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western Wyoming for three years returned to his home town, Terryville, Conn., and continued the practice of medicine. He took a post-graduate course in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and also in the Harvard Medical School, and after a European trip, where he continued his medical research in the universities on the continent, he located at Claremont in 1911. He was Assistant Professor of Psysiology and Hygiene in Pomona College and at present is Associate Professor of Physiology in the College as well as college physician.

He chose for a wife Clara Benson, a native of Iowa. He is an active member of the Claremont Church, and in the line of his profession, is a member of the American Medical Association, the state and the county medical associations.

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#### WILLIAM FERRY

An Irish-born gentleman who has had a most interesting experience in his development to the enviable position of an American by adoption prominent among the settlers of Pomona Valley, is William Ferry, the well-known citrus grower, who first saw the light of day in County Donegal, Ireland, on April 16, 1854. His father was Daniel Ferry, a farmer, who married Miss Ann Ferry, who although of the same name, was of no direct relationship. They had eight children, and among them William was the oldest. Both parents are now dead, and their memory is revered by all who knew them.

William received the usual advantages of a common school education in Ireland, but having early to help support the family, he was denied extensive study, although able also to attend the night school. His mother died when he was fourteen years old, and that misfortune increased the demand for his services. He was therefore apprenticed to a stonemason and plasterer for five years, but he had a hard time of it, on account of the small pay allowed such apprentices. After completing his apprenticeship he worked at his trade for seven years in Scotland, and finally decided to come to America.

In 1881 he reached Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, and there he remained for two years. Then, crossing into the States, he went to Vermont and remained until 1887. In that year, when all America was talking of the phenomenal and rapid growth of California, he came West and worked at his trade at La Verne until the boom bubbles broke; whereupon he moved his house from La Verne to San Dimas.

Here, beginning in 1889 with one acre, he engaged in citrus growing, setting his land out to oranges. In 1895-96 he bought eighteen acres of land. He raised his own nursery stock and set out his entire eighteen acres himself from trees developed in the nursery. In the early days he went through many hardships while raising his

orchard so he worked at his trade and at contract, making tunnels and sinking wells to make a living until the orchard came into bearing. He first sunk a well on his place, but it proved no good. He then bought water till 1900, when he helped organize the Frostless Belt Water Company that sunk wells and installed a pumping plant to irrigate 100 acres. He was made manager and later was also made president of the company, a position he filled with ability until he sold his ranch, when he resigned. He now resides in San Dimas, where he owns the corner of Gladstone and Grand avenues, the most beautiful building site in San Dimas. He was indeed active in water development and made a success of the water company. The members of the same appreciated his services and speak in glowing terms of his work for the company. Always for cooperation he was a member of the Indian Hill Orange Growers Association, then the San Dimas Citrus Union, and later the San Dimas Orange Growers Association, of which he was a director until he sold his ranch, when he resigned.

In February, 1883, Mr. Ferry was married to Miss Catherine McGlanchey, the ceremony taking place in Sherbrooke, Canada, and eight children have blessed the union, five of whom are living. Annie has become Mrs. Cornelius Thomas; Winifred is Sister Mary Fausta in the convent at Oakland; Agnes is at home; William served in the American Army in France; and Hugh James was chief yeoman in the United States Navy. The family attend the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Ferry is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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#### FRED E. WHYTE

Interwoven with the history of Pomona Valley is the history of the men who have given of their best efforts to make it reach its present wonderful state of development. It is a record of commercial, industrial and educational achievement, and the highly important part played by these public-spirited men cannot be too fully praised when preparing the annals of this section of the state; as a writer says, "Biography is the only true history." Among such men whose vigorous activities have aided in the growth of the Valley may be mentioned Fred E. Whyte, former president of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Whyte is a native of Canada, born May 31, 1877, in Strathroy, a son of Edward A. and Mary Ann (Bowles) Whyte. There were twelve children in the family, and Fred E. was the fourth child born to his parents. He was educated in the schools of his native town, and in the school of experience, as were so many of our ablest men. When a boy of sixteen he worked in a hardware store, remaining so employed for seven years.

At the end of his first business venture in Canada, Mr. Whyte decided to seek new fields, and journeyed to California. First locating at