

a very practical message. The junior member of the group was Walter Lee Thomas, who played a piano solo for the offertory very acceptably.

A good dinner, provided by the ladies of the church and served in the parsonage was enjoyed by the group together with a number of the members. It was observed that Bro. Thomas has a decided weakness for dessert—of several kinds. Old acquaintances were renewed and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all before the group sped on to an afternoon appointment.

REV. PAUL D. BECK, *Pastor*

P. E. I-TEMS

Greetings from P. E. I. in the name of our Saviour, Jesus the Christ! As we approach His birthday, our hearts are thrilled again with the sweetest song ever sung, "Peace on earth, good will to men." Nineteen centuries have rolled by since the carol first pealed forth the glorious anthem, but with each year a million broken hearts have learned to sing again, "Thanks be unto God, for His unspeakable gift!"

School days are happy days, good days, busy days. There is chorus practice, study hall, class room instruction, examinations, activities, class outings, mission band and Gospel team work, prayer meetings, etc., etc., etc. We trust our Pilgrim friends will come visit our school. The Chapel service each morning at 8:30 is a happy hour in the day. Monday is the president's day to

speak. Tuesday is sing-spiration. Wednesday the Bible department takes charge. Thursday rotates among the high school classes and Friday is left open for guest speakers. These services are providing a real inspiration to the student body. The songs of praise, earnest prayers victories, and testimonies warm our hearts. We thank God for consecrated, Spirit-filled young people in our school. The christian fellowship on the campus is that which enriches our daily lives.

Yes—there is another side. We have problems—REAL problems! Sometimes it seems we are utterly helpless to know what to do, but God has helped us abundantly, for which we praise Him! We are assured in His Word, "To him that believeth, all things are possible."

We sincerely thank you for your fervent prayers, and loyal support. It is only through the cooperation and prayers of our loyal Pilgrims that P. E. I. will go over the top! Here are some of our immediate needs: additional scholarships for worthy students; a new station wagon; adequate transportation for the Gospel teams and mission band groups; side walks before the rains begin: a baby grand piano for the auditorium, and a new administration building. Pray with us. God answers prayer.

The Gospel team will be happy to visit your church. If you desire a service, please contact us for appointment.

CLIFFORD W. THOMAS, *President*

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WHAT MAKES CHRISTMAS

'Twas not the angels' singing
That gave the Christmas thought
Nor yet the gold and incense
Which the Wise Men had brought.

'Twas not the star that led them
Upon their unknown way;—
It was the birth of Jesus
That made the Christmas day!

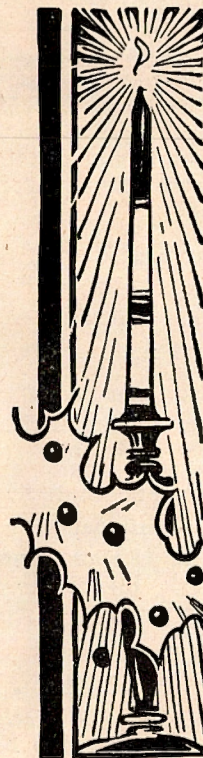
So it is not the presents
That make our Christmas day;
'Tis not what we receive that counts,
But what we give away.

The joy of loving service
Makes all the day seem bright,
The thought of others' pleasure,
With self put out of sight.

Oh, never mourn that Christmas
Comes only once a year,
Because it is our giving
That brings the Christmas cheer.

Then keep the Christmas spirit
Within our hearts always,
And through the year thus make it
A Christmas every day.

—ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT



EAST LOS ANGELES

East Los Angeles Pilgrim Holiness Church is still on the map, and we are pressing on to Victory, and by this we mean the kind of Victory which God has promised to all those who fight the good fight of faith. We have a fine bus which the Lord gave us through the help of many friends. Everyone here seems to be all-out to see Holiness take its stand in this "neck of the woods". The bus is coming in almost full now each Sunday, and we expect to hit the hundred mark before too long in our Sunday School.

We are having the interior of our Church building redecorated, and have, through the help of the good folk here, had the seats upholstered, and they sure are fine. The Lord is helping us in every department of the church, and there are signs of a rustling in the mulberry trees. We plan revival, and are praying revival, and feel that soon it will come.

We are having Rev. E. E. Leadingham, of Louisville, Ky. for a revival January 30th through February 13th. We are expecting a great time, and many souls to find definite victory. Please pray for this church, as we are in a real battle. We will win by the help of the Holy Spirit.

Our group went to the Young People's rally to bring back the banner, and we were rewarded, "as your faith so shall it be unto thee". *We got it*, and intend to keep it as long as we can, by the help of the Lord. Our young peoples group is not large, but it is growing, and we believe will be larger before long.

Fred K. Wells, *Pastor*

QIAI

Fresno, the latter fine group was again defeated numerically, though we know they came through with good victory spiritually, making substantial gains throughout the contest.

The parsonage is completed (though parson's strength depleted). Pastor and wife request your prayers for physical strength and spiritual grace that with the "Divine renewal" they may be able to take up their ministry of spiritual building, following the strenuous months of material construction.

The new building is being enjoyed by all, and a date for Dedication Service will be set in the near future. All our friends are invited to join with us in thanksgiving to God and allow us opportunity to offer our heart-felt appreciation for the cooperation received from them in helping to see us through. Watch the News for Dedication Date.

The best comes last. God is putting a desire in the hearts of Rosemead Pilgrims for a real revival in the church, that will then reach out into the community and result in the salvation of many in this area. Your earnest prayer is requested that God will break through in our midst, and send to the hearts of pastor and people—whatever is needed to sweeten and purify without and within, that "the beauty of the Lord our God may be upon us: and establish the work of our hands upon us." This is our prayer, in Jesus' name.

WILLIAM MAYS, *Pastor*

COTTONWOOD

Cottonwood Pilgrim Church is steadily growing. It has broken its record attendance record

SOUTHEAST ZONE

Leader: Milton Harrington

Chino	Redlands
Corona	Riverside
Pomona	San Dimas

ARIZONA ZONE

Leader: Clarence Meyers

Cottonwood	Tucson
Phoenix	West Phoenix

R. S. MILLER,
Dist. Y. P. Exec. Sec'y.

YOUTH RALLIES

SOUTHEAST ZONE

On Friday night Nov. 5th the rally of the Southeastern Zone for this season was held in the Riverside Pilgrim Holiness Church. The service was well attended by approximately 70 people. A precious spirit of revival was there and the Holy Spirit had full liberty in every portion of the activities. There were six teen-agers who prayed to victory and gave lively testimonies.

CENTRAL ZONE

At Rosemead in the Pilgrim Holiness Church on Friday evening Nov. 19th, the Central Zone had a Youth Rally. There were 75 present and this was fine representation for the churches present. Not all the churches in the zone were able to attend. After the service the pastors met to discuss plans for future activities.

R. S. MILLER, *Exec. Sec'y*

SOUTHWEST ZONE

The first Youth Rally of the Southwest Zone was held on the evening of November 12 at the Long Beach Church. God's signal blessing rested upon the service from beginning to end. The

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

October Report	1947	1948
Adams Memorial	18	32
Buena Park		36
Chino		73
Corona	95	64
Cottonwood	20	33
E. Los Angeles	57	71
East Pasadena	90	96
El Monte	187	183
Eloy		17
Fresno	137	139
Highland Park		22
Long Beach	46	90
Oak View	34	42
Ojai	123	111
Phoenix	88	77
Pomona	63	67
Redlands	27	31
Redondo Beach	46	70
Rees Memorial	140	140
Riverside	40	42
*Rocklin		
Rosemead	142	154
San Diego	35	28
San Dimas	66	104
*San Fernando		
Santa Ana	38	24
*Santa Barbara		
Tucson	52	58
*Ventura		
*West Phoenix		
Wilmar		61
November Report	1947	1948
Adams Memorial	17	31
*Buena Park		
Chino		70
Corona	87	65
*Cottonwood		
E. Los Angeles	44	85
East Pasadena	93	89
El Monte		178
Fresno	107	121
Highland Park		22
Long Beach	43	98
Oak View	41	43
Ojai	105	123
*Phoenix		
Pomona	59	63

We are glad to report that Ojai is still in the battle against sin and the devil. God has given us a wonderful group of saints to work with for which we thank Him.

We were privileged to have Rev. H. J. Olsen with us for a two week revival during the month of October. God blessed his spirit filled ministry to the hearts of everyone who was privileged to attend the services. There were some who received definite help in their souls. There was one man reclaimed who had been backslidden for some time, also one who was sanctified who has been a real blessing to the church. We appreciated so much the spirit in which the messages came from night to night as well as the individual fellowship we felt with Bro. Olsen. We can recommend him to any church, especially where the saints need encouragement.

I would like to ask an interest in the prayers of all the churches of the district for my wife's health. For the past six weeks she has been ordered of the doctor to stay away from church, and not have visitors because of an extremely nervous condition. We know that God is able for her case.

God has been blessing in the Sunday School, not with a fast increase but a steady growth for which we thank the Lord. Our average attendance for November was 123.

CLIFFORD MORGAN, *Pastor*

ROSEMEAD

Sunday School average for the month of November was 156. And in the friendly contest with

since camp meeting and we also have two new members. We have just organized a missionary society and expect to engage several Missionary speakers in the future.

W. M. TRACY, *Pastor*

POMONA

Since our recent revival with Rev. J. Maxey Walton, a high spiritual tide has been maintained in our services. Brother Walton's messages were of the old-fashioned type and are still bringing forth fruit. It was a pleasure to have had his family present and assisting in many of the services.

DAVID METSKER, *Pastor*

NEW ZONING

The Y. P. Committee recommended a new zoning of the district for Youth Rallies. The District Council approved the plan and the following is a list of the zones with their respective zone leaders:

NORTHERN ZONE

Leader: David Hoff

Fresno Rocklin

NORTHWEST ZONE

Leader: Joe Potts

Oak View Santa Barbara
Ojai Ventura

CENTRAL ZONE

Leader: Bill Rugh

East Pasadena Rees Memorial
Highland Park Rosemead
San Fernando

SOUTHWEST ZONE

Leader: Ivan Williams

Adams Memorial Long Beach
Buena Park Redondo Beach
E. Los Angeles Santa Ana
El Monte Wilmar

various pastors of the zone responded splendidly in attendance and contributed much with their spiritual assistance in making the meeting a success. Excellent representations were present from nearly all the churches with the final count totaling 215 in attendance. The East Los Angeles Church, which won the attendance banner by an extensive margin, deserves sincere congratulations.

Brother Richard S. Miller, Y. P. Executive Secretary, delivered a timely, evangelistic message which was greatly blessed of God. The Holy Spirit was faithful in striving with unsaved youth. Conviction gripped many hearts and eighteen young people responded to the gospel invitation at the close of the message. Members of the Southwest Zone are anticipating and praying for more such rallies throughout the remainder of the year.

B. IVAN WILLIAMS, *Reporter*

REPORT ON DON'T GET THE BLUE'S CONTEST

The contest that was sponsored by P. E. I's practical christian workers class, to boost the Sunday School attendance over the district has come to its grand climax with Long Beach in the lead. There weren't any of the churches that had every Sunday a red letter day, but there were four who only had the BLUES two Sunday's during the period for which the contest extended. The four churches are San Dimas with an average increase of 34 above last year, Wilmar and Ojai with honorable mention. There was one class who had a red letter day every Sunday, the junior girls class at Wilmar.

*Redlands	51	71
Redondo Beach	137	154
Rees Memorial	49	44
Riverside		103
Rocklin		156
Rosemead	38	32
San Diego	62	110
San Dimas		
*San Fernando		35
Santa Ana		77
Santa Barbara	57	64
Tucson	67	71
Ventura		

*West Phoenix

*Wilmar

* Pastors did not report.

"STOP COUNTING WHEN THE BELL RINGS"

In a recent meeting of your District Sunday School Committee, the subject of counting late comers as present for the Sunday School was discussed. It was decided that there should be a uniform plan used throughout the district, namely, counting as present all those who arrive within five minutes of the close of Sunday School. It is suggested that a warning bell be rung at this time, notifying class secretaries to this effect.

DAVID METSKER
Dist. S. S. Secretary

The FORECAST

HOLINESS RALLY

El Monte, Jan 19-23

MINISTERIAL MEETING

El Monte, Jan 20-21

ALL DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

El Monte, Jan. 22

REVIVAL

E. Los Angeles, Jan 30-Feb. 13
E. E. Leadingham, *Evangelist*

OBITUARY

Another saint and Pilgrim has gone home, Rev. Simon F. Bicker, a native of Freeport, Illinois. Born in the year of 1861 in Illinois, he later moved to California where he came in contact with the Holiness people, and became a minister of the Gospel. He took his first charge at Etiwanda, California, in the year of 1898, as pastor of the Holiness church there. He served as a minister the greater part of 30 years. He was elected to the Board of Elders of the Holiness Church in the year of 1905, and served as such until 1939 in which year the general assembly of the Church elected him as Elder Emeritas.

Father Bicker was a very holy man, and was loved by all who knew him. He shouted the victory everywhere he went, and his shouts of joy were the identifying factor of his Christian life, and was enjoyed by all. He is now shouting around the throne of God. One of the greatest joys of his life was to tell how the Lord took the old Man out of his life, and cleansed him from an evil temper. He truly lived a sanctified life.

Brother Bicker took leave of this life on October 24th 1948, at the age of 87 years, a ripe old age. He leaves to mourn his passing, his widowed wife, Mary Bicker, four sons—Earl, Albert, Ralph, and Arthur and one daughter, Mrs. Lydia Olson. Three children preceeded him in death, two in infancy, and a son who gave

his life on the missionary field. He also leaves eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held October 26, 1948 at 1 p.m. in the Rees Memorial Pilgrim Holiness Church in Pasadena of which he was a member at the time of his death. Rev. Fred K. Wells preached the Funeral message from II Timothy 1:12—*"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day"*. Rev. Lundy Hill assisted in the service. A male quartette sang "Face to face and "My heavenly home is bright and fair" and Rev. Ralph Steelhead sang, "Will the Circle be Unbroken?". Interment was at the Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena.

We shall greatly miss this man of God, and his testimonies, but heaven has been made richer, and we look forward to the happy meeting on the other side. Let us pray for Sister Bicker as she will miss him so much.

IN MEMORIAM

HULDA CHARLOTTE ANDERSON

Mrs. Hulda Anderson was born Hulda Charlotte Stromberg, in Sweden, in the year 1870. While she was still a young girl, she came to the United States and settled at Providence, R. I., at which place she lived for 27 years.

She was married to Mr. Frank

Anderson in 1890. To this union were born five sons and two daughters. In 1913 Mr. and Mrs. Anderson moved to Pasadena, California, where they have made their home for the past 35 years.

At the age of 16, Mrs. Anderson was soundly converted and soon afterward was definitely filled with the Holy Spirit. In this holy, Christian faith she lived and walked until her triumphant home-going, Sunday, November 28.

She was a charter member of what is now known as the Rees Memorial Pilgrim Holiness Church. Ever a faithful attendant at the services of her church, her face would glow with holy light and joy as the minister expounded the Word of God. She would often rise to her feet with some well loved song on her lips, sometimes singing in her native Swedish language, and lift the whole meeting heavenward. Her victorious testimony will never be forgotten by the people of the congregation with whom she worshipped.

"O, who can tell the rapture
Of those to whom 'tis given
Thus to renew the bonds of earth
Amid the bliss of heaven?"

GONE HOME

Mrs. Grace Lewis, formerly of Burbank, Calif. but recently of Willits, California passed away November 9, 1948 in Berkely, California.

She and her husband, C. M. Lewis had been in mission and pastoral work for several years. She was loved by all who knew her, and will be sadly missed.

She is survived by her husband and a grandson, Bradley Skinner.

ADAMS MEMORIAL

The November meeting with Rev. Charles Slater as evangelist was an uplift to the church. Some seekers for Salvation obtained victory. We tried to have all in readiness so no extra "chores" would take our time during the meetings.

We are thankful for new linoleums on the kitchen, living room, and bed room, and redecoration of the kitchen.

We had some profitable cottage meetings, and participated in a few rescue mission services.

May we also say we feel no small rejoicing over the fine improvements in our neighborhood church, East Los Angeles—especially that beautiful baby grand piano.

MRS. K. HOLLOWELL, *Pastor*

SAN DIMAS

A very profitable service was held at San Dimas December 5th by Rev. and Mrs. Clifford W. Thomas and a group from P. E. I. The fact that the Thomases were formerly pastors of the church here added much to the interest of the occasion. The Walton sisters, Velma and Violet, together with Evelyn Alkire, formed the ladies trio, which sang very beautifully. The male quartet, comprised of Paul bufkin, Roy Dworschak, Jim Morgan and Paul Miller, also furnished some splendid numbers.

Sister Thomas presided at the piano, and Bro. Thomas brought