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Overview of the Collection

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Abstract: A resident of Pasadena, California, William L. Troyer (1863 - 1955) was an itinerant preacher for the Pilgrim Holiness Church, a Los Angeles prison chaplain, Bible class teacher, and a handyman for members of his congregation and neighbors. He kept a daily diary for over 30 years, from 1924 to 1955. The diaries are full of comments on churches, preachers, missions, camps and movements of his era, as well as his own daily round of prayer meetings, street evangelism, repair work, gardening, church preparation, Sunday School lessons and visitation.

In 1924 he took a cross-country automobile journey with a "Brother Blemquist" of Fresno, California, escorting two missionary ladies to Nebraska. Starting from the mission in Sawtelle, passing through Salt Lake City, where they attended a Mormon temple service, on through Wyoming, Nebraska and Michigan to Jamestown, New York, their return journey took them through Montana, Washington and Oregon. Along the way they visited with many church leaders, attended services, tent meetings and prayer meetings, each one commented upon.

Access Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Corporate Name:

Pilgrim Holiness Church

Geographic Name:

Los Angeles (Calif.)

Topical Term:

Holiness -- Christianity

Wesleyan Methodism

Arrangement of Materials:

William Troyer kept a daily diary for over 30 years, from 1924 to 1955. Each of the 27 diaries in this collection begin with the Rose Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Scope and Contents

In the 27 diaries of William Troyer can be found mention of many of the holiness preachers of his time. These include representatives of the Pilgrim Holiness, Wesleyan Methodist, and Nazarene churches, among others. Among the many preachers and missionaries discussed in his diaries are John Church, H. M. Couchenour, Ada Beard, Bud Robinson, Lettie Cowman, H.J. Olsen and Paul W. Thomas.

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