

REPORT.

Of the pastor to the District Superintendent, Dr. H. Guy Goodsell and to the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Grand View Methodist Episcopal Church, Denver, Colorado. Held August 17th 1927.

This report to the Fourth Quarterly Conference or the last conference of the year is also my first report. You will recall that the work of the present pastor began with the first Sunday in June. Just a little over two months ago. After some difficulty in finding a suitable house in which to live we were rewarded for not acting too hastily and found a very comfortable place at 3839 Lowell Blvd, which we trust may be retained even though it is a rental property and for sale. Our reception was very cordial by the members and friends of Grand View Church and the two months have been spent in visiting becoming acquainted and gathering such facts as we thought valuable in promoting a future program. During these days the entire membership has been visited at least one time and the second round of calls is just about completed. To date 322 calls have been made. These calls include, not only the membership, but also the responsibility list or constituency list of the church and such definite data as names and ages of all children in the family, church membership of all, special lines of work interested in or desired, talents of different members of family and any and all information thought necessary has been secured and tabulated for future use. Also a great deal of information concerning the church and community has been secured which makes the pastor feel that he is now in a position to introduce a program with the beginning of the Conference Year which ought to be successful. I found that the various boards of the church had just been reorganized before my coming and many of the departments had decided to have a vacation during the summer months, this, beside the regular vacation which is taken by almost every family these days, has made the work seem small and some what difficult and made it impossible to carry out a new program during these months. The congregation, is said by those who have been here for a long time, to be as good as usual and the spirit and fellowship is such as to cause *hope* for the days when all will be home from the mountains and vacations and to believe that great times await us just ahead. The future program referred to above will be outlined as a closing item of this report, and now I wish to speak of the various departments as I find them.

THE Sunday School.

This being the greatest and most important department of the church, in fact the foundation department, I speak of it first. This department I find fairly well organized, but unusually small in enrollment and attendance. I have tried to discover the cause and think I have found it. This, However, is a problem for the Sunday School Council. The Superintendent, while just elected about the time of the change in pastors, is a live wire and I see no reason why the school should not grow under his superintendency. The teachers, for the most part are trained and faithful. The equipment is short and inadequate and must be increased. The absence of a well supported Sunday School Council is very niticable and must be established if the school is a success.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

This organization is at present giving to our general church more concern than other departments and the problem is still unsolved. I found the local league taking a vacation for the summer, which I believe to be a good thing. From what I hear from this department and from conversation with the young folks and their leadership it would seem that this organization will function in a fine way with the beginning of the Conference Year.

The Womans Home Missionary Society.

This society, for some reason is the only missionary society in the church and the voucher for the Annual Conference is now in the hands of the pastor. 21 paid members are reported this year, which is \$100 more than last year.

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The Ladies Aid ASociety.

A vacation for July and August is also being take by these ladies who have the reputation for being a great organization for doing things and producing a large amount of money for the church and we are hoping great things from them next year. In fact, the y are already getting busy and have arranged to put on a lawn supper the last of this month to help out with finances in closing up the Conference Year.

The Choir.

This organization, sometimes called " The War Department " of the church is perfectly fine and under the splendid leadership of Miss Birdie Washburn is furnishing most excellent music each Sunday.

The Boy Scouts.

Boy Scout Troop No. 70 is again housed in the church and meeting each Tuesday evening. This troop is sponsored by the Knights of Pythias and the active management is by Scout Master R. E. Sparks and Committeeman C. .C. Tinkham.

The Caretaker.

We are fortunate to have aman in charge of the care of the building and grounds who seems to know how to do that kind of work and who can live in the building. The work of Mr Farr is to be commended.

Thus endeth a review of the departments as I find them and now may I outline a ¹⁴ point program which should be carried out during the coming conference year.

PROGRAM.

First- More efficiency and loyalty in every department of the church.

That means that we will do better work; a better class of work, work that will stand better the test and that we will be more loyal.

Second- Adefinite program and campaign for membership increase.

Everyone will agree with this and I suspect our Districe Superintendent will propose a certain percent of increase, which it is my wish to adopt.

Third- Anew financial plan.

All will say amen to this. We certainly need a plan that will take care of the bills promptly and our new chairman of the Board of Stewards has such a plan, which I wish to see him carry out.

Fourth- Systematic visitation among the membership and constituency.

This should be done by the stewards as a part of their Disciplinary work. A plan will be offered where each steward will be expected to function in this office.

Fifth- More education and presure concerning World Service giving.

For some reason we are like many other churches in this neglect and it is to hoped we may overcome this shortage.

Sixth- A mid week service that is different.

One that ought to meet the needs of the membership and also be helpful to the community.

Seventh - The organization of such additional missionary societies as may seem wise in this membership and community.

Eighth - A church bulletin that is newswy, neat and up to date, to be read by each family of the church and our responsibility list.

Ninth - The establishment or organization of a Junior League which shall serve as a training class for our boys and girls who should become members of the church.

Tenth - Such athletic activities as the church and community may be able to support. These activities to be properly managed and recognized by the church.

Eleventh- Reorganizing, intensifying and more perfectly departmentalizing the church school until it shall become that department of the church which reaches all our people and offers to the community a real department of Christian Education

Twelfth- Such Ore-Easter services and campaign as will be necessary for the winning to church membership the older boys and girls and young people in our homes and any others who are inclined to unite with the church at that season of the year.

Thirteenth- Arrangements for the warming and lighting of the entire building necessary for the carrying on of all meetings and activities of the church which are found necessary and helpful to the community and which are suggested in this program.

Fourteenth- A positive tightening of the line that runs between the church and the world, that all may know on which side we stand, with the hope of a higher spiritual standard of experience and life.

And these are the things brethren, in my judgement, that will make Grand View Church push to the front and do those things which a church of Jesus Christ ought to do.

Faithfully,

John Henry Ketchum,

Minister.

A two weeks summer revival meeting was held in our church with the Mount Herman Baptist church uniting and the pastor of that church doing the preaching, but not very much support was given the meetings by either church.