

BULLETIN OF THE INDIAN SUMMER SCHOOL

of the Presbytery of Phoenix.

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The first session of the Indian Summer School was held at the Tucson Indian Training School at Esqueña, Arizona, June 17-21, 1924. Attendance had been limited to the missionaries, and three representatives from each church or field. The School was more successful than had been anticipated, both the number of delegates and the interest exceeding previous expectations.

The following is the report of the fact-finding Committee which was adopted by the School:

" Your committee after careful consideration of the many valuable suggestions offered to it by members of the Indian Summer School, respectfully submits the following findings and recommendations:

I- Next Year- That another school be held next year, the present session having been found refreshing, instructive and inspirational.

II- Organization- That the School elect a committee of seven to co-operate with the Presbytery of Phoenix in the promotion of the Indian Summer School. We submit the following nominations for the Advisory Committee: Messrs. Geo. Logie, M.L. Girton, C.R. Osburn, Dirk Lay, Antonio B. Juan, William Peters, and Wilson Walker. For Secretary and Treasurer of the School Chas. R. Osburn.

III- Place and Time of Session Next Year- To be left to the decision of the committee.

IV- Length of Session Next Year- To be left to the decision of the committee with recommendation of a period of not more than one week.

V- Enlargement of the School Next Year- That all elders, Sunday School superintendents, presidents of Young People's Societies, Native Helpers, former students of the Cook Bible School, and missionaries, be invited to attend.

VI- Bulletin- That the committee be instructed to issue a bulletin about every two months for the information of the Native Helpers, missionaries, etc.

VII- Revivals- That the Advisory Committee co-operate with the various Mission Fields in the promotion of special services on fields desiring them.

VIII- Resolutions- 1- That for the use of the buildings and equipment of the Tucson Indian Training School and the many courtesies and kindnesses shown us while here, we extend our hearty thanks to Superintendent M.L. Girton and his corps of helpers both while and Indian.

2- That we rejoice in the recent passage of the San Carlos bill which rights a great wrong and offers a promising industrial future to the Pimas.

IX- D.V.B.S.- That a training school for Daily Vacation Bible School workers be included in the session of next year.

X- Stewardship and Missions- That we call to the attention of the churches the possibility of using mission and stewardship studies in their midweek meetings.

That a missionary exploring trip thru the Papago country and into Mexico be undertaken.

That we recommend to Presbytery's Committee on National Missions that the unoccupied territory in the Papago Field be adequately manned.

That we urge the use of the following books during the coming year: Sin, by Miller; Salvation by Mixler; The Sacraments by Miller; The Abundant Life by Miller.

The Meaning of Stewardship by Luccock

Stories of Brotherhood by Hunting

The Red Man by Lindquist

Ming Kwong, the City of Morning Light by Gamewell. Paper back, 50¢.

(These books may be obtained from Dr. O.K. Beers care of Cook Bible School, Phoenix).

XI- That we urge the churches to support by their prayers and patronage the Tucson Indian Training School, which is doing such good work in the education of our Indian children.

XII- That we endeavor to keep the Cook Bible School filled to its capacity with pupils preparing for all forms of Christian service from Sunday School teachers, and officers of the Young People's Societies to native helpers and pastors of Indian churches."

If the delegates to the Indian Summer School have not made reports to their churches or fields by the time this Bulletin reaches them, we trust they will arrange at once to do so. It is well to get the good things of the School for one's self but better to pass them on to others. In particular, we trust that some idea of the afternoon devoted to Sanitation and Health and the evening program on Church Benevolences will be given to those unable to attend, as they were exceedingly valuable. No subject seemed to strike as responsive a chord in the hearts of the delegates as the subject of stewardship. This is very important at this time; for if promised prosperity from the building of the San Carlos dam materializes for the Pimas and they have not learned the secret of stewardship, there is great likelihood that material prosperity may swamp spiritual ideals.

Two sets of mission slides for stereopticon were shown at the School. One entitled, "The Home Mission Task" has since been given at Fort McDowell Gila Crossing, and Sacaton ~~in churches and will be shown at Phoenix, the~~ ~~other~~ and Phoenix churches and will be shown at Boon Chapel; the other, entitled, "Young China's Problems" has been shown at Sacaton and will be shown at Phoenix, Indian. Other churches desiring to use them may have them at a charge of \$1.00 per showing. They set forth our work in the Home Mission field and the Chinese part of our Foreign Mission Field; show how the money given to Missions is being spent, and ~~give us~~ enable us to pray for the work more intelligently.

One question that the School developed but did not settle, was that of transfers of membership to the city churches when members leave the reservations. Failure to get a church letter often leaves young people without a church home or pastor and they ~~add up to~~ wander away. At least the city pastor should be notified of the removal and if possible the new address should be given him.

If missionaries or Native Helpers will notify the ~~Cook Bible School~~ ^{us} when persons from their fields are taken to the Phoenix Sanitorium, it will make it possible to get in touch with them and ~~show~~ put a little cheer into their days occasionally.

The Phoenix Indian Church has transferred its services from the building of the Phoenix First Church to the lawn of the Cook Bible School for the summer. The attendants bring sandwiches and lemonade or ice tea is served about 5:30 P.M. and the service follows, closing in time to enable the girls to get home before dark. ~~The church service down town has been dropped during the hot weather but the new method is proving popular and a large increase in attendance is noted.~~

A Daily Vacation Bible School was initiated at Fort McDowell and continued for seven days with an average attendance of a fraction over eleven. A DaV.B.S. is in progress at Salt River with an attendance the first day of seventeen which is very promising indeed. Mr. and Mrs. Osif Clark are in charge. The D.V.B.S. for the Phoenix Government Indian School is to be held at the Cook Bible School in the near future. Sacaton has had a DVBS but we have, as yet, no report from which we can quote. In August, there are to be similar schools at Gila Crossing and Lehi. Mr. Girton, superintending of the Tucson Indian Training School expects to put on a course especially to training workers for the DVBS during the next school year so that there should be plenty of trained workers for the sessions of next summer.

We will be pleased to have news items from the various churches and fields for publication in our next Bulletin to be issued in about two months. Let us know what you are doing or planning to do so we can pass it on to others for their information and encouragement. Address communications to Chas. R. Osburn, Secretary, Indian Summer School, Box #1235, Phoenix, Arizona.