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DISAPPOINTMENTS.

J. P. LORENZ.

WE meet with disappointment
While in this land of woe,
We often are discouraged
'Cause things don't go "just so."
Our hopes and expectation—
However strong they be—
Will often turn out different
Than we expect to see.

We often in our visions
Behold the future bright,
And our imaginations
Know nothing of the night.
We make our plans, expecting
That all will go just right,
Forgetting that the future
Is dimmed before our sight.

'Tis best to be submissive,
Wait patiently and still,
And trust the darkened future
To the Almighty's will.
Some day these clouds of darkness
That often dim the light,
And cause our disappointments,
Will vanish out of sight.

The Union Conference.

[Continued from last week.]

THE seventh meeting came to order at 10:30 a. m. February 29th. It was opened by singing the hymn, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" and prayer by Elder L. W. Felter. The secretary's report was approved.

The committee on credentials and licenses submitted the following report.

For Credentials.

N. P. Nelson, H. Shultz, G. G. Rupert and S. S. Ryles.

Ministerial License,

Thomas Defreeze, and C. N. Woodward.

Missionary License,

Ida A. Nelson and W. L. Manfull.

The report was adopted, electing the persons as named.

It was voted that the name of C. N. Woodward be added to the Medical Missionary Board. The reason given was that the number on the Board should be increased to make it more

efficient. Andrew Nelson was also added to this Board.

It was voted that C. N. Woodward be elected to membership on the Keene Academy Board, to fill the vacancy caused by the president of the Union Conference also holding the office of president of Texas Conference.

Reports of other committees were called for and while waiting for them Elder N. P. Nelson gave a brief report of the Sanitarium work at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Professor Hughes was asked to render a report of the large committee appointed to adjust the Assembly Hall matter with the Keene church, which he did by the following:

It was unanimously voted that the Southwestern Union Conference pay the Keene church \$250.00 for its interest in Assembly hall, and that when this is done a bill of sale shall be executed by the church officers to the Southwestern Union Conference; the Keene church shall thereafter pay rent to the Academy for whatever room it uses.

Upon a motion to adopt many questions were asked, among them, Whether this was to be paid out of the tithe? which was answered negatively. It was then adopted.

Professor Hughes then rendered a report of the work being done by the Keene Academy, and made some timely suggestions concerning its work. A number of persons offered cheering testimony in support of the report and the suggestions made. The meeting was then adjourned.

THE eighth meeting came to order at 10:30 A. M. March 1. It was opened by singing and prayer was offered by Elder D. U. Hale.

In the absence of the Secretary, Ida A. Nelson was chosen secretary pro tem. The report of the seventh meeting was approved. The Medical Missionary Board submitted the following

recommendations:—
"Whereas, The territory, the duties, and the relationship of the various medical boards, committees, and trustees in the Southwestern Union Conference have not been clearly outlined, we hereby agree upon the following as an expression of the views of this Conference;—

"Union Conference Medical Missionary Board:—

"1. Territory: The field of the Southwestern Union Conference.

"2. Duties: To aid in advancing all the medical missionary interests in the Southwestern Union Conference.

"3. Relationship: To the Southwestern Union Conference, departmental and administrative; that is to say, the Medical Missionary Board is responsible to the union conference for doing the work of the conference in the Medical Missionary Department. To local medical boards, institutions, and enterprises, advisory and co-operative.

"We Recommend, That this branch of our work shall be designated as follows: The Medical Missionary Department of the Southwestern Union Conference.

"Whereas, The Medical Missionary Department will require funds to meet the expenses of postage, stationary, traveling, salaries, providing literature, etc., therefore,—

"We Request the Southwestern Union Conference to provide what may be deemed best from the regular funds or from special offerings taken for this work.

"We recommend, That a standing committee of three be appointed to provide suitable literature for the medical missionary work of the Southwestern Union Conference.

"Whereas, There is great need on the part of our people, and the world as well, of fuller knowledge of the truths of healthful living; therefore,—

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Arkansas Department.

The Afton Church School.

OUR school was out February 26. We are glad the Lord planted a church school here. The school was small, but faithful work was done. Each child took part in the morning worship. Three grown pupils would take Bible topics during the school, and study them, and then go to their friends, and give them the reading.

We are planning for another school next winter, and we want to find another good teacher. The one that taught this winter is on her way to California to make her home there. She was a good teacher and understood how to give Bible readings. The Bible was our main study. We want a teacher who knows how to teach the Bible, for our next school. If anyone wishes to correspond with this church, write to C. S. Kinzer or Thos. Baker, Afton, Indian Territory.

DEWEY KINZER.

The Work at Fayetteville.

THE new church here is about completed, so we can occupy it for our meeting, for which we praise the Lord. We are now having some preaching services held by Brother E. L. Fortner of Kansas. The Lord is blessing his labors. Our congregations are not large, but some are interested. We had a good meeting Sabbath, the 5th, four taking their stand with us. One of these was a groceryman, who closed his store for the first time on the Sabbath. More are interested, whom we hope to see obeying the Lord by keeping all His commandments before the meeting closes. We are of good courage in the Lord. Pray for the work here, that the honest in heart may be sought out and gathered with God's people.

GEO. E. NORWOOD.

Obituary.

OUR dear father, Thomas Harper Fant, died on the 19th day of January, 1904, after many hours of pain. The exact cause of his death is unknown. He was in a disabled condition for six months, and a part of the time he knew nothing. During his last hours it seemed that he was quietly resting

in confidence that he would come up in the first resurrection, and reach and enter the city, which God had prepared for him.

Our father has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for twenty years, and for several years he has been a local minister, and devoted most of his time to the study of the Bible. He has been a good husband and a kind father, and we have never doubted his religion in the least.

Father, we hope to meet thee in heaven where sorrow and sickness shall be no more.

O happy one, that liest low,
Thou, who hast no grief or woe,
Shumber quietly in the clay
Until your final judgment-day.

THOS. S. FANT.

Daisy, Arkansas.

Notices.

THE friends at Afton will furnish bedding for eight during the institute. If more than that come, they should bring bedding. They will only charge for the price of provisions they have to buy. They would be very glad to know how many are coming. All who are please report to C. S. Kinzer, Afton, Indian Territory.

F. E. HEERMANN.

Geography.

THINKING that they are interesting and instructive, I send the following texts:—

- The world, Genesis 1 : 1
- Hebrews 1 : 10
- The Creator, John 1 : 14
- John 1 : 1-3
- Hebrews 1 : 2, 3
- Col. 1 : 16, 17
- Hebrews 1 : 10
- Job 38 : 1-7
- The Owner, Psalms 24 : 1
- The nations, Psalms 22 : 38
- How made, Psalms 33 : 6, 9
- Psalms 146 : 5, 6
- Where placed, Job 26 : 6
- Shape, Isaiah 40 : 22 m.
- Prov. 8 : 27 m.
- Day, Genesis 1 : 5
- Sun, Eccl. 1 : 5
- Moon, Psalms 19 : 4, 5
- Genesis 1 : 16
- Stars, Psalms 8 : 3
- Rivers, Genesis 1 : 6
- Eccl. 1 : 7

- Winds, Eccl. 1 : 6
- Flood, Genesis 6 : 5, 13
- Genesis 6 : 17, 18
- Genesis 8 : 11, 13
- Fate of the earth, 2 Peter 3 : 5-10,
- 2 Peter 3 : 12
- What then? 1 Peter 3 : 13
- Isaiah 66 : 22
- Saints inherit it, Psalms 25 : 13
- Matt. 5 : 5
- Exodus 20 : 12
- 2 Peter 3 : 11

ADDIE HAWKINS.

Items of Interest.

BROTHER W. L. Manfull has been stopping in Springdale for a few days, looking for a location for his family. He left Tuesday morning for Afton, where the institute is to be held, via Gentry and Gravette, hoping to get some interested ones to attend the institute.

BROTHER V. B. Watts reports that he is holding meetings in the Fairmount school house four miles from Gentry and nine miles from his home at Siloam Springs. He reports a splendid interest, and feels assured that some will take their stand for the truth.

AT the latest writing we learn that the Gentry church will commence to build their house of worship this week.

ELDER J. A. Sommerville left the first of the week for Imoden, via Searcy and other places, which he will visit in the interest of the work. He expects to be in Afton before the institute closes.

BROTHER Bender has not reported since his return from the Conference, but it is understood that he is planning to attend the institute.

ELDER H. Clay Griffin stopped in Springdale a few hours on his return from the Conference, favoring the tract society with a short, but pleasant call. He is going home to make preparations to start for Miami, Indian Territory to fill a call that has been pending for some time in the work.

THE Springdale school closes in about a week. The other schools aside from Afton have closed.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

✧ Texas Department. ✧

Keene Notes.

A. C. JONES, well known in this vicinity, has moved his family to Avinger, where he has purchased land and purposes to make his home. He leaves Keene with the best wishes of many friends who have learned to value his upright, Christian walk.

A. P. WESLEY has recently sold two and one-half acres of land on the new road to the Santa Fe railroad south of B. F. Woods' to Ray Reynolds.

MRS. A. G. Bodwell, of Mexico, is visiting her parents, Elijah Taylor and wife, and many friends in this vicinity.

MR. J. R. Montanye has recently moved his family to Mound City, Kansas, where they will make their home. They leave many friends who regret to see them leave here.

THE Keene Canning Factory has recently been re-organized and is now making preparations to handle the large crop of fruits and vegetables that will be raised around Keene. The new officers are as follows: A. P. Wesley, President; George Graham, Vice-president; W. J. Huguley, Business Manager; George Graham, Jr., Secretary; J. T. Moore, Treasurer.

THE new house being erected for W. J. Huguley is nearing completion, and will be one of the finest in the village when done.

ELDERS N. P. Nelson and T. W. Field went to Levi, McLennan county last Friday to spend the Sabbath with the church at that place. They will visit several other places this week and will spend next Sabbath at Corsicana.

ELDER W. A. McCutchen was called to Houston last Saturday night to preach a funeral sermon.

SCANDAL should have no place in our paper, but sometimes matters become so public that a statement of the real facts is due. Our village was greatly stirred last Thursday when it was rumored that our postmaster, Mr. G. A. Sutherland, was under arrest at Fort Worth for embezzling government funds. The post office inspector made an investigation and found a shortage of over \$4,000.00. His bondsmen were noti-

fied to take charge of the office, and they appointed Mr. G. W. Woods acting postmaster until a permanent appointment is made by the department. These are facts as far as developed. Very sincere regret is expressed on every side over the whole affair, which is one of the most unfortunate that ever occurred here.

Tent and Camp Meeting Fund.

The following has been received on this fund:

N. P. Nelson	\$ 10.00
Ida Nelson	2.00
Geo. Faucher	6.00

Total \$ 18.00

E. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Field Reports.

MADGE, COLEMAN COUNTY.— It was my privilege to attend the Union Conference at Keene, and it was a feast to my soul.

I returned to my field of labor by way of Madge, Coleman county. Near that place I met with and worshipped with our people from Thursday night to Sunday night following. Less than two years ago there was one lone Sabbath-keeper there; now there is a church of nearly forty members; but they are not all new converts. Then there were only two residences, now there are ten—eight nice, new and substantial dwelling houses having gone up within the last few months. They also have a nice little meeting house of their own, but I am sorry to say there is quite a debt hanging over the church, a few members having assumed the indebtedness.

Brother N. V. Willess has nearly finished his second term as church school teacher.

This church paid something over \$250.00 tithe for quarter ending December 31. If I am correctly informed some of the members paid the tithe; some paid *something* and called *it tithe*; while some paid nothing. There are some other things connected with this church that it would not be best to parade in print. I will say that this church also owns a 30x50 foot tent which was used to hold four meetings under last year. I do hope that it will soon be up again near their church, and that some good minister will be sent there to labor with their elder in sounding again the "key note" of our message, and

that while they are in a revived state some definite instruction along the lines that make us a peculiar people will be given. Elders Field and French and Brethren Cubley and Willess and myself have all done some earnest labor for that church and they will all rejoice with me in what has been accomplished; and I am sure will join with me in a prayer that the church may all "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty," and that the church as a whole may rally around those principles and practices which, if consistently adhered to, will make them a power in that locality; and will cause a wave of influence for good to spread abroad throughout the earth.

I left Madge on the 14th by private conveyance, and reached this place, (Buffalo Gap) the next evening a little after dark. Will give an account of the work here in another article.

N. J. ETHEREDGE.

BUFFALO GAP.—After an absence of more than two months I returned to Buffalo Gap and found my fellow-laborers, Brother and Sister Cubley and little Strausie, at their post. I found them well and happy in the work of the Lord.

At my earnest request Brother Cubley came here early in January to superintend the building of our church house. He has had no trouble as superintendent for he has performed the labor almost alone; has had only a few days' labor donated. Sister Cubley has worked some helping him.

And while they have been building they have been busy otherwise. They have set up with the sick in the village, have given Bible readings, have conducted the Sabbath school, and for the last month have held weekly prayer meetings, and Brother Cubley has spoken a dozen or more times in the house since he got it so he could use it. The house is a neat 24 x 40 foot 12 foot wall; is weatherboarded outside and ceiled overhead inside. It has a good brick flue and about half enough seats. Has a speakers stand and book desk and is supplied with several lamps. The second coat of paint is being applied—will probably be finished today. We have paid out \$297.55. We owe for material used not quite \$40.00, and have half of that amount pledged by responsible

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Field Reports.

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people.

Best of all Brother and Sister Cubley have endeared themselves to the people, and our services are quite well attended. We hope to be able to ceil the house inside and put in more seats soon. And in the near future we hope to be able to mount a suitable sized bell upon a post in the yard.

We are under great obligations to Brother Brookerson of this place, who deeded us the lots and has helped liberally with his means besides. In a former letter I made mention of two poor brethren who borrowed \$25.00 each and put it into the church. Others have helped us with sums of money ranging from 25 cents to \$10.00. Sister Cubley has sold many Signs and health journals and has collected some money besides. She has missionary license but draws no pay from the conference; and until within a very few days past has lived in a tent and they board themselves. Brother Cubley will soon purchase with his own means a new gospel tent. We desire an interest in the prayers of all who read these lines.

N. J. ETHEREDGE.

The Union Conference.

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"We recommend, That there be inaugurated a vigorous health and temperance educational campaign throughout the Southwestern Union Conference—

"1. By the circulation of an efficient, up-to-date health and temperance literature.

"2. By encouraging those conducting sanitariums, treatment rooms, hygienic restaurants, and food stores to continually endeavor to make their work truly educational gospel enterprises.

"3. By aiding in making all our sanitariums, treatment rooms, hygienic restaurants, and food stores centers for the circulation of our health and temperance literature.

"4. By encouraging our physicians and nurses who are doing independent self-supporting medical missionary work to make their work evangelical, and to be active in circulating our health and temperance reading-matter.

"5. By inviting all our ministers to unite heartily in this campaign by preaching more frequently on health and temperance subjects, and encouraging all our churches to engage in this work.

"6. By holding annual conventions for all our physicians, nurses, and medical missionary workers, where practical questions on all phases of medical missionary work may be considered, and plans of work laid.

"7. By conducting schools of health as opportunities may make it advisable.

"We recommend, That a field worker be appointed to devote his time to the carrying out of the foregoing, and to the advancement of all phases of the medical missionary work; and that the selection of the field worker be left with the officers of the Southwestern Union Conference and this medical board.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that articles be regularly published in the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD in the interests of a medical missionary forward movement, calling attention to appropriate articles in the *Good Health, Medical Missionary, Pacific Health Journal, and Life Boat*, also to new books which may be published as "Ministry of Healing" and other suitable books for use in active medical missionary

work.

"Resolved, That our people be encouraged to utilize these medical missionary and health publications as they may be able in their homes and in doing self-supporting medical missionary work.

"Resolved, That provision be made for systematic instruction in medical missionary work, including simple treatments, hygiene, physical culture, and dietetics at all general gatherings of workers, as at campmeetings and general meetings.

"Resolved, That the local conferences and institutions be invited to consider the advisability of sharing equally the expense of sending out well-trained workers, who shall organize schools of health among the churches, and devote a portion of their time to the sale of health literature in their territory.

"Resolved, That we suggest to our several Sanitarium Associations in the Southwestern Union Conference that each one make an earnest effort to promote the health food business within the sphere of its influence by the organization of a food department, under the immediate control of a departmental committee; that the work of these departments shall be—

"1. The sale of sanitarium health foods, by house-to-house canvassers, by traveling salesmen, and by food stores in various places.

"2. The establishment in the most favorable localities of bakeries and restaurants.

"3. The purchase and sale of nut-foods, flaked foods, nuts, legumes, dried fruits, and kindred lines of foods.

"Resolved, That we suggest to our people who wish such stores established in their vicinity, that they provide the necessary funds for the enterprise by gifts, or loans at a low rate of interest.

"Resolved, That we recommend that beginnings be made in a careful and economical way, and that the principal lines of goods be sanitarium health foods, nuts, legumes, dried fruits, bottled fruits, olives, and olive oil, with sample lines of health publications, and nurses supplies."

It was moved to adopt. The different recommendations and resolutions called up very interesting discussions by both delegates and visiting brethren.

The recommendation with reference

to health food stores and bakeries was discussed at length, and it was plainly shown that something must be done to guard the reputation of our sanitarium health food department, so that it may stand as an exponent of the principles of truth. Also one in regard to our ministers uniting heartily in the campaign of preaching more frequently on health and temperance was heartily approved of.

After some discussion on recommendation with reference to the field worker; the meeting was adjourned pending action.

THE ninth meeting was held Tuesday, March 1, at 3:00 P. M. with Elder J. A. Sommerville in the chair. Hymn No. 381 was sung, after which prayer was offered by Elder A. E. Field. The secretary not being present, Ida A. Nelson was chosen secretary pro tem. The minutes of the eighth meeting were approved.

The matter under discussion at the close of the morning session was still further discussed. It was moved by Elder Bagby, and it was seconded to strike out the resolution with reference to the local conferences and institutions being invited to consider the advisability of sharing equally the expense of sending out well-trained workers to organize schools of health among the churches. After some discussion the motion was put and lost.

Brother Butka moved and Brother Bender seconded that the clause of "loaning money at a low rate of interest" be stricken out. It was carried.

The different resolutions called out remarks by Dr. P. F. Haskell, Mrs. S. N. Haskell, and others. The report was adopted.

It was moved by Elder Haffner, and seconded by Elder Bagby that the "standing committee of three" be appointed from the floor. The following named persons were appointed to constitute the committee:—

Elder A. E. Field,

Dr. P. F. Haskell,

Dr. W. C. Green.

The meeting was then adjourned.

TENTH meeting, Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 A. M.

Elder N. P. Nelson in the chair.

"Alas! and did my Saviour Bleed, and did my Sovereign die?" was sung to open the conference. Elder C. W.

Miller offered prayer. The secretary's report of the ninth meeting was approved.

The committee on plans and constitution presented the following final report:—

"Whereas, The Lord has said that "All our ministers should feel free to carry with them books to dispose of wherever they go," and "that in the early history of the message, ministers acted as colporters, using the means obtained from the sale of the books to help in the advancement of the work when help was needed," and "Let none think it belittles a minister of the gospel to engage in canvassing as the means of carrying the Gospel;" therefore,—

Resolved, That we urge our ministers and workers throughout the Southwestern Union Conference to greater activity in the sale of our literature as in former days, and that they encourage and urge suitable persons to enter the canvassing work placing them in touch with the state agent.

"Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the Keene church for the hospitality and courtesy shown the delegates.

The motion to adopt was carried unanimously. An interesting discussion by both ministers and canvassers followed the reading of the first resolution. Elder S. N. Haskell gave his hearty approval and stated that our ministers should work to the end of getting our publications into the homes of those for whom they labor; and that the great results of the ministers in the early part of the message was largely due to the large number of books, tracts, and papers which they introduced into the homes.

Elder N. P. Nelson spoke of the cooperation and help that the canvassers has received in Nebraska which has resulted in the sale of a very large number of books, and he hoped that steps might be taken in this Union Conference to make our canvassing work more efficient.

Sister S. N. Haskell remarked that in nearly all cases books had better be sold than given away. Interesting remarks were made by many and new impetus will surely be put into the canvassing work.

Pending action the meeting adjourned until Thursday, 10:30 A. M.

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Oklahoma Department.

Field Reports.

STILLWATER.—Since our good Conference at Keene I spent several days at Stillwater, and while there I had the privilege of burying five dear souls with their Lord in baptism. These were persons who began observing the Sabbath as a result of the faithful personal work done by Sister Ridge, and reading matter given them several years ago. They sent for me to come before the Conference. I spent several days there then and preached the first sermon on present truth they had ever heard. I then presented some of the leading prophecies, and connected with them the health reform, tithing, and spiritual gifts. They drank the truth in eagerly, and from that sermon on they completely discarded tobacco, pork, and coffee. One man had used the filthy weed more than forty years.

I attended some of the classes at the canvassers' institute, and found Brother Butka at the head of about thirty earnest workers. As my train missed connection at El Reno, I had the privilege of spending a few hours with the believers there, and helped them some. I am now beginning a meeting in Brother Marshall's school house east from Hennessey.

C. SORENSON.

West Cooper Church School.

THIS school opened February 1 with an enrollment of twenty-seven scholars. Several more have come since the opening so as now to make the membership thirty at present. Some have not been able to attend regularly on account of sickness, but at present we are all enjoying good health and are making the best use of the moments.

Most of those attending, have almost been brought up in the church school. Some have attended church school for eight years, and are thus quite well advanced in church-school work. Several are planning to attend one of our colleges next year.

We have with us in this school a young man from Nebraska, who has just started to keep the Sabbath a few months ago. He came to Oklahoma about four months ago and attended the church school at O'Keene

three months, and at present he is attending this school. He was baptized a few months ago and is now rejoicing in the truth. He formerly belonged to the Catholic church, and all our teachings are new to him.

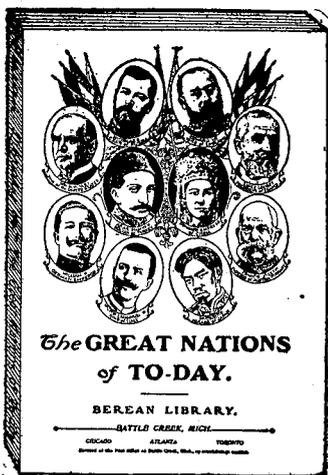
The Lord has wonderfully blessed us since the opening of this school. The studying of His Word on the prophecies as relating to our time has been a great feast to all. Now may the Lord help us to live out the light He has given us.

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