

HAND OUT TO METHODISTS.

Chamber of Commerce Extends Invitation to General Conference to Meet Here—New Members and Exhibits.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, at its regular weekly meeting, yesterday, by unanimous vote instructed the secretary to draft an invitation to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to hold its next session, in May, 1904, in Los Angeles. The invitation will contain descriptive matter and an exposition of the advantages of this city for such a convention.

The action taken was at the request of a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. G. V. Bovard, A. J. Wallace and S. P. Mulford, representing the Southern California conference. It was stated that a delegation will leave here in a few days for Cleveland, O., where it will on the 21st inst. meet the Conference Committee, which will decide upon the next place of meeting. The good efforts of the Chamber of Commerce were solicited in securing the great religious gathering for this city.

The following were elected to membership in the chamber: Van Vorst & Berman, wholesale furniture and mattresses; A. G. Hall, Davies's warehouse; E. W. Britt, attorney; Lane Bros., monument dealers; W. T. Edwards, grocer.

The committee in charge of entertaining the visiting wholesale druggists reported that the programme as originally planned had been carried out. A vote of thanks was then extended to the Los Angeles-Pacific Railway Company, H. J. Whitley and Paul de Longpre of Hollywood and Roy Jones of Santa Monica for courtesies extended.

A communication was read from the Portland Board of Trade, stating that that organization had petitioned the telegraph companies to give the Pacific Coast the advantage of the half-rate in night messages. The chamber was asked to forward a similar request and the secretary was so instructed.

The following exhibits were received at the chamber yesterday: From A. J. Young, Westminster, seven varieties of potatoes and Bermuda onions; Mr. Grisham, Anaheim, Smith's Cider and Pearmain apples and Pound pears; J. P. Hopkins, Fairview, corn on the stalk eighteen feet high; John Smith, New Hope, fifty-eight-pound Mangel-wurzel beet and 118-pound squash; S. H. Bowen, Garden Grove, Pearmain apples; Ben Fallert, Newport, Harmon apples; Golden West Celery and Produce Company, Santa Ana, case fine celery; W. T. Newlands, Bolsa, French sugar beets; Roy K. Bishop, Orange county, Eureka and Villa Franca lemons, Vicar of Wakefield pears, Greening and Bishop's favorite apples, Orange quinces and citron of commerce; N. N. Farlow, six varieties of apples; Charles A. Heath, Compton, Pearmain apples weighing twenty-two ounces and measuring fifteen inches in circumference.