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Superintendent's Report



GEORGE A. MORAN

To the 24th annual conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in session at El Monte, California, July 8, 1946, greetings!

We wish to express our appreciation of our brethren in the ministry; the comradeship and co-operation throughout the past year has been impressive indeed. We believe we have been "workers together with God."

SPIRITUAL ADVANCEMENT

Several churches have had exceptional revivals, among others Phoenix, Ventura, Los Angeles; and throughout the conference the saints are heartened and faith is multiplying.

NUMERICAL GROWTH

The numerical increase over the conference has been sizable yet the turnover in membership is such as to show only a small increase. We would do well as a Church to ask ourselves what in our policy is causing such a large turnover in membership? God help us to build a family church!!

AMALGAMATION

God in His providence has seen

fit to bring together in one fellowship "The Holiness Church" and the "Pilgrim Holiness Church." Throughout the committee meetings and in the entire proceedings there has been the manifest presence of the Lord. There has been a splendid spirit of co-operation and a desire of both groups to serve this present age as God would have us.

However, real unity does not depend on wearing the same label and subscribing to the same set of doctrinal principles; these are earthly things and may or may not be of the Spirit. For example, the atonement is a fundamental doctrine to be subscribed to but never yet has doctrine been able to realize oneness—unity is only obtainable on the basis of experience inwrought by the power of the Holy Spirit—this is heavenly and effectual.

Let us in our new relationship recognize the power and virtue of the blood as sufficient against all that Satan might attempt in the line of schism or division.

God grant that we as a unified body may be of greater usefulness in the gospel ministry, and if we are to be successful as He counts success, then we must be a holy people—separated from the world and separated unto God in loving fellowship and service for Him.

NEW CHURCHES

We have a new church to present to the conference, organized during the past year at Prescott, Arizona. Rev. and Mrs. Piles are the pastors. Rev. Piles comes to us from the Wesleyan Methodist Church and Mrs. Piles from the Free Methodist Church. Thank God for a splendid nucleus of saints at Prescott.

There are two strong preaching points at Dobbins, California and Show Low, Arizona; both of which are eligible for organization. Bro. and Sis. C. T. Meyer of Eloy, Arizona have given the church two lots for a church in that city and construction is expected to begin next September.

BUILDING PROGRAM

Parsonages have been built at Rosemead, California and Long Beach. The parsonage will soon be available at Rocklin, California. Extensive reconditioning has been accomplished on several churches and the El Monte Tabernacle.

YOUTH

The Youth Work for the conference year began with a splendid conference held in Pasadena's Oak Grove Park. Youth rallies have been conducted in many churches throughout the year, with seekers at the altar in every service. A young man who was converted in one of the youth rallies is now Riverside's Sunday school Supt.

PILGRIM PINES, the new youth camp in the Barton flats area, is another accomplishment of the year.

MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

Ministerial meetings have been held during the year, with guest speakers chosen from among those who have made a success in some line of Christian endeavor. "The Fine Art of Public Worship" and "Preaching from the Bible" were among the texts studied. Also the fellowship and inspiration of the meetings have been beneficial.

CAMP MEETING

We have just concluded one of the largest and best camps of our movement in this area. It pleased the Lord to give us Rev. S. I.

Emery and Rev. M. L. Goodman at their best. The Minister's Seminar conducted by Rev. Thatcher and the many splendid missionary addresses by Rev. and Mrs. Solter and Rev. R. K. Storey all combined to give us a feast of good things long to be remembered, and afford both ministers and laymen a wonderful background for courage, inspiration and vision for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
—G. A. MORAN, *Conference Supt.*

Camp Meeting News

By CARL HAHN

The camp meeting of the California-Arizona Conference, held at El Monte June 28th to July 7th, was a gracious time of blessing. Large open spaces of shaded green grass and cool breezes welcomed the visitor. The tabernacle which seats about six-hundred people was redecorated this year and the cafeteria is one of the best of our camps anywhere. The crowds were large and many of our younger folk, who had never had such a privilege, were delighted to camp on the grounds.

Bro. Moran, our conference superintendent, did not miss a thing in planning a great camp. There were prayer meetings and a minister's seminar every morning. There were missionary speakers and youth workers; and children's meetings conducted every day on the plan of a Vacation Bible School. Bro. Moran presented the Home Missionary Fields in an effective way with pictures he had taken of the churches and workers in that department. The ministry of Bro. Goodman and Bro. Emery was greatly appreciated. Many sought and found the Lord as their personal Saviour.

General Conference Report

By a LAY DELEGATE

In the first place I wish to thank our California Conference for their confidence in sending me as one of their lay delegates to our General Conference. It was my earnest prayer that the Lord would guide me as your delegate to truly represent you and to vote in all matters for the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

It does not seem necessary to report on the business of the Conference as this has been quite fully described in the *Advocate* and the Minutes of the General Conference are now off the press and will soon be ready for distribution in your local churches. But as a layman I would like to give just a few impressions of the Conference.

Our democratic system of government was followed in all deliberations. It was interesting to see and hear our ministers from all over the United States and missionaries from many foreign countries. They are men and women of deep convictions. This being the case, they naturally did not all see alike. But we must remember in every religious body we can't always see eye to eye on every matter. Our church is made up of people from almost every denomination, consequently there are many different backgrounds, and early teachings and training which influences the way in which people think (even down to old age). In secular matters we realize that geographical locations also influence people's actions. If we make these comparisons among people in general we may expect them in religious circles as well. However, it was interesting to observe how the Lord helps Christians to strike a happy medium when they earnestly try to follow Him. Our church motto is a good illustration of this: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

Many of us left the conference grounds with a deeper determination than ever to pray for our general officers and pastors. They carry burdens and have problems that the average layman knows nothing about. Let us pray for them because we do not know what peculiar testings they may be passing through.

It was gratifying to learn from our statistician that our denomination leads at the present time in the amount of money given per capita. May we be able to report by next General Conference that we lead in the number of souls brought into the Kingdom. It is each layman's responsibility to co-operate in working and praying to this end.

Yours for a greater Pilgrim Church. —RUTH M. HOCKING

California Goes Camping



ETHEL HARTZLER

Tents sprung up like mushrooms! Everyone was busily engaged in setting up beds, peeling potatoes, washing dishes and becoming acquainted with the new and old Pilgrims from the different churches. Truly in the amalgamation of the two church organizations we seem to have found the mind of God. This was all a new experience for the California-Arizona Pilgrims, and this year we enjoyed real "camp meeting" atmosphere.

H. J. Olsen Heads H. E. I. Bible Department

Word has just been received from Rev. H. J. Olsen that he will accept the position as Head of the Bible Department of the Holiness Evangelistic Institute, services to begin this school year. Bro. Olsen is one of the nation's outstanding Bible expositors and a preacher of unusual ability. He was editor of the *Pilgrim Holiness Advocate* until recently and member of the Board of Missions of our denomination. His experience in many fields of Christian service has given him a wealth of knowledge, admirably preparing him for a great teaching ministry. We welcome you, Bro. Olsen, and pledge you our undivided support and loyalty.

Special Notice

Owing to the urgent need of getting workers to the Peruvian Field, my trip to South America is temporarily postponed. I shall give a more detailed account of this in the near future. Please pray that workers shall soon be sent to help relieve the situation there. Your brother in Christ,

—FRED K. WELLS

Spiritual Inventory

Camp time, good times, but more than that. Pilgrim Youth Conference means a time when our young people get away from the hurry of life and take serious inventory. Dr. C. Dorr Demaray will help us take count of our shortages and surplus goods. Pray that each young person present will "go over the shelves" and invest in the things that count.

Organization

The Bible reveals that God

Conference

It is Monday; workmen are hurriedly fitting out the platform with desks, microphones, etc. Camp is suddenly taking on the appearance of conference. || ||

The conference delegates, weary yet happy, are gathering in the beautiful tabernacle, reluctant to have the camp meeting close, and as if in answer to their desire the Lord poured out his Spirit upon us. One began to testify, then another; there was singing and shouting, weeping for joy and holy dancing interspersed through the conference.

The conference voted to hold its next Annual Conference (D. V.) on June 26th and 27th and the Young People's Conference on the 28th of June, preceding the camp meeting.

Rev. George Moran was re-elected as Conference Supt.; Rev. Fred Wells as Asst. Supt.; Rev. Donald Washburn, Secretary; Rev. Elmer Hall, Treasurer. The other members of the council are Rev. J. M. Dooley, Rev. Carl Hahn and Rev. Clifford Morgan. Mr. Edward C. Bickmore was elected to the newly created office of Conference Property Custodian.

Tents are coming down, good-bys are heard. Minister and layman alike are anxious to get to their place at the battlefront, determined by His grace and power to marshal their forces for an all-out offensive for God—inspired, encouraged and with vision increased by a great camp and conference.

Help--Help!!!

In 1938 the total membership of the Conference was . . . 658

in 1939 . . . 723

in 1940 . . . 717

in 1941 . . . 771

in 1942 . . . 785

in 1943 . . . 780

unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

The much debated subject of the wedding ring was discussed from many angles. The missionaries gave some enlightenment on the subject. For instance, those laboring under other flags pointed out that it was not used as adornment but a simple symbol of marriage. This in many places is the only way to distinguish between a legally married woman and one who is not. In the West Indies there are so many living together out of wedlock. In voting upon this issue it failed to receive the two-thirds majority, so the manual will remain as it is.

I was impressed with the fine group of spiritual and intellectual young ministers in our church. There are many of our former Pilgrim Bible College students who hold pastorates in eastern districts and are making good. Among some of those we met were the Storey boys, Adrian Grout, E. O. Howell, Ruth Smith Hahn and Prof. Hahn, also Bernice Hodgkin and the Burkholder sisters.

Each business session was preceded by a short devotional message. The opening one was on prayer given by Sis. Seth C. Rees. A very splendid message was given by Bro. Standley of God's Bible School. One of the most impressive services of the Conference was the great Sunday afternoon Missionary Rally when more than sixteen missionaries and their families took part. Three of these families had just arrived from Africa. They have served many years in difficult fields and we should pray for them as they are recuperating in preparation for deputation work. At different times during the Conference we were blessed and touched by R. K. Storey as he related some of their internment experiences.

Not only did the older Pilgrims enjoy the freedom of christian fellowship but our Junior Pilgrims participated in a Junior Camp Meeting under the able leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Thomas. We were happy to see the Juniors taking an active part in the camp meeting program and many found the Lord as their Saviour.

Our Dist. Supt., Rev. George A. Moran, had a full and well-planned schedule of services. The ministers of the conference received definite help in the morning's Minister's Seminar. Rev. Solter stirred us with the great need of concern for souls. The Fourth of July was a day well-spent praising the Lord for the miraculous deliverance of the Storey family. How the realization of God's marvelous grace and keeping power gripped our hearts as Rev. R. K. Storey thrilled us with their internment experiences at the afternoon missionary service. The blessing of the Lord was truly upon the Friday afternoon baptismal service. The two Saturday nights of the camp were under the leadership of our District Young People's Executive Secretary. Announcements were made of the coming Pilgrim Youth Conference over the Labor Day weekend.

Rev. S. I. Emery and Rev. M. L. Goodman were the salt and seasoning that made our camp meeting spiritually complete. The rich, deep, inspiring and timely messages these men of God brought us are well known to those who have heard them. Truly the Lord blessed not only the camp meeting but the conference that followed. The spirit of unity and freedom was felt by all in attendance. Pray that the souls that found a new experience in Christ will walk in God's light and that the Lord's will may be accomplished this conference year.

works through organizations of His own creation. In His providence He has seen fit to bring two such groups together. Perhaps it may be in order therefore to say a word about organizational function.

First let it be said that "That governs best which governs least." We are autonomic, but that can only be said in its truest sense of those who are the bond slaves of Jesus Christ, they "are free indeed" and are always easy to be intreated. The local church should also have the greatest degree of autonomy that a representative form of government will allow.

There is at least one rule that makes for the success or failure of any organization, and that is to work through the proper channels set up by that organization. In other words work through the personnel that head up the various departments. World-wide organizations have come to the brink of complete collapse because men elected to work through personal friends rather than proper departmental channels.

Apparently the California-Arizona Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church is at the threshold of a great opportunity. Let us therefore be mindful of all the rules of our Saviour and the rules of good government, and press forward to certain victory.

No Better Givers

We have little increase in membership BUT there are no better givers than the PILGRIMS.

1939 total receipts were	\$24,063.89
1943 total receipts were	\$48,483.52
1944 total receipts were	\$61,345.30
1945 total receipts were	\$67,111.07
1946 total receipts were	\$71,339.11

In view of the fact that war jobs ended many months ago, our 1946 record is an excellent one indeed.

in 1947.....705
in 1945.....699
in 1946.....735

Evidently we believe that seven is the number of perfection and completeness. We seriously doubt if it applies in the above case.

For every FOUR received into the fellowship of the church last year THREE left us!!!

Let's build a family church!!

It's a Date

One more month and it will be time to roll up your bedding and head for the San Bernardino Mountains to spend three days among the majestic pines that extend up to the snow-capped peaks. You won't find innerspring mattresses at camp, but you will find cots, tents and plenty of clean, pine-scented, fresh air that will make you sleep like a top. After hiking and playing you will be ready to eat. Yes, there will be eats . . . plenty and good! Remember, young people, it's a date!!

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