

sponds as well as the First Methodist, the request of the Rev. Mr. Brethour for a million names will be granted without much difficulty. We feel very grateful to our people for their liberal response.

Your committee would like to impress upon the minds of the heads of families in our church, the inconsistency of dealing with grocers who handle intoxicating liquors. There are several members of our church who are struggling to carry on a first-class grocery business without liquors, and we feel impelled to urge upon the consciences of the Christian community, a careful consideration of this important matter.

GEO. F. FISHER, *Convener*.

REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE.

Work progressing favorably, the interest is gradually increasing, and we are encouraged to work on and leave all the results with the Master, who has told to labor on at his command, and offer all our works to him. We have a good staff of active workers on our new committee, viz: Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Maggie Creighton, Miss J. Harvey, Mr. W. B. Smith, Mr. Snider and Miss I. Lavery. Our Band of Hope workers are still found faithfully at their post of duty doing a grand work. The Dorcas committee, under the direction of Miss Jarvis is doing as good as can be expected for the short time it has been organized. We have taken up the C. E. Work on Thursday evening and would be glad to have any of the members of this society come and help as with the lesson as we find it rather difficult to get the people interested in Bible study.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HARRIS.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE

Your committee report sixteen calls upon the members of the congregation during the month of January. Illness still lingers in one or two cases, but we are all hopeful that these will soon be restored, and take their places among us. Those lying sick in the Hospital are not forgotten by this committee. We realize the heavy loss that has fallen upon us, as a church, and a society, in the sudden removal by death of our beloved pastor, the Rev. W. H. Laird. As we recall the many earnest words addressed to us at all times, but especially in the latter part of the old year, and the still greater earnestness and feeling displayed in the beginning of the

New Year, upon which we had just entered, we understand in some degree, how very much he was impressed with the importance of redeeming the time. How many times he spoke of, "these passing moments," as if they contained a "golden gift" for us if we would but take it, and so they do; the "golden gift" of the present; which is ours to improve and do with as we will, before it resolves itself into the irrevocable and unalterable past.

When he referred, at one of the week evening services to very short time which was left to him, to labor among us, and how his one desire was to fill that time with every good word and work, neither he nor we could foresee how very short that time would be, but we pray that this great affliction may be blessed to us, and that stimulated by his example, we may be more diligent and earnest in the work required of our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. BASTEDO, *Convener*

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE. A few changes have been made in the membership of our committee. Miss F. Nichols has resigned her position as business manager. Mr. Morris' name will not appear on the staff, although as ex-officio-member, he will continue to take the same interest in the work of the committee as formerly. Miss Jennie Harvey will assist Mr. J. W. Hamilton in the correspondence department. We hope the members of our church will continue to take an interest in our paper. During the last month the following names were added to our list of subscribers:—Mr. E. H. Dalton; Mrs. Tovell; Mrs. Trusdale, Mrs. Hannah, and Mr. Sutton, of Los Angeles.

THE DORCAS COMMITTEE has opened a sewing class in connection with the mission, at present there are about twelve girls, between the ages of five and fourteen attending. The class meets every Thursday afternoon at 4.30, it is opened with prayer and a hymn, then work is commenced. During the time one of the girls reads an interesting book, after we have worked half an hour or so, we stop, sing a few hymns and dismiss. We have not done a great deal yet, but have made a good start, and hope to do much better in the future. Miss Lizzie Reid is assisting the work of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELA JARVIS.