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NO. 16.

Funds For Our Washington Enterprises.

We are now ready to give our people an opportunity to make offerings for suitably establishing the headquarters for this cause in the city of Washington, D. C. The communications that directed us to the capitol of our nation clearly pointed out the course we should take to establish our work here. We are to establish a printing house, a sanitarium, and a school. We are also to make a strong public proclamation of the truth in this city. We are to train workers for all parts of the great harvest field.

During the Washington Council last fall this instruction was placed before the delegates. They looked the location over, and studied the general plans. After a most thorough, deliberate consideration of all the features of the situation, the following decisions were unanimously agreed to:—

First, That we look to the proceeds that should come from the Review & Herald assists in Battle Creek for the necessary funds to build and equip the printing house in Washington.

Second, That we call for \$100,000 with which to provide the General Conference offices, the sanitarium, and the school.

The amount specified is not more than will be needed, but it is more than we who were located in Washington had dared to think of asking for. But the delegates, one and all, looked at the conditions and needs of the work in a most practical and courageous way, and refused to allow a smaller sum to be named. As stated in a former report this splendid manifestation of confidence, good judgment, and courage lifted a great burden from my heart, and gave me hope for much regarding this enterprise.

We now have the various departments pretty well organized, and the general plans quite clearly outlined.

The publishing interests are represented by a legal corporation with a large and wholly denominational constituency, a good board of directors, and experienced officers. Its work is moving along as encouragingly as could be expected under the circumstances. Large facilities are needed, but they can not be provided at present.

As has been reported recently, the medical work is being looked after. The board of trustees has elected officers, appointed department committees, and begun preparations for opening city treatment-rooms, and for building on the Takoma Park site.

A provisional school board has been appointed, and officers elected to develop the school interests. The members of the board are Professor W. T. Bland, W. A. Spicer, J. S. Washburn, A. P. Needham, and A. G. Daniells. The officers elected are: Chairman, A. G. Daniells; Secretary and Treasurer, W. T. Bland; Financial Secretary, J. S. Washburn. Steps have already been taken to secure the services one of our brethren to act as architect and builder, for the school board.

The board of management have agreed on the following division of the \$100,000: for the General Conference building, land, and expenses in moving the headquarters to Washington, \$10,000; for the school land, buildings, and land for cultivation, \$30,000; for the sanitarium, land, buildings, and city treatment-rooms, \$60,000.

Those who have had experience in establishing school and sanitarium enterprises will say at once that the amounts named for these are not enough. It is not all that will eventually be required if the blessing of God attends the work. But it is all that has been voted, and it is sufficient, to start with. We shall thank God for this much.

Now, brethren and sisters, we are prepared to begin operations. Our first step will be to give all our people in the

United States an opportunity to make an offering to these enterprises. While the money is beginning to come in we shall begin preliminary arrangements so that we can proceed to purchase material, and build as soon we have the means.

Our first great pressing need now is money. The sanitarium and school boards have thought it wise to arrange for Elder J. S. Washburn to take the responsibility of soliciting funds. His whole soul is in this Washington work. The Lord has laid the burden on his heart. He will place the situation in all its phases before our people by articles in our papers, and by correspondence. Brother Washburn will be pleased to answer questions and give information to all. Please note that all offerings should be sent to the treasurer of the General Conference. Brother Washburn does not wish to receive the money. His duty and burden is to do what he can to solicit the funds. The General Conference treasurer will apply the offerings exactly as requested, and return receipts. An acknowledgment of funds received will be made through the *Review*.

The Lord has commanded us to establish His work at the nations's capital. He knows we must have means. We believe He will send us what we need. I suppose we have but little realization of what all this means, and the part it will play in the closing scenes of this work. Let us all respond quickly and liberally to this call.

A. G. DANIELLS.

"WHEN ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, *This generation* shall not pass away till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away; but *My words* shall not pass away." "Cast not away therefore your confidence; for yet a *little while*, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

Arkansas Department.

Canvassers' School.

AFTER consulting with the conference committee, it was decided to have a canvassers' school in Afton, Indian Territory, beginning March 22, and lasting two weeks. We hope there are those who have felt as if they would like to enter this branch of the work and will come to this school to get a preparation that God may use them in His work.

Much has been said about the canvassing work, its importance, and the great amount of good it is doing; and we trust many God-fearing men and women may be impressed by the Holy Spirit to take up this work. The Spirit of Prophecy has told us many times that this branch of the work ought to be brought up, and the pages of truth scattered like the leaves of autumn. Now who will enter this work and merit the blessing promised to the faithful worker?

There are souls all over the land seeking for light and truth,—souls as honest as we are,—and now that the way is opened for instruction to be given to the workers to prepare them to successfully engage in the work this season, are there not many that will come up to the help of the Lord—the help of the Lord against the mighty.

All those who contemplate coming please write to me at Springdale.

W. L. MANFUL, *State Agent.*

Items of Interest.

BROTHER E. L. Pickney, of Imboden, Arkansas, writes us from Pochontas that he is canvassing for good old "Bible Readings" again, and is having very good success. He took \$7.50 worth of orders in one day. His report for the week has not been received. We trust that he will not be weary in well doing, and will realize that it is persistent effort that brings desired results.

REPORTS have not been received from the other canvassers as yet though they expect to enter the field again soon.

BROTHER Fortner, from Kansas, has been stopping with Brother George E. Norwood, of Fayetteville, the past week. He has been holding

meetings every night at their new church house, and reports that they have been well attended. Brother Fortner is considering the question of locating in this State.

WE received a card February 23, containing the sad news of the death of Brother F. N. Elmore, of Washburn, Missouri. Particulars have not been learned as yet. Brother Elmore's membership was formerly in the Springdale church, where he was an active worker. He was considerably past middle life, and was the father-in-law of Elder H. Clay Griffin.

SISTER Wells, of St. Louis, who has been teaching the church school at Gravette with marked success, has been obliged to close school on account of a severe attack of la grippe, that deadly foe that is no respecter of persons. It has left her with a severe cough. She contemplates going to Washington, D. C. soon with Sister Crowell of Gravette.

SISTER Wells, of Van Buren, Arkansas, has been at death's door with la grippe. At this writing she is slowly recovering, which all who know her will be glad to hear.

Please Take Notice.

THE readers of this paper are doubtless familiar with the Missionary Acre fund, and what it is for. We wish to remind you through these pages that it not a thing of the past; for the needed help for the schools, the requisite sum for the old college debt has not been raised. An appeal has come to us emphasizing the need of raising fifteen thousand dollars annually. This is a good and worthy cause. It is to pay back money borrowed from our own people, and it must be paid. If each one will do a little, the burden will soon be lifted.

Sister Herrell, from Hot Springs, writes that they have recently moved on a farm, and she is going to devote two acres to the work of the Lord. She is deeply interested in this line of missionary work. She has two children, and says that there is not much she can do, but is anxious to do what little she can. She feels that the Saviour's coming is near, and her heart is burdened for the salvation of souls. She has been doing a good work with the *Signs* in that city the

past winter. The most of our brethren in this State live in the country, and surely they can do as well as this sister is planning to do. They can devote a portion of their land to the Lord's work, taking into consideration both home and foreign fields. In reaching out to help others, we will be doubly blessed ourselves. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver" All donations can be sent to the state secretary, where they will be gratefully acknowledged, and forwarded to head quarters.

The Picasc-Don't-Forgets.

FIRST.—You will note the above appeal for the Missionary Acre fund. While we are planning an extra acre to help with that part of the Lord's vineyard, let us remember our home field and our brethren and sisters in distant lands. In our home field is our camp meeting expenses. We are endeavoring to start a fund for that so as not to take the money from the tithe as heretofore has been the custom. Then there is our tent fund. The small family tents of this conference are worn out so they are in a leaky condition. We now have a nice tent house for storing them so they will be kept in a good condition when we get them. We want to remember the first-day offerings for the aid of distant lands; for there are many, many darkened souls who have never heard the truth simply for lack of means to carry it; and the Lord will hold us responsible if we do not make an effort to reach out and help according to the ability He gives us.

Second.—Let us not forget the "Object Lesson" work. At our state conference last July we resolved to put our best efforts into that line of the work so as to close it up by the time we meet next July. One church closed up its work some months ago, as previously reported, two others are rapidly coming to the front, while others have not shaken the dust from their books yet. Let us bestir ourselves. The Lord will bless our efforts, and we well stand on vantage ground beside our sister states.

NOTICE has just been received concerning the special issue of the *Southern Watchman*, which will appear in the **RECORD** next week.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD.

Financial Statement!

OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD
For the year ending December 31, 1903.
LOSSES AND GAINS.

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
Expense,.....	\$ 64.83	S. W. U. Record,.....	\$168.79
Labor,.....	403.74	Job Office,.....	245.61
		Net Loss,.....	54.17
	<u>\$408.57</u>		<u>\$468.57</u>
RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash on hand,.....	\$ 8.14	S. W. U. Conference,.....	\$ 28.97
Inventories,.....	57.60	A. G. Elliot Paper Co....	32.36
Tract Societies,.....	3.80	Due individuals for	
Individual acc'ts,.....	9.80	Labor,.....	72.18
Excess of Liabilities,.....	54.17		
	<u>\$ 133.51</u>		<u>\$ 133.51</u>

This is to state that I have made a careful audit of the accounts of the Southwestern Union Publishing House for the year ending December 31, 1903, and that I find the books well kept, and the statement of January 1, 1904 true in all respects. The cash items were checked up to the date of the audit and agreed with the cash on hand,
H. T. CURTIS, Auditor.

**STATEMENT OF SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE
Year ending April 30, 1903.**

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
Expense,.....	\$ 31.70	Tithe Arkansas,.....	\$ 231.88
Union Record,.....	301.59	" Texas,.....	537.58
†Labor Audit,.....	1795.23	" Oklahoma,.....	1144.81
" Expense audit,.....	645.90	Property,.....	140.16
Net Gain,.....	315.41	Don. to Span. work,.....	15.70
		" U. C. ".....	239.15
		Job Office,.....	27.97
		Don. to laborers,.....	301.30
		*Tithe Fund,.....	451.28
	<u>\$3089.83</u>		<u>\$3089.83</u>

*This item includes \$285.28 received from the old Southwestern Union Conference. This would leave an apparent net gain for the year of \$ 30.13.

†Several accounts were not audited at the time the others were, April 30, which would increase this amount \$313.02, and thus instead of a gain, a loss of \$272.89 for the year would be shown.

For eight months ending December 31, 1903.

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
Record property,.....	\$ 9.59	Tithe Arkansas, \$	69.00
Expense,.....	9.50	" Texas,.....	126.93
*Labor audit,.....	258.80	" Oklahoma,.....	862.50
Laborers' expenses,.....	69.47	Tithe Fund,.....	942.45
Keene Acad. refund,.....	18.75	Job Office,.....	4.40
Tithe to Gen. Con.,.....	584.30	Don. from Nebr.,.....	1500.00
Net Gain,.....	2577.94	Tithe Col'd ch's,.....	18.07
		Don. to U. C. wk,.....	5.00
	<u>\$ 3528.35</u>		<u>\$ 3528.35</u>

*Accounts not audited for this year would increase this about \$ 1780.75, making a net profit for the year of \$ 797.19. The accounts not audited might exceed the amount given a little.

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Year ending April 30, 03.**

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Property,.....		\$ 34.00
Arkansas tithe,.....	\$ 231.88	
Texas ".....	537.58	
Oklahoma ".....	1144.81	
F. D. O.,.....	714.96	551.34
Annual Offerings,.....	993.90	993.90
Africa Mission,.....	30.00	30.00
Parables,.....	1404.67	485.25
S. S. Donations,.....	1027.57	685.36
Mission Board,.....	51.57	11.36
Orphans' Home,.....	164.27	158.02
Battle Creek Acre Fund,.....	52.75	52.75
Friedensau School,.....	89.55	89.55
Women's Zenana Fund,.....	17.10	17.10
Southern Publishing Association,.....	31.87	29.12

Expense,.....		331.70
Texas Camp Meeting Fund,.....	32.50	30.00
Keene Sanitarium,.....	41.25	41.25
Tithe Fund,.....	451.28	
Christiana Publishing House.....	341.60	340.60
Old Debt Fund,.....		1322.63
S. W. U. Record,.....	84.70	611.75
" " Property,.....	200.00	476.43
Donation to Spanish Work,.....	15.70	
" " U. C. ".....	239.15	
Job Office,.....	30.90	377.47
G. G. Rupert Job,.....	296.86	87.31
Oklahoma Tract Society,.....	160.50	
Arkansas Tract Society,.....	25.83	
W. J. Gregory, loan,.....	300.00	
On Accounts,.....	57.90	
To Laborers,.....		2037.08
On hand May 1,.....		276.68
	<u>8770.65</u>	<u>8770.65</u>

I have carefully gone over the accounts of the Southwestern Union conference and find them correctly kept. On account of the printing business which has been carried on by the conference there have been failures in securing receipts for money paid out, therefore, I could not find original data for all such entries. They are of such a character, however, that causes me to have no doubt as to their correctness.
H.H. HALL, Auditor.

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Year ending Dec. 31, 03.**

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
On Hand May 1, 1903,.....	\$ 276.68	
Property,.....	1.25	
Arkansas Conference Tithe,.....	69.00	
Texas ".....	126.93	
Oklahoma ".....	862.50	
F. D. O.,.....	731.48	
Annual Offerings,.....	47.55	47.55
Parables,.....	433.84	65.92
S. S. Donations,.....	549.03	609.60
Mission Board,.....	39.25	73.01
Orphans' Home,.....	109.40	113.65
Battle Creek Acre Fund,.....	5.82	5.82
Women's Zenana Fund,.....	2.35	2.35
Southern Publishing Association,.....	5.90	7.75
Expenses,.....		9.50
Australian Mission,.....	421.40	421.40
Washington Church,.....	19.20	19.20
Skodsborg Sanitarium,.....	.10	.10
England ".....	14.25	14.25
Keene ".....	9.25	.50
Tithe Fund,.....	942.45	
Christiana Publishing House,.....		11.00
Old Debt,.....		415.42
S. W. U. Record,.....		56.03
" " Property,.....		50.95
Donation to U. C. Work,.....	5.00	
Job Office,.....	4.40	
Donations from Nebraska,.....	1500.00	
Texas Conference Job,.....	5.00	
S. W. U. C. Acre Fund,.....	12.00	
Colored Church, Tithe,.....	18.07	
German Dep't Keene Academy,.....	3.50	
School in Chile,.....	15.77	15.77
Keene Church School Loan,.....	5.00	25.00
Church School Teachers' Board,.....		45.00
Tithe to General Conference,.....		584.30
Paid to Laborers,.....		2524.79
On Hand,.....		333.63
	<u>6232.47</u>	<u>6232.47</u>

This is to certify that I have today completed an audit of the accounts of your treasurer from the time of the last audit to Jan. 1, 1904, and find them in balance and correct. The statement of January 1 was also verified and is a correct statement of the standing of the conference. The cash on hand today agrees with the balance shown by the books.
H. T. CURTIS, Auditor.

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The Union Conference.

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

THE Conference of Texas at present has a membership of 1136, more or less scattered all over this large state. Our force of laborers in this conference consists of 13 ordained ministers, four licentiates, and ten Bible workers, but not all have been actively engaged in the work. Those who have been in the field have experienced much of the blessing of God in their work.

The tithe receipts for 1902 were \$8,211.55, and for 1903 \$8,425.53. The annual offerings for 1902 amounted to \$304.89, and for 1903 \$546.68. The Sabbath School offerings for 1902 were \$346.64, and 1903 \$396.17. The retail value of books sold during 1902 was \$10,862.98, and 1903 \$8,377.41. The amount received on "Object Lessons" for the year 1902 was \$1,156.15, and 1903 was \$483.70.

The number of canvassers in the field during 1903 was 26, but at the present time there are only three in the field.

The Texas Conference has 30 organized churches, but only thirteen

church buildings. Ten church schools are in operation and doing a good work. The church school work has had many obstacles with which to contend, as it is just in the experimental stage, but God is blessing the efforts put forth to save our children and youth and train them for God and His kingdom.

At the camp meeting at Waco I became more directly connected with the work here in Texas. The Lord has been with me and blessed me. I have visited some of our churches, yet, owing to not being strong in health, I have not visited as many as I otherwise would have visited.

From observations I find that Texas is a good field for missionary work, and urgent calls are coming in from different parts of the state, but we find ourselves in a sad condition to meet these calls. We have only a few tents, and they are in a very poor condition. Something must be done to provide for us both field and family tents.

N. P. NELSON, *President.*

Second meeting of the Conference met at 3:00 P. M. February 25. Hymn No. 172, "There's no Other Name Like Jesus," was sung, and prayer offered by the secretary. Minutes of the first meeting were read and accepted, and a new delegate, W. L. Maifull, of Arkansas, was seated with the delegates.

The large advisory committee, elected at the first meeting, announced the following standing committees:—

Nominations.

A. E. Field, V. B. Watts, D. U. Hale, T. W. Field, Abraham Voth.

Plans and Resolutions.

C. Sorenson, C. N. Woodward, W. W. Eastman, T. J. Eagle, U. Bender, Dr. P. F. Haskell, Prof. C. B. Hughes.

Licenses and Cordentials.

G. F. Haffner, H. Shultz, J. A. Sommerville, N. J. Etheredge.

Auditing Committee.

H. B. French, J. R. Bagby, H. Clay Griffin, in connection with the Union Conference committee.

It was voted that the committee on distribution of labor consist of the Union Conference committee.

As none of the committees had been able to do anything to report, Brother Daniells gave an interesting account of the Northern Union Conference

from which he had just come.

T. T. Stevenson then rendered a financial report of the Keene Academy for the year ending June 30, 1903, which will be printed later. The report was accepted subject to the auditor's report as to its correctness.

Conference then adjourned to 10:30 A. M.

The third meeting of the conference convened at 10:30 a. m. February 26th. The hymn, "Are you Christ's Light Bearer?" was sung Elder H. Clay Griffin asked God's blessing on the work to be done. After the secretary's report was accepted, Elder H. Clay Griffin was seated as a delegate from Arkansas. As word had been received that Elder H. Shultz could not be at the meeting, it was voted that Elder Andrew Nelson take his place on the committee on credentials and licenses.

Elder Rupert was invited to make a report of the work previous to the time Elder Nelson took charge. He called attention to the following facts: The Keene Sanitarium was closed when Union Conference was organized, since which time \$1,000.00 had been raised to fit it up, and a physician to take charge, had been secured. He also spoke of the Academy store which was running then but had been discontinued. He also referred to other improvements such as the painting of the buildings, establishing of the printing office, moving of the tract society here and other things.

The committee on plans presented following report:—

"Whereas, True medical missionary work is an essential feature of the gospel as set forth in the three-fold message of Revelation 14; and,

"Whereas, We have been repeatedly counseled by the Spirit of Prophecy that the medical missionary work should not be separated from the gospel work of the conference, the church, and the people; therefore,

"We recommend:—

"1. That the medical missionary work in all its features receive the same fostering care and financial support from the conference organizations, churches, and people that is given to other branches of our work.

"2. That this branch of our work be made the medical missionary de-

partment of our conference organization.

"3. That the general advisory and administrative work of this department of the Union and State conferences be placed in the hands of department committees of suitable seize and experience to properly develop the medical missionary work.

"4. That the real estate and personal property of the medical institutions created and supported by the conferences be held in trust for said conferences by legal corporations created by the conferences, and that the trustees of said corporations have the executive management of the institutions belonging to the corporations of which they are trustees.

"5. That the constituencies of departments and the executive committees aforementioned, shall be elected by the conferences in session.

"6. That five persons shall be elected by this conference to be the advisory committee of the medical missionary department of the Southwestern Union Conference:

The fourth meeting was opened at 3:00 P. M. February 26, by singing hymn "Closer to Thee My Saviour Draw Me," and prayer by Elder S. N. Haskell. The record of the last meeting was approved.

The committee on plans presented an additional report as follows:—

"6. *Whereas*, There was an understanding when this Union Conference was re-organized that they were to receive some financial help from the Central Union Conference, and,

"*Whereas*, The tithe received by the Southwestern Union Conference is not sufficient to carry on its work properly; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we request the Central Union Conference to appropriate \$2,500.00 a year to assist the Southwestern Union Conference until other arrangements can be made concerning it.

"7. *Whereas*, Our Union Conference paper is accomplishing great good in placing before our people the needs and progress of the cause of God in this Union Conference,

"*We Recommend*, That our ministers and workers consider it a part of their work to make brief and frequent reports to it, and to make more earnest efforts to place it in the home of every Sabbath-keeper."

[Continued in next issue.]

REPORT OF ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

[Continued from last week.]

During the past six months the Secretary has realized a deeper spiritual interest and greater missionary spirit in her correspondence with the companies and the isolated than ever before manifested since she has been in the Conference.

Fourteen were added to the Company in Gentry under the labor of Brother Watts and my self.

Five signed the covenant in Texarkana under the labor of Brethren Bender and Watts.

Four were baptized and added to the church in Butterfield under my labors; organized a church there with fifteen members.

As to the result of Brother Griffin's and my labor at Anderson a church of nine members was organized.

Three are keeping the Sabbath at Delaware the result of Brother Griffin's labor.

In 1902 there were fifteen baptized nine added to the church.

In 1903 twenty three baptized thirty-five were added to the church.

Tithe of the 1st quarter 1902	\$ 704.40
" " " 2nd " "	569.73
" " " 3rd " "	456.27
" " " 4th " "	603.70
Total	<u>2334.10</u>
Tithe of the 1st quarter 1903	565.60
" " " 2nd " "	508.60
" " " 3rd " "	304.12
" " " 4th " "	1061.70
Total	<u>2519.38</u>

an increase of \$182.20 over the previous year.

In regard to the field work Arkansas has not had an active State agent for two years, though in 1902 two different ones acted in that capacity a short time.

A canvassers' institute was held in connection with the State conference in July, and if an agent could have gone out with the workers from the meetings good results doubtless would have followed, but as it was, the Canvassers were delayed in starting out; have had a few good Canvasser in the field last fall, one took \$700.00 worth of orders and delivered the books.

Book sales in 1902 were . . . \$2,111.38
 " " " " " " . . . 3,311.00
 making an increase of \$1200.00 over the previous year.

With but one or two exceptions very little has been done with the "Object Lesson" work; the

churches had taken their books but had not aroused to the need of disposing of them; one church has entirely disposed of its quota and paid for the same, and two others are rapidly disposing of theirs and others are moving out, in that line.

At the State conference we did not have money enough in the treasury to settle with the laborers lacking \$265.98 of the requisite amount. At the close of this quarter we settled with the laborers to date ending December 1, and have settled the past indebtedness leaving a balance in the treasury of \$290.00

Our Tithe report would have been still more had we received the Tithe from the colored as formerly; at the request of the president of the S.W.U. Conference it was sent direct from them to the Union conference. \$45.00 was sent in at one time, and I do not know how much more.

On a whole we feel that the Lord is still at the helm and there is a general coming up of the work in all lines through out the Conference.

But we do sadly need an active State agent in the field; while the Secretary has exercised her best efforts through correspondence to encourage and keep the canvassers at work that does not meet the needed demands.

It is worthy of note, that the Sabbath School and first day offerings have increased more than one-third during the past six months; and the Annual offerings are at least two-thirds more than in former years.

Another item of importance worthy of mention; we built a tent house last fall for the storage of the tents. They were scattered all over the state and badly worn for the want of proper care. Said house cost \$42.00 and is paid for. Also we have purchased a new audience tent cost \$189.00 aside from the freight. While that money was pledged of several years previous; and had been paid in from time to time, and credited to the tent fund, it had also been drawn from the treasury from time to time to pay the laborers; thus we had to raise about two thirds of the required amount for the tent, in other words return the borrowed tent money from the tithe. So all things considered we feel that the Lord has blessed the work in Arkansas, during my short sojourn with it; both financially and spiritually, and we praise His name for it.

Since July the tract society has held its own.

J. A. SOMMERVILLE, President.

Oklahoma Department.

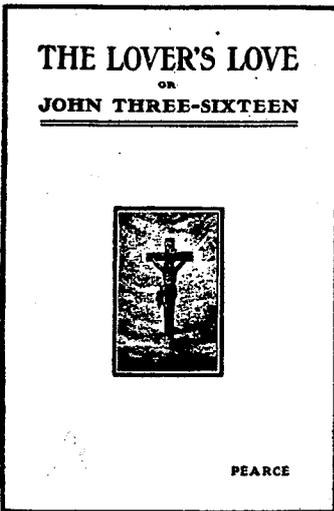
Obituary.

DIED at his home in Custer county, Brother D. R. Stoops, age fifty-nine years, ten months, and seventeen days. Brother Stoops was borne in Indiana; he moved to Iowa at an early date; served in the War of the Rebellion three years. He was married in 1866 to Miss Jane Pringle. She died in 1874, leaving four children, three of whom are still living. He was united in marriage in 1876 to Miss Effie Davis, of Knoxville, Iowa. To them were borne eight children, seven of whom are still living. Brother Stoops leaves a wife and ten children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. Brother Stoops united with the Methodist church early in life, and afterward with the Baptist church. About four years ago he accepted present truth under the labor of Elder Sommerville, and he had a love for it. He was loved by all who knew him. His testimony was that he felt prepared to meet his God. He had made all preparations to depart, settling up his business, appointing the ones he wished to take charge of his body and to preach his funeral; and patiently awaited the death message. The funeral was preached Sabbath, February 27, by the writer.

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