. We hope to have the opportunity of reading it at our leisure.

Bro. J. W. Webb, on "How to Train Workers in the Church and Sunday School," stirred up the convention generally, and made every member feel like hurrying home to get to work. We need more workers in the Sunday School now, and the church will receive that power that will conquer the world.

Prof. Harrison Price gave us some good thoughts on the "Methods of Teaching the Bible." Bro. Price is a close student and a forcible speaker. He made some points that were very interesting to the convention. Bro. P. is teaching and preaching at Ukiah, and is doing a good work.

"How to use the Blackboard," was introduced by Bro. Durham. Prof. A. D. Butler and E. B. Ware continued the exercise and many valuable suggestions were made. A blackboard was seen to be a necessity and anybody can soon learn how to use them.

"Sunday School Literature; its Use and Abuse" was presented by Dr. S. A. Taft, pastor of the Baptist church in Santa Rosa. The Dr. showed that tools are for a good purpose, yet they may be so handled as to become injurious. Sunday school literature had good objects in view, but in the "gush" and "push" of the age it may and is improperly used. Children are led away from the Bible by it not unfrequently.

"Sister Lydia Luse our stirring missionary sister, was promptly in her place and read a sterling essay on "How can we Best Develop the Missionary Spirit in the Sunday School." Sister L. always has an encouraging word either with tongue or pen, in the interest of the mission work in California, and the brethren are glad to meet her.

"The Responsibility and Blessedness of the Sunday School Work" was earnestly presented by Prof. A. G. Burnett. The pleasant manner in which the subject was presented is in the characteristic style of Bro. B. And the address had the tendency to awaken anew the responsibility and blessedness of such a grand work.

"How to Study and Prepare the Lesson" was presented by Prof. J. M. Martin in peculiarly analytical manner. He took the parable of the Talents, and gave the analysis as an example.

"The Purpose of Bible Study" by Bro. P. K. Dibble. Bro. D. showed the design of the Scripture. That we should acquaint ourselves with that design for two reasons, the benefit it would be to ourselves and to others.

One of the best things presented during the convention was an essay by W. W. Smith and old time Sunday school worker. Subject, "Child Nurture." We hope to read and study the valuable thoughts the writer presented.

"After Bro. Smith had read his essay Dr. Pearce took up the same theme and waked up the convention and the people generally, in one of his most stirring addresses. Everybody forgot the lateness of the hour in listening to his excellent thoughts.

The "Question Drawer" contained an unusual amount of interesting matter, and every brother was called out in some way or other. A score of difficulties were explained.

The reports from the Sunday schools, I feel sure, were the best we have ever had before. The condition of the churches as well as the Sunday school being included.

There is much work being done in our State, and let us do more. We can certainly do more this next year than last. Let us try anyway.

We were glad to meet Bro. Bruton, of Lakeport. He is a true and faithful laborer, we love to be with him. He reports the cause in a healthy condition in Lake county.

Old Bro. G. O. Burnett and his faithful wife were on hands to add interest to the convention. And old Sister Porter, of Napa, was present. Bro. P. having died since the last convention. Sister Porter is in her 83rd year, and yet not too old to attend the Sunday school.

Last, but not least, the convention would not have been complete without old Uncle Ben, who is always in his place. Yes, says Uncle Ben, "Ize agwine to go as long as I can, and whenever the brethren meet I hope to be there."

Let us appropriate all these good things.

J. D.

## Minutes of Lane County Sunday School Convention.

Pursuant to notice, the Lane County Sunday School Convention met in the Baptist church, Springfield, Lane Co., Oregon, June 19, 1880.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the house was called to order by L. O. Beckwith, when J. W. Long was elected temporary chairman, and L. O. Beckwith temporary secretary. Music by choir.

Devotional exercises by Eld. C. H. Hodges. Music. Address of welcome by Eld. S. Monroe Hubbard. Music. Permanent organization completed by the election of J. W. Long chairman and D. W. Bridges, secretary. Music by choir. Reports from the Sunday schools at Eugene City, Pleasant Hill and Trent. All received and placed on file. Music. Address by I. N. Mulkey—"Parental Influence and Present Need of our Sunday Schools." Music. Devotional exercises by Eld. Caleb Davis.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment convention met at 1 P. M.

On motion, I. N. Mulkey was elected temporary chairman in the absence of Bro. Long. Music. Devotional exercises by Eld. S. Monroe Hubbard. Music. Chair resumed by Bro. Long. Address by Eld. Hodges—"What Should be Taught in our Sunday Schools." Music. Ten minute speech by Bro. R. G. Callison. Music. Address by R. G. Callison—"Model Sunday School and Bible Class; How Conducted." Music. Motion to have a report from Executive Committee. Carried. Motion to receive report of Executive Committee. Carried. Motion to appoint a committee to consist of one person from each Sunday school in the county, as Executive Committee for the ensuing year. Carried. Persons appointed as fol-

lows: Eugene City, J. M. Shelly; Pleasant Hill, Josiah Callison; Cottage Grove, Joseph Sharp; Trent, D. W. Bridges; Clear Lake, Scott Bond. Motion that the present secretary inform the above appointed persons of their appointment. Carried. Motion that each Sunday school in the county send to our next Sunday School Convention a report which shall contain the average attendance, number of teachers, and such other information as will be proper for the occasion. Music by choir. Address by Eld. Hodges—"Superintendents' Duties in Connection with the Sunday Schools." Music. Devotional exercises by I. N. Mulkey. Adjourned sine die.

D. W. BRIDGES,

Secretary.

## Union Sunday School.

SOUTH MYRTLE CREEK, OR.,  
July 5, 1880.

Bro. Campbell:

The citizens residing in this vicinity met the first Lord's day in June, at the Gabbert school house, and organized a union Sunday school, choosing Mr. H. M. Clinton, a Baptist, as superintendent, and H. Lindsay assistant.

The school, though laboring under many disadvantages, has progressed finely. Bro. Clinton is a live Sunday school man; he lives four miles away, and walks to meet with us every Lord's day. Mrs. Clinton often accompanying him, on foot.

Two weeks ago the Sunday school determined to celebrate the nation's anniversary. A committee of arrangement was appointed, and Saturday, July 3rd, was fixed as the day for the celebration.

On the day appointed, at 10 o'clock, a good number of the children and people of the neighborhood assembled, including some who had traveled ten and twelve miles to enjoy the occasion with us.

The gentlemen had prepared a large platform under the spreading boughs of a lovely grove by the road side, and erected seats for the accommodation of the audience. The speakers' platform was exquisitely decorated with evergreens, mosses, ferns and flowers by the hands of the ladies, and the display of their choice taste and skill was the admiration of all. We do not remember of ever seeing anything of the kind more beautiful.

At the appointed time the meeting was called to order by Mr. H. Lindsay, president of the day, who introduced the exercises.

In the forenoon we had a national song entitled "Hail our Country's Natal Morn," then prayer by Mr. Sol. Hay. The "Star Spangled Banner" was then recited in a beautiful manner by Miss Hattie Belle Bynon. This was followed by the hymn "Hold the Fort," sung by the Sunday school. Mr. H. M. Clinton was then introduced as the orator of the day, who delighted the audience with his able and forcible manner of addressing; he first gave a glance at the various forms of governments of the past ages of the world, and then contrasted our own government with all that had preceded it, showing the infinite advantages we enjoy as a reason why every good citizen and Christian ought to rejoice and be glad on this our natal day, and why we should celebrate it. He presented some practical suggestions as to the duties of American citizens, and warned the good men of the land to guard especially our

free schools and the purity of the ballot.

Mr. Clinton's address was followed by a Medley song admirably rendered by Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Lippincott and Mr. A. F. Barbour, which caused no little amusement. The literary exercises were then closed for an intermission of an hour and a half for dinner.

A sumptuous and beautiful repast was then provided by the ladies, and everybody cordially invited to partake. A vigorous attack was made upon the edibles by a party with appetites keenly alive to the grave duty of demolishing the huge piles of the good things of life, but all in vain. The people were fully satisfied, and yet there remained, we don't know how many baskets full of the fragments, no, not fragments, but substantial food, enough to supply three times as many people.

The literary exercises were again resumed; the afternoon being devoted mainly to recitation by the children of the Sunday school.

We have not space to particularize, but can justly say that all acquitted themselves admirably, and a very pleasing variety of subjects were presented, including comic, descriptive and pathetic. The exercises were participated in by Ella and Mary Lawrence, Hattie Bynon, Nettie Newton, Ira Cardwell, Layd Ady, Bertie Bynon, Willie Newton, George Lindsay, and Henry Lawrence.

We must not omit to mention the admirable rendering of an old woman's relations of her trials, in character by Mrs. H. M. Clinton, "Aunt Jerushey," which caused an infinite amount of amusement, as it was irresistibly funny.

At about half past 2 o'clock the exercises closed, and all went to their homes feeling that they had enjoyed the day in a rational manner. The visitors from abroad appeared to be particularly delighted, and were lavish in their praise of the school and the projectors of the celebration.

H. L.

## Weather Report for June, 1880.

During June, 1880, there were 6 days during which rain fell, and 1.17 inches of water, 10 clear days and 14 cloudy days, other than those on which rain fell.

The mean temperature for the month was 57.85°. Highest daily mean temperature for the month 75°, on the 27th. Lowest daily mean temperature 48°, on the 3rd.

Mean temperature for the month at 2 o'clock P. M. 68.20°. Highest record of thermometer for the month 87°, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the 27th. Lowest thermometer 46°, at 7 o'clock A. M., on the 4th.

Thunder on the 18th and 28th; no rain accompanying that on the 28th at this point.

The prevailing winds for the month were from the North during 20 days, S. W. 7 days, South 3 days.

During June, 1879, there were 2 rainy days, and 0.47 in. of water, 14 clear and 14 cloudy days. Mean temperature for the month 58.20°. Highest daily 64°, on the 1st, 13th and 27th. Lowest daily 53°, on the 6th.

T. PEARCE.

Eola, Or., July 1, 1880.

Life must be measured by action, not by time; for a man may die old at thirty, and young at eighty; nay, the one lives after death, and the other perished before he died.