

HISTORICAL STATEMENT

CONCERNING THE ORIGIN OF THE PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

In the midst of the prevailing drift of modern Christianity from Bible standards of doctrine and practice, there have been numerous organizations providentially raised up in various parts of the world for the conservation and propagation of true Holiness.

Numbers of these organizations have from time to time found common ground of union and have combined under various denominational names.

One of these united bodies is the Pilgrim Holiness Church. It is composed of four bodies of people who have been drawn together in the unity of the Spirit because of similarity of views, not only as to the doctrine of Sanctification, but also regarding the blessed hope of the premillennial Return of Jesus, and concerning the privilege of Healing for the body in answer to the prayer of faith.

The following is a brief account of the origin of the several organizations now united under the above name.

International Apostolic Holiness Church

In 1897 the Apostolic Holiness Union was organized in the home of Rev. Martin Wells Knapp, in Cincinnati, O. Rev. Seth C. Rees was the first General Superintendent. Rev. M. W. Knapp was the first Secretary.

Brother Knapp had already founded a Bible School, a paper called The Revivalist, and a publishing plant, in Cincinnati.

Extensive revival work was carried on by the Union, resulting in the formation of many missions, churches, rescue homes, and camp-meetings, as well as the sending out of missionaries to many foreign lands. Bible Schools were established and papers published at Greensboro, N. C., Owosso, Mich., and other places.

As the work developed it became evident that there was need of a more permanent form of organization than the interdenominational Union provided. This was effected in 1905 and the name was changed to International Apostolic Holiness Union Churches.

Gradually the interdenominational features of the organization ceased and in 1913 the name was altered to International Apostolic Holiness Church. The Apostolic Messenger, published at Greensboro, became the official paper of the Church.

The Bible School, The Revivalist, and the publishing interests at Cincinnati, having been left by their founder in the hands of a self-perpetuating board of Trustees, continue on an interdenominational basis.

When, in 1919 the Holiness Christian Church united with the above organization, one word from each name was dropped, and the denominational name became International Holiness Church.

Holiness Christian Church

In the year 1882 a work of grace began in Philadelphia, Pa., which proved to be the beginning of what was later known as the Holiness Christian Association. The first Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Linwood, Pa., in 1889. At the Conference of 1894 the above name was adopted, and Rev. C. W. Ruth was elected Presiding Elder. After the formation of the Indiana Annual Conference, the General Conference which met in Reading, Pa., adopted the name Holiness Christian Church.

The work spread until, at the time of the union with the International Holiness Church in 1919, there were four Annual Conferences in the United States, with missionary work established in Central America. The Pennsylvania Conference did not see fit to enter the union and continues under the old name.

Pentecostal Rescue Mission

After the above union, a body known as the Pentecostal Rescue Mission united with the International Holiness Church, becoming the N. Y. District. This work is located mainly in the State of New York, with a mission station in Alaska.

The Pilgrim Church

In the years 1915-1916, under the ministry of Rev. Seth C. Rees, a great revival of old-time salvation broke out in Pasadena, Cal., in connection with the Nazarene University Church.

On February 25, 1917, this church, the third largest in the denomination, was disorganized by action of the District Superintendent, which action was later confirmed by one of the General Superintendents.

After waiting for three months for the rescinding of the above action, over three hundred of those who had thus lost their church membership, feeling themselves to be "Strangers and Pilgrims on the earth," organized the first Pentecost-Pilgrim Church, May 27, 1917.

The word Pentecost was finally discontinued because of its misleading association in the public mind with the modern "Tongues" movement, and the name Pilgrim Church adopted.

Other churches sprang up in Cal., Kansas, and Tex., which became associated together under the above name. A school, now known as the Pilgrim Bible College, was established in Pasadena, a paper published, and a flourishing missionary work carried on in Mexico, with missionaries supported in other foreign lands.

At the General Assembly of the International Holiness Church, Cincinnati, O., 1922, the Pilgrim Church united with that body and the name Pilgrim Holiness Church was chosen as the title of the combined churches.

Holding doctrines greatly misunderstood and despised by the world and even by the Church in general, the humble bodies comprising this union have never made it their policy to seek popularity or numbers by compromising what they regard as essential to vital Godliness. However, under the blessing of God they now total over 12,000 members, 850 ministers, and 500 churches in this country, with 120 missionaries in 10 foreign lands.

MID-WINTER CONVENTION

In connection with the Assembly was held the Mid-winter Convention. This one of the most fruitful and best attended meetings ever held in this Church. Both the General Superintendents gave their best and the people responded well. Never have we heard such a series of inspiring and moving Missionary addresses from this platform as were delivered by Rev. R. G. Finch. Scores of seekers knelt at the altars during the meetings, and many hard and unusual cases were reached. The last Sunday afternoon of the Convention about \$1700 was given for the Bible School. Brother Cox and Brother Finch remained for a few days after the close of the Convention and preached one night each. One week after the close of the Convention, Brother Finch preached his farewell message and an offering of over \$1300 was easily raised to send him to Africa to visit our work there. That same morning over \$900 had been raised for Foreign Missions at the Belvedere Gardens Church. To God be all the glory for these men and for the results attained through their ministry.



DIRECTORY

District Officers

Winifred R. Cox, General Superintendent and Chairman, Greensboro, N. C.
 Ralph G. Finch, Gen'l. Supt. of Foreign Missions, Kingswood, Ky.
 O. R. Sickler, District Superintendent, 1549 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
 Chas. C. Waterman, Ass't. Dist. Sup't., 759 N. Orange Grove, Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
 Walter H. Adams, District Secretary, 1594 Whitefield Rd., Pasadena, Calif.
 Alexander Krag, Dist. Treas. and Missionary Treas. and Sec'y., 1496 Atchison, Pasadena, Calif.
 Additional members of the District Council: Seth C. Rees, J. P. Coleman, Reece Robbins.

Ordained Ministers Employed as Pastors

F. J. Norton, Mrs. F. J. Norton, Alta Loma, Alta Loma, Calif.
 C. C. Waterman, Mrs. C. C. Waterman, Belvedere Gardens, 759 N. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena Calif.
 J. Preston Lane, Mrs. Laura Lane, East Pasadena, 1290 Bresee Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
 Walter Carrithers, Fresno, Fresno, Calif.
 Ralph V. Steelhead, Olinda, Rt. 1, Box 100, Placentia, Calif.
 Seth C. Rees, Paul S. Rees, Pasadena, 1475 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
 Claude M. Lewis, Rialto, Rialto, Calif.
 Leroy Hutchings, (Licensed) San Diego, 3856 Reed Ave., San Diego, Calif.

Ordained Ministers Employed as Mission Superintendents

Eric G. Bloomquist, Mrs. Bloomquist, Sawtelle Mission, 257 Massachusetts Ave., Sawtelle, Calif.
 Lewis I. Bucey, Gospel Mission, Elsinor, Calif.

Ordained Ministers Employed as Evangelists

Dauel, C. H., 4025 Cherokee Ave., San Diego, Calif.
 Galloway, E. B., 115 N. Pixley, Orange, Calif.
 Galloway, W. H., Elizabethtown, Kentucky.
 Galloway, Mrs. Minnie E., Elizabethtown, Kentucky.
 Grout, D. T., 1600 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
 Hodgkin, G. A., 1455 Atchison St., Pasadena, Calif.
 Hodgkin, Mrs. Jennie A., 1455 Atchison St., Pasadena, Calif.
 Rees, Mrs. S. C., 1475 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
 Rees, Paul S., 1475 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
 Robbins, Reece H., 1636 N. Sierra Bonita Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
 Smith, Chas. E., Alta Loma, Calif.
 Sickler, O. R., 1549 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

Licensed Ministers Employed as Evangelists

Burnsides, Geo., Hopewell, Kentucky.
 Burnsides, Mrs. Geo., Hopewell, Kentucky.
 Dauel, Mrs. Eva, 4025 Cherokee Ave., San Diego, Calif.
 Wise, Geo. C., 307 D. St., N. West, Washington, D. C.

Ordained Ministers Employed as Missionaries

Pierce, Phebe, Botkins, O.
 Romero, Juan, Apdo. 320, San Luis Potosi, Mexico
 Soltcro, Francisco, Valles, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
 Soltcro, Mrs. Nettie Winans, Valles, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
 True, Miss Ethel, Apdo. 320, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
 True, Miss Nella, Apdo. 320, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Licensed Ministers Employed as Missionaries.

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| Friske, Mary Grace..... | 1001 N. Los Robles, Pasadena, Calif. |
| Metcalfe, Dwight..... | The Japan Self-Help Bible School, Kaibara, Hikami Gun, Hyogo Ken, Japan. |
| Ponce, Salvadore..... | Coxcatlan, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. |
| Portillo, Juan Lopez..... | Portrerillos, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. |

Other Ordained Ministers

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| Adams, Walter H..... | 1594 Whitefield Road, Pasadena, Calif. |
| Andrews, Mrs. Lillie..... | 129 N. Wellington St., Los Angeles, Calif. |
| Blake, H. L..... | 1229 N. Mentor Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Dugdale, A. H..... | Etiwanda, Calif. |
| Kleinschmidt, Mrs. Irene..... | 2437 I St., San Diego, Calif. |
| McCarty, Herbert..... | 1521 Atchison St., Pasadena, Calif. |
| McCarty, Mrs. Mary..... | 1521 Atchison St., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Pound, Jean..... | 1547 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Scofield, G. H..... | 1105 Wesley Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Smith, L. G..... | 1390 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Smith, Mrs. L. G..... | 1390 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Sparks, J. P..... | Milano, Texas. |
| Stone, Chris..... | 1180 Wesley Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Stone, W. C., Editor of the Advocate..... | 15th and Elm Sts., Cincinnati, O. |
| Troyer, W. L..... | 1544 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Vernon, O. H..... | 1549 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Vernon, Mrs. O. H..... | 1549 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Welch, W. A..... | Rich Grove, Calif. |
| Vickers, Mrs. Anna M..... | Tulare, Calif. |
| Wilson, Perry O..... | 1529 Wesley Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |

Other Licensed Ministers

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| Bundy, Harry J..... | 4850 13th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash. |
| Bundy, Mrs. Harry J..... | 4850 13th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash. |
| Chambers, William..... | Alta Loma, Calif. |
| Clarke, C. E..... | 213 W. 6th St., Corona, Calif. |
| Kleinschmidt, L. H..... | 2437 I St., San Diego, Calif. |
| McCurdy, Kennis..... | 1494 Topeka St., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Miner, Warren P..... | 1889 N. Sierra Bonita Ave., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Peterson, Anton..... | 944 Palm Terrace, Pasadena, Calif. |
| Stives, James..... | Route 2, Fullerton, Calif. |
| Yardy, George J..... | R. 3, Box 317, Turlock, Calif. |

Ordained Deaconesses

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| Scogin, Mrs. Florence A..... | 188 W. 43rd St., Los Angeles, Calif. |
| Yorba, Mrs. Victorine..... | 1662 Asbury Drive, Pasadena, Calif. |

Licensed Deaconesses

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| Burt, Mrs. Mary..... | Fresno, Calif. |
| Bucey, Mrs. Rhoda..... | Elsinor, Calif. |
| Hollowell, Mrs. E. J..... | 400 McBride Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. |
| Jacobson, Mrs. Margaret..... | 1500 Erie St., Pasadena, Calif. |
| Miller, Mrs. L. K..... | 1334 Ricker St., Los Angeles, Calif. |

Lay Members of the Assembly

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| Mrs. Hulda Anderson, | Mrs. E. M. Nelson, |
| Mrs. Margaret Johnston, | Mrs. Flora Evans, |
| Mrs. D. S. Peck, | Profesor Alexander Krag, |
| Mrs. Minnie Moffit, | Mrs. Mary Sparks, |
| Mrs. Reece Robbins, | Mrs. E. M. Adams, |
| Evangeline Rees, | Marion Anderson, |
| Mrs. Ripper, | Mrs. Gabriel, |
| E. M. Nelson, | Mrs. Hastings, |
| | Mrs. Opal McMurtry. |

Proceedings of the Third Annual Assembly of the California District

First Day—Tuesday, January 27, 1925

The Third Annual Assembly of the California District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church met in the Pilgrim Tabernacle, Pasadena, Calif., January 27, 9:45 A. M., and was called to order by the District Superintendent, Reece Robbins. A song was led by Rev. Ralph Steelhead, after which Rev. D. T. Grout prayed. General Superintendent Cox then took the chair and called upon the General Superintendent of the Foreign Fields, R. G. Finch to read the twelfth chapter of Romans.

The District Secretary, Rev. W. C. Stone, having gone East in the interest of the Advocate, a temporary secretary was necessary. On nomination Walter H. Adams, was elected.

The minutes of the last Annual Assembly were read after which the Conference Bar was designated as the first six rows of chairs in the middle section and the section to the South.

The roll was then made up. Brother Grout made a motion to permit the pastors of the various churches to appoint three additional lay delegates. Carried.

Moved and carried that O. R. Sickler, a member of the Michigan District, of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, be admitted to the conference bar.

Moved and carried that Rev. Ralph Steelhead, of the Mennonite Church and pastor of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Olinda, be given a seat in the Bar.

Moved and carried that E. B. Galloway, a member of the Kansas-Nebraska District, be given a seat in the bar.

Moved and carried that Rev. U. E. Harding, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, of Pasadena, and Rev. Dixon, a Nazarene Minister, be given seats in the bar.

Moved and carried that Rev. A. H. Kauffman, another Nazarene Minister, be given a seat in the conference bar.

Moved and carried that Rev. Brillhart, also a Nazarene Minister, be given a seat in the bar.

Brother Harding was called upon to speak and said how glad he was to greet this assembly. Brothers Dixon and Kauffman each spoke a few words of fraternal greeting.

Brother Goings, Superintendent of the African Branch of the Holiness Church, was granted a seat in the bar. He gave a brief testimony to full Salvation.

Mrs. Ralph Steelhead, a Mennonite Minister, was given a seat in the bar.

On a carried motion Mrs. Johnston, of Olinda was granted a seat in the bar.

On a carried motion Brother Peterson, a licensed minister of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Michelinda was given a seat in the bar.

A motion by Brother Rees, to the effect that for the present the Assembly convene at 9:30 and adjourn at 11:45 was carried.

Moved and carried that Robert's Rules of Order or the decision of the chair be the Rules of Order.

Moved and carried that the chair appoint a nominating Committee to nominate all Assembly Committees. Those appointed were G. A. Hodgin, Reece Robbins, and D. T. Grout.

As the time for adjournment had arrived the assembly stood adjourned to 9:30 Wednesday morning.

Second Day—Wednesday, January 28, 1925.

General Superintendent Cox called the Assembly to order at 9:30. A song was led by Brother Sickler after which Brother Rees prayed.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Rev. I. G. Martin was brought before the Assembly and introduced. He spoke a few words of encouragement and prophesied a good future for the Church if it keeps hot and clean.

Brother Coleman, the senior Elder, became reminiscent and recalled to the minds of the Assembly the early days of Dr. P. F. Bresee's work in Los Angeles.

On a carried motion Brother Martin was given the privileges of the floor.

On a carried motion, the action of the day before in regard to the permitting of only three additional delegates from each church, was rescinded.

Brother Hodgkin made a motion to permit members of any church on the District who could attend regularly to become members of the Assembly. Carried.

Moved and carried that the Secretary select his own assistant. Mrs. Steelhead was selected.

Moved and carried that all who can attend regularly hand his or her name to the Secretary.

The Nominating committee made its report as follows:

Examining Board:—D. T. Grout, one year, Preston Lane, three years, O. R. Sickler, two years.

Committee on Publishing Interests:—J. P. Coleman, Ralph Steelhead.

Committee on Resolutions:—J. P. Coleman, C. C. Waterman, Ralph Steelhead.

Committee on Rescue Work:—Mrs. Scogin, C. C. Waterman, Mrs. G. A. Hodgkin, Seth C. Rees, Margaret Jacobson.

Home Missions:—O. R. Sickler, Eric Bloomquist, C. C. Waterman, Warren Miner, Mrs. Johnston.

Committee on Education:—Prof. Alex Krag, Walter Adams, Mrs. Marston.

Committee on Memoirs:—J. P. Coleman, Herbert McCarty.

Committee on Statistics:—Walter H. Adams, Brother Blake, Brother Marston.

Committee on Sunday School:—Herbert Hansen, W. L. Troyer, Brother Stives, Brother Rogers, Mrs. Norton.

Foreign Missions:—Mrs. S. C. Rees, Alex Krag, Mrs. D. S. Peck, Perry Wilson, F. J. Norton.

Report was adopted as read.

The reports of the Churches were now taken up. Brother Norton made his ministerial report which was adopted.

Moved and carried that the District Superintendent be Chairman of the Examining Board.

The Church financial and statistical reports were not adopted but were ordered returned for correction.

Brother Waterman reported and gave one of his stirring testimonies. Report adopted.

The statistical and financial reports for Belvedere Gardens were given and adopted.

Mrs. Waterman's report was read by Brother Waterman in her absence and was adopted.

The Fresno Church reports were read and adopted. Also the report of the pastor, Walter Carrithers, was read and adopted.

Mrs. Norton gave a supplementary report for Alta Loma, and her report was adopted.

It was moved and carried that this assembly appoint an assembly reporter. Brother Troyer was elected.

The time for adjourning having arrived, the Assembly stood adjourned to 9:30 Thursday morning.

Third Day—Thursday, January 29th, 1925.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman, General Superintendent Cox, at 9:30. Brother Steelhead led in a song, after which Brother Finch read the First Psalm and prayed.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved as corrected.

Mrs. Steelhead offered her resignation as Assistant Secretary in as much as she would not be able to help with the editing of the minutes. Miss Marion Anderson was selected to take her place.

The reports of the East Pasadena Church were called for. Mrs. Lane, one of the pastors, gave her ministerial report which was adopted.

Ralph Steelhead, present pastor of the Olinda Church, reported that he had just taken the work at Olinda and therefore had no report to make to this Assembly.

The statistical and financial reports of the Olinda Church were read and adopted.

The report of W. C. Stone, former Pastor of the Olinda Church, was read at the same time and was adopted.

Brother Rees, Pastor of the Pasadena Church, made his ministerial report which was adopted. Mrs. Rees the Assistant Pastor, gave her report, which was adopted. The report of the Associate Pastor, Paul S. Rees, was called for and Brother Rees made a verbal report. Paul Rees has been engaged in evangelistic work since last March and is at the present working with the Holiness Association. Report adopted.

The financial and statistical reports of the Pasadena Church were read and adopted.

The report of the deaconess, Sister Yorba, was read and adopted. It showed considerable money expended and work done for benevolences.

Brother Marston, pastor of the Rialto Church, reported. Report adopted. The financial and statistical reports were read and adopted.

Leroy Hutchings, pastor of the San Diego Church, read his ministerial report, which was adopted. The financial and statistical reports were also read and adopted.

This completed the reports of the District with the exception of a few miscellaneous reports. The gratifying thing about the reports was the seeming absence of a boasting and exaggerating spirit and the gradual increase over last year, numerically, financially, and spiritually.

The reports of the District Officers were next taken up.

First Assistant General Superintendent Hodgkin reported several revivals in the East with many seekers and good victory. Report adopted.

District Superintendent Robbins made his report which was adopted. He has been very active in holding revivals and entering new fields.

Assistant District Superintendent McCarty's report was given by Mrs. McCarty, together with her own. They labored together in a fruitful tent meeting at Torrance. Reports adopted.

The reports of the District Treasurer were read and adopted. They showed a good work being accomplished in Sawtelle. At the same time Mrs. Bloomquist's report was also read and adopted.

A verbal report was given by our Senior Minister, J. P. Coleman. Not being able, physically to be in active service, he has never-the-less given freely of his means and many tears and prayers for the furtherance of the work in this District. As a tribute to this heroic soldier of the Cross and old time circuit rider, the whole Assembly, midst singing and

weeping, marched up and grasped his hand. His report was adopted unanimously.

The District Superintendent was instructed to write Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and find out if they wished a transfer of membership from this District to the Texas District.

Brother Bucey's reports were read and adopted. Mr. Bucey has been located in Elsinor since August and reports quite a large Sunday School and thriving Mission work.

Mrs. Hodgkin made her report, saying she had helped her husband in revival meetings. Report was adopted.

Mrs. Lillie Andrews reported verbally. Not being able to do much preaching the past year she has never-the-less been used of the Lord in winning several of her immediate family to God. Report adopted.

Brother D. T. Grout reported opening up a new field of labor in the East of Pasadena, which, together with the help of the present pastors, Brother and Sister Lane, has been organized into the East Pasadena Pilgrim Holiness Church. Report adopted.

Preston Lane, pastor of the East Pasadena Church gave his own report and the statistical and financial reports, which showed a thriving young church. The pastor, with one of his licensed members, is holding street meetings in neighboring towns. Reports adopted.

Moved and carried that this assembly take up the matter of raising one months salary of one-hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars for the editor of the Advocate, in the afternoon service on Friday.

Mr. Kennis McCurdy, the Business Manager of the Pilgrim Bible College Annual, presented the need of support for that publication and was given a few minutes to take up subscriptions to it. About thirty-seven subscriptions were obtained.

Moved and carried that the order of the day for Friday at 11:00 o'clock be the election of the District Officers.

On a carried motion, E. T. Galley and Warren Miner, were added to the Rescue Committee and Mrs. Flora Evans to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Moved and carried that the time for the Friday session be 9:00 o'clock.

The hour for adjourning having arrived the meeting stood adjourned to 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

Fourth Day—January 30th, 1925.

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman, at 9:00 o'clock, after which Brother Steelhead led the congregation in a song. After Brother Cox read Hebrews 12:1-17, Sister Rees led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved as corrected.

Mrs. L. G. Smith made a verbal report stating that in spite of her physical afflictions of the past year the Lord had sustained her and brought her out more than conqueror. Report adopted.

On a carried motion, Brother Coleman was appointed timekeeper, the time limit for each report being five minutes.

Brother Troyer reported a year of victory. Report adopted.

Brother Perry Wilson reported that his work during the year had been mostly personal. Report adopted.

Mrs. Scogin reported a great deal of work among the girls of the county jail. A great many New Testaments have been distributed and a Sunday School is conducted in the jail. The rescue Home fund, of which Mrs. Scogin is treasurer, was reported as over a thousand dollars. The books had been audited and found correct. Reports adopted.

Mrs. Margaret Jacobson reported much personal work during the past year and has seen some results. She has done what she could. Report adopted.

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Brother Waterman made a verbal report for Mrs. L. K. Miller, saying that she has done much in caring for the sick and aiding the needy. Report adopted.

Brother Blake reported that he was what might be called a helper. Report adopted.

Brother E. B. Galloway reported that this was the first Pilgrim Holiness Assembly in which he had appeared personally on account of distance and ill-health. He reported some definite results in a recent revival. Report adopted.

Miss Jean Pound's name was referred to the District Superintendent to find out to which District she belonged.

Moved and carried that the District Missionary Treasurer make a report in tomorrows session.

The report of the committee on Publications was read by Rev. J. P. Coleman. Report adopted and ordered spread on the minutes. (see Report)..

It was moved and carried that section 4, of the report of the Committee on Orders of last year be re-printed in these minutes. The section follows: **"We recommend that hereafter all absentees be required to mail their report to the District Superintendent in advance of the Assembly when they are certain they cannot be present."**

Moved and carried that the Assembly year correspond with the Calendar year and that the quarterly meetings correspond also.

The order of the day having arrived the Assembly proceeded to the election of District Officers.

The Chair asked the district Superintendent to appoint tellers. Those appointed were Prof. Krag, Ralph Steelhead, and Mrs. Andrews.

The roll was then called and a ballot taken.

On the first ballot for the District Superintendent, forty two votes were cast. O. R. Sickler was elected. A speech was called for. Mr. Sickler said that although not expecting nor desiring the office, he would promise to do his best while in it.

Brother Hodgkin made a short speech of appreciation for the self-sacrificing work of our former superintendent, Reece Robbins. The Assembly rose as one person in a standing vote of thanks to Brother Robbins.

Chas. Waterman was elected Assistant District Superintendent and made appropriate remarks of acceptance.

Moved and carried to suspend the rules and elect the District Secretary by acclamation. Walter Adams was elected.

Moved and carried that the rules be suspended and that the District Treasurer be elected by acclamation. Prof. Krag was elected.

As the time for adjournment had arrived the Assembly stood adjourned to 9:00 o'clock Saturday, January 31.

Fifth Day—9:00 O'clock, January 31, 1925

The Assembly was called to order by the Chairman, W. R. Cox, at 9:00. Brother Sickler led a song after which Rev. C. C. Waterman quoted some passages of Scripture and prayed.

On a carried motion Leroy Hutchings was added to the committee on Sunday School.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved as corrected.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Galloway reporting successful meetings in the East, was read. Brother and Sister Galloway are ordained elders of the First Church of Pasadena.

The roll was then called after which balloting on the three remaining members of the District Council was begun. Prof. Lane was appointed teller in the absence of Brother Steelhead.

The results of the balloting, 40 votes being cast, were, Seth C. Rees, J. P. Coleman, Reece Robbins.

On a carried motion the rules were suspended and Prof. Krag was re-elected District Missionary Treasurer and Secretary.

The report of the Missionary Treasurer of the District, Alexander Krag, was given and adopted. It showed a substantial gain over last year.

At this point Brother Cox emphasized the value of doing the work of the District in a business-like and systematic way. All money for the foreign Missions should go through the District Missionary Treasurer's hands, and all money for District expenses or for the general fund, other than Foreign Missionary, should go through the hands of the District Treasurer.

On a carried motion E. T. Galley was added to the Home Mission Committee and Mrs. Gabriel to the Foreign Missionary Committee.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Prof. Krag. Adopted. (See Reports).

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by J. P. Coleman. Adopted. (See Reports).

The report of the Committee on Education was read by Prof. Krag. Adopted. (See Reports).

The report of the Committee on Rescue Work was read by Warren Miner. Adopted. (See Reports).

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by O. R. Sickler. On a carried motion the report was referred back to the committee for some changes.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School was read by W. L. Troyer. On a carried motion the report was tabled until a report from the Chairman could be had on available Sunday School literature.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was given in two parts by Brothers Blake and Marston. Reports adopted. (See Reports).

The Committee on Home Missions made a revised report which was adopted. (See Reports).

First Assistant General Superintendent Hodgkin took this opportunity to express strong disapproval of the poor reports shown by many of the churches. He felt that more should be done in the coming year for the General Superintendent and for Home Missions.

Moved and carried that the District Superintendent visit the churches quarterly and hold a quarterly meeting with them and that at that time an offering be taken for his support.

The District Council reported the recommendation of Walter Adams for ordination, and Warren Miner and Kennis McCurdy for license to preach.

The Examining Board made the following recommendations: Claude M. Lewis, Nellie Bloomquist, and Walter H. Adams for Ordination; Kennis McCurdy, Warren Miner, and Anton Peterson, for License to preach; and Mrs. Hollowell for license to do deaconess work. Report adopted.

Moved and carried that the time be extended to 12 o'clock.

Moved and carried that the Assembly committees be made the Standing Boards in so far as there were any corresponding Board.

Moved and carried that the report of the Sunday School Committee be taken from the table. The General Superintendent then made recommendation regarding Sunday School Literature.

On a carried motion the Sunday School report was adopted.

On a carried motion the time was extended as long as necessary.

It was moved and carried to adopt the same plan in regard to the raising the money necessary for the publishing of the minutes. In addition to the amounts subscribed last year Brother Sickler added \$1.00.

The District Treasurer reported the offering taken Friday after noon for the editor as \$104.00. Pledges were taken to bring the amount up to \$150.00. Pasadena Sunday School pledged \$25.00; Pasadena Young Peoples Society assumed \$10.00; Brother Coleman assumed \$5.00; Olinda church assumed the remaining \$6.00.

Moved and carried that the secretaries edit the minutes and secure any help necessary.

Moved and carried that Brother Cox make an appeal in the evening service in the interest of the Advocate.

Moved and carried that an offering be taken for secretarial incidentals. About \$4.00 was received.

On a carried motion the following recommendations were memorialized to the General Assembly:

"Inasmuch as there is a general feeling that the name of the young People's Organization is to juvenile in character for the ages represented, therefore, We recommend that the official name of the Young Peoples' Organizations be the Pilgrim Young Peoples' Society.

"Inasmuch as the young people know better than the Church Board those whom they would prefer to serve in the capacity of officers of the young peoples organization, we therefore recommend, that all officers of the young peoples' organization be elected by the young people, subject to the ratification of the Church Board."

It was moved and carried that Miss Pound's name be included in the roll of this District and that she correspond with the District in which her name has been and have it transferred.

Invitations were received for the next District Assembly from Rialto, Belvedere Gardens, and Pasadena. On a rising vote Pasadena was selected.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn after appropriate remarks by the Chairman.

Brother Cox exhorted the assembly to be more accurate in their reporting, more careful in their conservation of the fruit of revival efforts, and to be more zealous of good works. The General Superintendent of Foreign Missions had something to say along the same line. The Assembly felt thankful to God in having two such General Superintendents at the head of the work and felt highly favored in having them both with us.

After these remarks the Assembly stood adjourned to the call of the District Council.

Signed: W. R. COX, Chairman, WALTER H. ADAMS, Secretary.

DISTRICT BOARDS

EXAMINING BOARD

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Preston Lane
D. T. Grout

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Warren Miner
Mrs. Johnston
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AUDITING BOARD

E. G. Bloomquist
L. R. Sawyer

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

That Rescue and Home Missionary work is being done thru the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is a fact that we cannot deny, nor can we confine ourselves to one location, for Holiness will spread, therefore, we the Committee on Home Missions recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Stewards of the local churches be instructed to take free will offerings for Home Missions, the money to be forwarded to the District Treasurer to be used by the District Council for the support of new work and to relieve financial stress in work already in progress.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

O. R. SICKLER, C. C. WATERMAN, W. R. MINER
MRS. JOHNSTON ERIC BLOOMQUIST

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLISHING INTERESTS

It is alarming at this day and age, when we contemplate the vast quantity of spurious, pernicious and unwholesome literature that is flooding our land. This is one of the greatest levers used in propagandism, either for good or evil.

Much of it is written in an adroit and designing style, to deceive the unwary and credulous. At the same time, it is impregnated with teaching that is designed to undermine our faith in God, our confidence in the Bible as the inerrant word of God, our loyalty to the country and respect to the sacredness of the home.

To counteract the pernicious influence of this floodgate of spawn, inspired by satan and scattered by his enemies, let all pilgrims, everywhere, put forth united effort to supply, not only our own homes with books and periodicals from our publishing house, but as far as possible see that wholesome literature is disseminated among all the people. We thing that locally we should be doubly interested in our paper, the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate, now that our brother, W. C. Stone, whom we love and esteem has been elected editor. Let us show our appreciation of his services by doubling up on our subscriptions for the Advocate. But above all, let us take the Bible as the sheet anchor of all our liberties and when all else fails, we will cling to the old book.

(Signed)

J. P. COLEMAN,
RALPH STEELHEAD.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Inasmuch as there is a growing tendency towards modernism and free thought among the churches of today, therefore, be it

Resolved:—That we as an assembly, reaffirm our belief in a thorough Christian education, sound doctrines and a well-equipped and trained ministry, and that we will support the Pilgrim Bible College which stands for just such things, and endeavor to put it on a sound financial basis, and by our prayers and helpful suggestions keep it a spiritual, Bible Training School, and, further,

We recommend that the Board of Education visit the churches of the district in behalf of the Pilgrim Bible College and encourage the young people to secure a Christian Education, which we believe, under God, to be of the greatest importance in the preparation for active Christian service.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER KRAG,
MRS. M. L. MARSTON,
WALTER H. ADAMS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESCUE WORK

Because there is not much visible result of rescue work in our District, does not mean we haven't made progress. The Captain of our Rescue Band is leading on to certain victory.

During the past year a number of rescue services have been held in various churches and we have \$1061.35 in the bank. A small amount was brought forward. The greatest rescue worker that ever lived is beckoning us on to new fields where there are hungry souls.

Whereas, many of our people are burdened for the salvation of the unfortunate men and women of the District, be it therefore,

Resolved:—That this Assembly authorize its Rescue Board to take steps to open a Rescue Home for unfortunate girls and women, and if they find it possible and practicable to also open a Rescue Mission in Los Angeles; and further,

Resolved:—That all of our pastors be instructed to hold at least one public Rescue service and take one free will offering during the year for the support of the proposed Rescue Home.

(Signed)

FLORENCE SCOGIN, Chairman
 C. C. WATERMAN,
 JENNIE HODGIN,
 MARGRET JACOBSON,
 SETH C. REES,
 W. R. MINER,
 E. T. GALLEY,
 RALPH V. STEELHEAD.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Since Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid the not; for of such is the kingdom of God," and took them into his arms and blessed them, therefore, be it

Resolved:—That our teachers be wholly sanctified and be examples in life and dress according to the Scriptures, and also that the teacher keep the burden for his pupils and pray earnestly for their salvation, and further,

We recommend that special evangelistic services be held occasionally in the Sabbath School thus maintaining every effort for the salvation of the pupils, and

That we consider the Home Department a valuable asset to any school.

That we also encourage the cradle roll, bringing to bear upon all mothers the advantage of training their children up properly,

That we recommend God's Revivalist to be used as one of our Sunday School periodicals and that all of our schools should adopt our own publications just as fast as they are printed, and

That again we endorse the plan adopted by the District Sunday School Convention in pushing out and organizing new schools.

(Signed)

HERBERT HANSEN, Chairman,
 W. L. TROYER,
 BROTHER STIVES,
 LEROY HUTCHINGS,
 BROTHER ROGERS,
 MRS NORTON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Before our Savior ascended on high He left his last order to his Disciples: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." As we lift up our eyes and look upon the fields so white already to harvest, we as members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and ambassadors of Jesus Christ do deplore our lethargy and slowness in obeying the Master's command. Multiplied millions in heathen lands have never as yet heard this glorious gospel which we believe alone can de-

liver them from sin and hell and satisfy their hungry hearts. It is true as one has said, "God alone can save the world but God cannot save the world alone". He is looking to us to carry or send the Gospel to those who have never heard, yea to the ends of the earth.

Isabelle Bird Bishop says, "I have seen the houses of missionaries in China thronged from seven o'clock in the morning until dark by souls anxious for Christian instruction. Men have come two and three hundred miles begging that Christian teachers might be sent to them longing to know the way to God, and always the answer given; "we have neither men nor money." What is said of China could be said of all the other Nations.

Therefore be it resolved:

First: That each church on the District hold a regular monthly missionary meeting at which time an offering shall be taken. Be it ever so small it will bless the givers and help the great cause of spreading Scriptural Holiness to the ends of the earth.

Second: That we urge the necessity of our outgoing missionaries to include in their course of preparation "first aid", and practical nursing.

Third: That we as a people, constantly, both in private and public, give thanks to God for our heroic, efficient, consecrated missionaries whom we know "do not count their lives dear unto themselves, but gladly face any danger that they may preach the old time gospel of full salvation and the soon coming of our Lord."

(Signed)

MRS. SETH C. REES, Chairman,
MRS. FLORA EVANS,
MRS. D. S. PECK,
REV. P. WILSON,
REV. F. G. NORTON,
ALEXANDER KRAG, Sec.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS,—in the good providence of God, we are unusually favored with the presence of both of our General Superintendents, Reverend W. R. Cox and Reverend R. G. Finch, the former as Chairman of the Assembly, and Reverend R. G. Finch Missionary, General Superintendent, and both co-workers as Evangelists in the Convention, held in connection with the Assembly,

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That we hereby acknowledge our high appreciation of General Superintendent Cox for his kindly spirit, true Christian dignity and impartial manner manifested in presiding over our Assembly, that we have been greatly helped and instructed by his wise decisions of all questions submitted to him.

RESOLVED, That we record our profound gratitude to God for the great privilege of meeting our Missionary General Superintendent, Reverend R. G. Finch, that his presence has been a benediction, and that his missionary address has been an inspiration to us, encouraging us to put forth greater effort in our zeal for the missionary cause.

RESOLVED, That in the joint ministry of our Superintendents, we have been greatly edified, refreshed and uplifted in the spiritual life.

RESOLVED, That we extend to them a glad welcome whenever in the providence of God they are permitted to return to us.

RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the manifestation of His presence in our Assembly meetings; that we record our thanks to Him for the beautiful and harmonious spirit throughout our sessions.

RESOLVED, That we recognize the faithful and self-sacrificing labor of our retiring District Superintendent, Reverend Reece Robbins; that we

pledge our prayers for himself and family; that the God of all grace may be their constant guide through all the years to come.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Assembly be extended to our Secretaries for their faithful and efficient services.

(Signed)

J. P. COLEMAN,
C. C. WATERMAN,
RALPH STEELHEAD.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

We recommend Walter H. Adams for ordination and Warren Miner and Kennis McCurdy for license to preach.

(Signed) CHAS. C. WATERMAN, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING BOARD

We recommend the following for ordination: Claud M. Lewis, Nellie Bloomquist, Walter H. Adams; the following for license to preach: Anton Peterson, Warren Miner, Kennis McCurdy; the following to do deaconess work: Mrs. Hollowell; The following to be recognized as elders: Brother Scofield, Brother Blake, Brother C. Stone, Brother and Sister Vernon, O. R. Sickler, and E. B. Galloway; the following to be recognized as licentitates: George Burnside, Mrs. Burnside, George Wise.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER, JAN. 20, 1925

RECEIPTS

Olinda Church for District Superintendent.....\$10.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Reece H. Robbins, District Superintendent.....\$10.50

(Signed) ERIC G. BLOOMQUIST, Dist. Treas.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MISSIONARY TREASURER

January 29, 1925

Balance on hand January 29, 1924.....\$ 20.18

RECEIPTS

First Church, Pasadena.....\$4251.00

Olinda Church..... 539.00

Fresno Church..... 46.00

Bclvedere Gardens..... 84.15

4920.15

Total.....\$4940.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out to General Missionary Fund.....\$4425.00

Balance in Treasury.....\$515.33

(Signed) ALEX. KRAG, Dist. Miss. Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

Ordained Ministers..... 43

Licensed Ministers..... 17

Ordained Deaconesses..... 2

Licensed Deaconesses..... 6

Sermons Preached..... 1773

Church prayer meetings held..... 490

Cottage prayer meetings held..... 750

Calls made..... 1615

Revivals conducted..... 75

Seekers for regeneration..... 1395

Seekers for sanctification..... 400

Baptisms..... 15

Anointed for healing..... 150

Marriage..... 6

Funerals..... 7

Number of subscriptions for Advocate..... 162

New churches organized..... 1

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA DISTRICT.—Continued

| Name of Church and Pastors | Alta Loma, Chas. Smith. | Belvedere aGdens C. C. Waterman, Mrs. Waterman. | East Pasadena, Preston Lane, Mrs. Lane. | Fresno, Walter Carrithers | Gospel Mission, Elsinor, Lewis Bucey. | Olinda, W. C. Stone. | Pasadena, Seth C. Rees, Paul S. Rees. | Rialto, George Marston, Mrs. Marston. | San Diego, Leroy Hutchings. | Totals for the District. | Increase over 1924. | Decrease over 1924. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Church members..... | 15 | 40 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 24 | 331 | 25 | 18 | 481 | 5 | |
| S. S. members..... | 40 | 100 | 85 | 35 | 18 | 80 | 275 | 48 | 18 | 662 | 63 | |
| Y. P. S. members..... | | | | | | | 95 | | | 95 | 20 | |
| Church Buildings..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 4 | |
| Parsonages..... | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | 1 | |
| Value Church Property..... | \$2250.00 | \$5000.00 | \$400.00 | \$3650.00 | | \$3200.00 | \$17000.00 | \$4000.00 | \$2500.00 | \$38000.00 | \$13150.00 | |
| Debt on Church Property..... | 337.37 | | | 25.00 | | | 4200.00 | 1925.00 | 200.00 | 6687.37 | 5687.87 | |
| Bld'g. and Improvement..... | \$ 70.46 | \$ 360.23 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 15.00 | | \$ 11.00 | \$ 6446.66 | \$2075.00 | | 9058.35 | 5981.96 | |
| General Sup't..... | | 10.00 | | | | | 80.00 | | | 90.00 | | 3.05 |
| Dist. Sup't..... | | 5.00 | | 4.20 | | 11.50 | 201.37 | | 5.00 | 227.07 | 93.27 | |
| Pastor's Support..... | 23.00 | 1560.00 | | 118.00 | 180.00 | 1456.04 | 3186.67 | 230.50 | 243.05 | 6997.26 | 121.20 | |
| Revivals..... | 112.45 | 279.38 | 45.00 | 21.00 | | 223.00 | 1306.97 | 65.50 | 78.00 | 2131.30 | 563.69 | |
| Home Missions..... | 21.50 | | | 18.50 | | 32.60 | 1167.44 | | | 1240.04 | 11.27 | |
| Foreign Missions..... | 7.00 | 124.41 | 15.51 | 47.30 | | 539.00 | 4128.33 | | 32.39 | 4893.94 | 301.00 | |
| Orphanages..... | | | | 4.00 | | | 30.00 | 6.57 | | 40.57 | 40.57 | |
| Rescue Work..... | 29.38 | 85.00 | | 6.00 | | 22.60 | 510.62 | | | 653.60 | 566.85 | |
| Educational Work..... | | 60.00 | | | | 75.00 | 3038.74 | | | 3173.74 | | 3715.28 |
| Publishing Interests..... | | 24.50 | | 3.50 | | 12.55 | 85.00 | | 10.00 | 135.55 | 100.20 | |
| Incidental Expenses..... | 57.95 | 61.11 | 30.00 | 12.00 | | 73.50 | 639.64 | 74.83 | 20.00 | 969.03 | | 593.52 |
| Church Extension..... | | 33.40 | | | | | 76.00 | | | 109.40 | 109.40 | |
| Y. P. S..... | | | | | | | 210.24 | | | 210.24 | 11.61 | |
| Sunday Schools..... | 25.66 | 164.83 | 53.50 | 34.00 | 16.50 | 138.43 | 1032.85 | 37.10 | 53.67 | 1556.54 | 139.80 | |
| Totals..... | \$ 325.90 | \$2789.36 | \$224.01 | \$ 283.50 | \$196.50 | \$2595.22 | \$22140.53 | \$2489.50 | \$ 442.11 | \$31486.63 | \$ 8040.82 | \$4311.85 |
| Increase over 1924..... | | | 224.01 | | 196.00 | | 4112.32 | 2239.50 | | 6772.33 | | |
| Decrease over 1924..... | 235.86 | 914.22 | | 37.46 | | 1002.84 | | | 852.98 | 3043.36 | | |
| Net Increase..... | | | | | | | | | | 3728.97 | | |

(Signed) WALTER H. ADAMS, G. C. MARSTON, H. L. BLAKE.