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## Collection for October 5.

THE annual offering in behalf of the colored people will be taken upon Sabbath, October 5, in all our churches in the United States and Canada. This offering was arranged by the General Conference at its late session in 1905.

The collections from this offering have proven a great blessing to those who have been responsible for the preaching of the third angel's message among the colored people of the South. We can go back but a few years when there was scarcely a single colored worker giving his time to the preaching of the third angel's message for his own people. Now nearly every state in the South has one or more workers who are preaching the message to the colored people. This has been brought about by the liberal contributions of our people in behalf of the colored work.

The donation in 1906 aggregated approximately \$5,000. We believe that this annual offering for 1907 should not fall short of \$10,000. In 1905 the offering exceeded this amount over \$2,000. As the brethren are much pressed for means in this great and needy work, we trust our people throughout the entire field will make a liberal contribution on this important occasion. All donations should be sent through the regular channels.

I. H. EVANS.

## A Very Direct Appeal.

That all the property and the money we possess is the Lord's is a principle clearly laid down in the Scripture, for we ourselves are his. He has bought us and all that we have with the price of his own life-blood. How thankful we

may be, too, that as a people we have a voice, the voice of the spirit of God, which speaks to us so clearly and definitely in regard to any special work which the Lord would have us do. Here is a very definite and positive appeal written on the 8th of March, 1907, which comes to us through the Spirit of Prophecy: "My dear brethren and sisters, all the money we have is the Lord's. I now appeal to you, in the name of the Lord to unite in carrying to successful completion enterprises that have been undertaken in the counsel of God, and that are waiting for their portion of the \$150,000 fund which has been called for by the General Conference Committee."

J. S. WASHBURN.

## THE COLLECTION FOR WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

IN another column will be found an article from Eld. I. H. Evans calling attention to the work among the colored people, and as our field is to be benefitted by this collection, a few words may not be amiss.

We have been assured that twenty per cent of this collection will be appropriated to the work for this people in our union conference, as it has been for several years in the past. Most of our brethren have become somewhat acquainted with the work this union conference is trying to do for the colored people within their borders, and we are sure there is a lively interest on the part of many to help in this good work. The amount realized from this collection is practically all we have with which to carry on the work, as the regular tithe received by this conference is needed to carry on their regular work and support the regular officers and white workers.

The general donation for 1906

fell far short of former years, and as a result we are out of funds for this work, and have been compelled to ask some of our colored laborers to seek other employment. This seems too bad when there is so great need of work among this people.

While this is a general collection, which will be shared in by our people all over this country, is it too much to expect that our brethren in the Southwestern Union Conference, who will realize some of the benefit of this in seeing the labor bestowed in their midst, will donate very liberally to this fund?

C. N. W.

## Testing Times.

GOD has never put forward a movement for his people, and through them, without there being testing places in it. If there were no tests in them, they would be of no value, because God has said that he will have a tried people.

At the present time in many parts of Texas, there seems to be a shortening of the crop. This will lead some to fear that they will not be able to meet all needs, and thus they will be tempted to retain for their own use that which has been reserved by the owner for another purpose. In this way the tithe will bring a testing point in the experience of many. How much better to gain a victory in the time that we are tempted than to have to pass through the experience of repenting for the sin of taking that which is another's, and then of restoring the amount wrongfully taken.

Eve took that which the Lord had reserved, and a lifetime of repentance did not remove the terrible results of her wrong-doing and influence on her children. At our late good camp meeting at Fort

Worth many pledged themselves with God to be faithful henceforth in tithe paying, and restoring that wrongfully taken in the past from his treasury.

Will it not be a blessed compact if those who were not there, shall join with those of whom we have spoken, and all covenant with God, who is the giver of all we have, to return to him his own faithfully?

Let this be our motto, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

We have over 900 subscribers.

## Arkansas Department

### Arkansas Conference Proceedings.

[Concluded.]

CONFERENCE was called for the tenth meeting at 9:15 o'clock on Friday morning. Resolution fifteen was presented to the conference and read as follows:—

15. Resolved, That we request the executive committee of the conference to diligently continue to raise money for the \$150,000 fund until the portion that would naturally fall to the Arkansas Conference is raised.

Elder Porter spoke first to this, telling of the various funds to be benefitted by the \$150,000, also giving some quotations from the Testimonies regarding the work in Washington. He told us of the wonderful development of the third angel's message, and of the sacrifices made by the early pioneers.

Elder Russell spoke of the ways in which gifts may be made to the cause. The audience responded in a practical way, and pledges were made to this fund to the amount of \$283.80. An earnest prayer followed, led by Brother Watts, that God would bless his children in

### Financial Statement of Arkansas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Jun 30, 1907.

Tithe on hand July 1, 1906,		\$ 110.74
Received from July 1, 1906, to June 30, 1907,		4193.78
Afton,	\$382.63	
Miami,	11.80	
Gravette,	91.77	
Isolated,	1176.45	
Springdale,	172.82	
Sallisaw,	26.60	
Texarkana,	31.80	
Black Rock,	136.08	
Ava,	86.70	
Little Rock,	896.87	
Fayetteville,	373.48	
Searcy,	88.80	
Gentry,	305.82	
Decatur,	65.21	
Frisco,	148.76	
Mena,	91.07	
Coats,	91.97	
Mablevale,	15.15	
Total,		\$4304.52
CASH PAID OUT.		
Expense,	\$ 75.19	
Tithe to S. W. U. Conference,	304.48	
Laborers,	3798.19	
Cash on hand June 30, 1907,	126.68	
Total,		\$4304.52

### Financial Statement of the Arkansas Tract Society YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1907.

LIABILITIES.		
Review and Herald, Battle Creek,	\$3960.78	
" " " Takoma Park,	43 01	
Pacific Press, Kansas City,	2529.54	
" " Mountain View,	43.96	
Life Boat,	1.00	
Record,	2.75	
Southern Publishing Association,	55.84	
Keene Academy,	334.26	
Individuals,	1.58	
Funds,	779.88	
Total,		7753.78

### RESOURCES.

Cash on hand June 30, 1906,	\$513.41
Merchandise,	291.79
Furniture and Fixtures,	96.00
Personal Accounts,	2232.84
Net Insolvency,	4619.74
Total,	\$7753.78

### LOSSES.

Expense,	\$90.36
Salary,	56.35
Merchandise,	167.36
Total,	\$314.07

### Received on Various Funds During the Year.

	Rec'd.	Paid out.	On hand.
Sabbath-school,	\$233.09	\$122.24	\$110.85
Annual Offerings,	236.06	174.54	61.52
First-day Offerings,	64.84	41.71	23.13
Washington Fund,	273.86	122.64	151.22
Foreign Missions,	140.87	21.44	119.43
Tent Fund,	122.41	92.10	30.32
Mexican Work,	4.75		4.75
Religious Liberty,	49.17	26.08	23.09
Orphans,	20.09		20.09
Christian Education,	65.85		65.85
Colored Work,	52.69	47.44	5.25
Pacific Press,	3.70		3.70
Foreign Publishing Work,	13.96		13.96
Free Literature,	11.55	7.70	3.85
Poor Fund,	21.87	24.30	deficit 2.43
Canvassing Fund,	10.10	45.85	" 35.75
"Ministry of Healing,"	153.00	21.00	132.00
Missionary Acre,	9.75		9.75

Siloam Springs, Ark., July 23, 1907.

To the Arkansas Conference:—

I have carefully checked over all entries in the books of the Arkansas Conference and the Arkansas Tract Society as kept by Miss D. Saidee Wilson, and after correcting a few errors can state that both sets of books are in balance. According to my best information they give correct showings of the standing of the two organizations above named.

Respectfully,

H. T. CURTIS, Auditor S. W. U. Conf.

giving, and bless the means given. Conference adjourned to the call of the chair.

ON Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock Conference met for the final sitting. After we had sung "The Golden Morning," we were led in earnest prayer by Brother Littell, in which the blessing of God was asked on the work of the conference for the coming year.

A resolution of thanks to the city of Siloam Springs was presented and passed unanimously.

A report of the secretary and treasurer of the Arkansas Conference and the Arkansas Tract Society, together with the auditor's statement, was read, and accepted by the conference.

Following this Elder Russell gave a talk on tithes and offerings. The blessing of God has surely been with his people in Arkansas during the past year, and many were glad to testify to his goodness in a praise meeting. All determined by God's help to be faithful in tithes and offerings.

Many expressed their gratitude for the blessing, and all felt that God had come very near. A spirit of love and harmony characterized the work of the conference gathering, and all felt to seek this spirit during the weeks that are to follow.

Conference adjourned *sine die*.

D. SAIDEE WILSON.

#### Meeting of Arkansas Conference Association.

A MEETING of the Arkansas Conference Association was called at 9:00 o'clock on Thursday, July 24, 1907, at Siloam Springs. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting waived. A motion to allow the committee on nominations for the conference to act in a similar capacity for the Conference Association prevailed. Adjourned till 9:00 o'clock on Friday morning.

At the appointed hour the Conference Association met for the pur-

pose of electing officers. The committee on nominations reported as follows:—

For President, V. B. Watts.

Trustees, V. B. Watts, C. S. Kiuzer and L. W. Felter.

The question of electing a secretary and treasurer was discussed, and by consent of the Association, the trustees were empowered to elect from among their number such officers. Adjourned *sine die*.

D. SAIDEE WILSON,

*Acting Secretary.*

#### Field Reports.

DAISY AND CORINTH.—After the local camp-meeting at Black Springs I went home with the brethren that live close to Daisy, and then to Corinth. I preached three sermons at Corinth, and the interest was very good.

There are many calls for meetings from every place. From the signs of the times the work will soon close up. Our people ought to have all their surplus means in the cause of God; for the time will soon come when it will be taken from us.

We voted at conference to place in the home of every senator and representatives the religious liberty magazine. This will cost the conference about \$25 a year. Those who can help raise this fund will please send in their donations to the office, 1203 Wolfe St., Little Rock, Ark.

Remember we need money to pay for some of the tents we have already purchased, so please send in your pledges and offerings as soon as possible. V. B. WATTS.

#### †Texas Department.†

##### Texas Conference Proceedings.

THE third meeting of the conference session was called to order by the conference president at 9:00 A. M., Monday, August 5, 1907. The meeting was opened with the hymn, "Toil on a little

longer here, For thy reward awaits above; Nor droop in sadness or in fear Beneath the rod that's sent in love," after which prayer was offered by Elder McCutchen. Following the prayer the chair read a few verses from the 138th Psalm.

The report of the committee on irregularities was then called for. The chairman of that committee stated that they regretted the deplorable condition that existed in some of our churches inasmuch as they had not reported any delegates to the conference, neither had they elected any. By vote of the conference Brother J. J. Wynigear was seated in place of J. A. Lankford to represent the Levi church. Sister Whitsel was elected to a seat among the delegates for the Poetry church.

The next item of business was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted. The committee on seating of delegates next recommended that the Sister Grove church be dropped from the conference list of churches. A motion was made and carried to drop this name.

The next report called for was that of the state Sabbath-school secretary. The report showed that there have been fifty-three Sabbath-schools during the year. Number of schools added fourteen; number dropped six. Four of these have united with other schools. Average membership for the year 1,227; average attendance 949; total contributions of the schools \$995.86; amount sent to missions \$911.52; expenses of the schools \$84.34.

Our field missionary agent rendered a report of the canvassing work for the year, giving month by month a detailed report of the hours worked, orders and deliveries. The totals are as follows: hours 19,932; orders 6,423; value of orders \$16,403.90; books delivered 1056; value \$10,408.05; helps delivered \$2,923.50; total value of subscription books and helps delivered \$13,331.55.

Elder Porter remarked that it is only a matter of putting in good, faithful work to sell our books, summer or winter, spring or autumn. The great thing is to have a burden for souls, and it applies to laborers in every line of work, whether ministers, canvassers or Bible workers. Now is the time to push the work, for the time is fast approaching when the way will be hedged up. The item on the last column of the last page of the *Review* of August 1 is very significant. It speaks of a movement to boycott all literature that does not bear the Union Label of the allied printing trades. The *Review* stated that a recent number of our journals was returned to the office by some one into whose hands it had been placed, and four large red labels were pasted upon it in different places. That label bore the following, "Returned because of absence of union label. Demand this label (the union label) on all your printed matter." This will prove a bar to our literature. So indeed now is the most favorable time we shall ever have to dispose of our books and periodicals.

Elder K. C. Russell said that the revival of our book work and the spread of our literature are some of the most significant signs of the times.

The committee on plans and resolutions submitted the following report:—

1. Believing that it is good to recount the blessings and mercies of God to us as a people and a conference, we would call attention to the following facts:—

It has pleased God to spare the lives and health of our laborers, and has given them strength and ability to labor as ambassadors for him.

He has preserved our laborers and people generally faithful to the truth, in the midst of the wickedness of the world, and the apostasy which is trying to deceive and lead astray

The Lord has set his seal to the

faithful work of the ministry in giving them a goodly harvest of souls to rejoice with them in this precious truth.

Our brethren have been given temporal prosperity, and a willingness to honor the Lord with their substance, as evidenced by the substantial increase in the Lord's tithe, and the offerings made to his work.

Our faithful canvassers have been blessed almost beyond our expectations in their efforts to place the printed pages of truth before the people.

As we think of these things we are led to say with the Psalmist, "Oh how good is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust thee!" Ps. 31:19.

Beseeking God's blessing and the aid of his Holy Spirit for the coming year, we pledge ourselves to greater usefulness and to greater diligence in the great work committed to our hands.

2. Resolved, That the clause in our constitution relative to delegates to represent the churches in the sessions be amended to read as follows: Each church shall be entitled to one delegate at large, and on additional delegate for each fifteen members, or major part thereof after the first fifteen.

Believing the circulation of our literature to be one of the most mighty factors in the propagation of the truth; therefore,—

3. Resolved, That we double our efforts in this line; (a) in seeking out and bringing in touch with the field missionary agent suitable persons (both old and young) to engage in the sale of subscription books; (b) that our people in their home districts endeavor to get into the hands of their neighbors such of the 40 per cent books as "Steps to Christ," "Mount of Blessings," and others, and thus endeavor to reach them through the practical truths of the message; and (c) that we make stronger efforts to reach our cities by the sale of our missionary papers, such as the *Signs*

of the *Times*, *Watchman*, *Liberty*, and *Life and Health*.

[Continued next week.]

**Financial Statement of Texas Tract Society Year Ending June 30, 1907.**

RESOURCES	
Value of mdse. on hand,	\$2354.10
Property and office furniture,	685.90
Bills Receivable,	445.14
Individual accounts,	861.88
Delinquent accounts,	841.97
Cash on hand,	1572.72
	<u>\$6761.71</u>

LIABILITIES.	
Due publishing houses,	\$ 234.71
Due individuals,	4.15
Deposits,	146.91
Present worth,	6375.94
	<u>\$6761.71</u>

LOSSES.	
Expense,	\$ 74.41
Rent,	40.00
Postage and express,	106.03
Wages,	383.45
Loss on property,	147.20
Uncollectable accounts,	70.40
Net gain,	401.59
	<u>\$1223.08</u>

GAINS.	
Interest,	\$79.48
Discount,	29.61
Commission,	207.83
Gains on merchandise,	906.16
	<u>\$1223.08</u>

W. F. FIELD,  
Sec. and Treas.

Keene, Texas, July 31, 1907.

To Whom It May Concern:—

I have carefully audited the books of the Texas Tract Society for the past year. They were kept from July 1 to September 9, 1906, by Brother E. Harris, and from that time to June 30, 1907, by Brother W. F. Field. The books are correctly kept, and I believe they are a correct showing of the business and present standing of the Society.

In connection with the item of net gain for the year it should be mentioned that \$500 of the money received as commission on sales was turned over to the conference and used in other lines of work.

The statement prepared for the conference agrees with the books themselves.

Respectfully,  
H. T. CURTIS,  
Auditor S. W. U. Conf.

FOR the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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2 inches	.50	1.50	4.00	7.50	15.00
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5 inches	1.25	3.75	10.00	18.75	37.50

OUR space is limited and we do not solicit general advertisements. We are glad, however, to accommodate those who may wish to advertise places, or other matter which it is proper to admit to the columns of such a sheet. Such will be admitted at the above rates per column inch.

News Notes.

J. M. SEAT and wife visited friends in Hillsboro last week.

Miss Lelah Woodruff went to Hillsboro last Sunday morning to visit friends.

ELD. C. Santee spent two days last week at the Oklahoma camp-meeting, but returned on Friday and spent the Sabbath at Fort Worth.

ELD. W. W. Eastman and the editor returned Sunday morning from the Oklahoma camp meeting.

ELD. H. B. French is at home for a few days from their meeting near Hamby, Taylor County. He reports the interest only fair at the last pitching. A few began keeping the Sabbath there, and they have moved the tent to another location about five miles away.

ELD. W. M. Cubley and L. O. Corwin and wife started last night to attend the Northeast Texas camp-meeting at Avinger.

ELD. N. W. Allee, who has been suffering for almost three years with tuberculosis of the lungs, died this morning at 9:15. He has been a very patient sufferer for almost two years that he has lived in our midst, and although at times for several months he has suffered intensely, the end came very peacefully. The funeral will be held at the church at 11:00 o'clock tomorrow and burial in Keene cemetery.

MRS. E. M. Giddings leaves tonight for Kenna, New Mexico, where she will visit for a time and then visit her parents in Missouri.

MRS. J. Stokes went to Greenville this morning to visit friends.

W. ATWOOD and John Ballard are busy today loading their car of household goods for New Mexico, where they will go with their families in a few days.

ELD. Andrew Nelson has traded the property formerly occupied by his father for property in Oklahoma. Eld. D. F. Sturgeon, the new owner, expects to reach here tomorrow with his family to make this their home for the present.

ELD. C. W. Miller and family are enjoying a visit with his two sisters and niece from Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Camp-Meeting.

THIS good meeting, which is now in the past, was held at El Reno, on the same ground as it was four years ago. The attendance of our own people was quite large, but the outside attendance was very small. About 1,200 were encamped on the ground. About one-fourth of this number were Germans, who held all their meetings separate except that they took part in the business sessions of the conference.

The condition of the work in that conference is good, as shown by the president's address in this issue. Besides donations to other objects, pledges and cash sufficient to meet their quota of the \$150,000 fund were given. About seventy-five persons were baptized last Sunday.

Besides the local laborers there were present Elders R. C. Porter, K. C. Russell, C. Santee, H. F. Graf, and Prof. B. G. Wilkinson.

A Card of Thanks.

To our dear brethren and sisters who so nobly stood by us in our sad affliction, which came to us during the camp-meeting, we tender our profound gratitude. Everything that loving hearts and tender hands could do to mitigate our sorrow and suffering was done. Such manifestations of true, genuine Christian love touch us deeply, and bind us more strongly than ever to our brethren and sisters.

W. R. PATTERSON,  
MARTHA PATTERSON.

In Memoriam.

DIED, on the morning of August 9, at the Fort Worth Sanitarium, (Doctor Ross' Sanitarium) in Fort Worth, Texas, from the effects of injuries received on the previous evening in stepping or falling from a moving train near the city limits of Fort Worth, Joseph Edwin, son of W. R. and Martha J. Patterson, aged nineteen years, two months and eight days.

The deceased was born at the

present site of Enloe, Texas, June 1, 1888, and lived in said county until the spring of 1902, when his parents moved to Keene where he has lived since. Joseph was trying to educate himself for a place in the cause of God, and we were all doing all we could to assist him in his laudable purpose, when suddenly, with as little warning as thunder from a clear sky, his life was snuffed out, and his life work was prematurely ended. The shock was a terrible one to the family; but amid all our grief there is the sweet consolation that he was prepared for the summons, and that he sleeps in Jesus and will have a part in the first resurrection. We believe, if faithful, we shall meet him again where sorrow and crying will be no more.

"Undaunted by the tempest wild,  
Whose angry and disastrous billows roll."

Faith spans the dark, billowy chasm of earth life, so fraught with sorrow, sin and death, so transitory and fleeting, and lays hold with undoubting, unwavering trust upon the divine assurance of a resurrection of the dead, and a life where sorrow shall ne'er "wring hot drops of anguish from the fevered brow," and a land more beautiful than a poet's dream, and fairer than the loftiest ideals of finite conception. There we hope again to meet our dear Joe.

"We see not, we know not. All the way  
Is night. With thee alone is day.  
From out the torrent's troubled rift,  
Above the storm one prayer we lift:

"Thy will be done."

W. R. PATTERSON.

## Oklahoma Department.

### President's Address.

**A**NOTHER year has swiftly rolled into eternity, and in the good providence of God we are once more permitted to assemble in conference. We note with pleasure the large attendance, and extend to all a most hearty welcome. Our only desire is that your expectations for a large blessing may

be fully realized; and we are sure that this will be so if we together seek the Lord with all our hearts. I trust that we may all be in such a frame of mind that the Master of assemblies may himself preside over all our councils, and clothe our work with the divine credentials.

Our conference was organized August 3, 1894, and was admitted to the General Conference February 15, 1895, at which time it had seventeen churches with a membership of 500.

The conference has now a membership of 1,852, an increase of seventy-seven the past year. The tithe for the conference year ending July 31, 1907, was \$20,288.41, an increase over last year of \$2,387.47. Received for the state fund \$1,221.78. Sabbath-school offerings to missions \$1,470.96, an increase over last year of \$331.68. First day offerings \$436.73. The \$150,000 fund \$1,762.89. Other donations for work outside our conference \$4,889.91. Aged and orphans \$104.83. Religious liberty \$107.37. For teacher in Keene Academy \$225. This makes a total of \$8,560.49 sent from the Oklahoma Conference to work outside of the conference. Donations for work in the home conference \$1,421.32.

There have been eight churches organized the past year, and eleven new Sabbath-schools, making a total of sixty-nine churches and eighty-three Sabbath-schools.

Following the camp-meeting at Kingfisher last year, five tent companies entered the field, and some of them met with very good success. The last of September a local camp-meeting was held at Fargo. There was a fair attendance in both the German and the English languages. In response to an urgent petition from Hooker, Beaver county, we tried to hold a camp-meeting out there, but the weather was so cold that we could not hold the meeting in tents; and as the brethren had secured the use of a church, we held meetings in

the church, and the brethren did not try to camp on the ground, but returned to their homes every night. The attendance was real good, and meetings were held in both English and German.

In February a workers' meeting was held at the Addington church. Elder Porter was with us, and we had a very profitable meeting. Plans were laid for the spring work in the conference.

This summer there have been eight tent companies in the field, and good reports have been received from all of them. The tent at Catoosa, I. T., was destroyed by a storm, but they got the use of an old church and held meetings in it when not hindered by others wanting to use the church.

At the close of the tent effort at Woodward, a camp-meeting was held and some interest was manifested from the city, but not as much as we had desired to see; but the meeting was a great feast to our brethren who attended, as the good Spirit of the Lord was present in all our meetings. The last day of the meeting thirteen were baptized.

The number of laborers who have worked more or less during the year is as follows: sixteen ordained ministers, thirteen licentiates, and twelve Bible workers, making a total of forty-one, besides the many faithful canvassers who have done a noble work selling our good literature. We have reason to be thankful for the health that has been enjoyed by our laborers generally.

The canvassers' institute was held at Oklahoma City, and was well attended. Elder W. W. Eastman, our union conference missionary agent, was with us all through the institute, and Elder Porter was with us part of the time. The labors of these men were very much appreciated. The institute was said by those who attended to be the best they ever attended, and all entered the field in the best of courage. The excessive rains in the spring and early summer fol-

lowed by the drought has ruined the crops in the greater part of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, which has made it very hard for our canvassers; yet many of them have stayed with it, and the Lord has blessed them richly in the work. Some of our students have been working hard to make their scholarship, and we hope they will succeed.

We have at present eighty-three Sabbath-schools with a membership of 2,114. Our Sabbath-schools are a mighty factor in the cause of God. Here the old and young meet as pupils in the school of Christ to learn the story of salvation. By their donations they are sending missionaries into the dark corners of the earth with the last message of mercy to a dying world, and a great work is being done in heathen lands.

We have had fourteen church schools the past year, and they have done a good work; but plans must be laid in this conference to assist in some way this important work of teaching the lambs of the flock. An institute was held here in El Reno this summer, but so few attended that it was almost a failure; yet good help was provided, and if the teachers would have attended we would have had a very good institute.

A good class of our young people have attended the Keene Academy the past year. At the close of the year Brother Cole went down to assist Elder Eastman in a canvassers' institute for the benefit of those who wished to enter the canvassing work. A good number entered the field at the close of the school, and are working hard to earn their scholarship, and many of them bid fair to be successful. The Academy is doing a good work, and it is to be hoped that our educational fund will be reimbursed some this coming year, so that worthy young men and women could be helped with a loan as they might need it. The Academy is worthy of the loyal support

of the conference, and the best support that can be rendered is to encourage young men and women to attend.

The religious liberty question has been given quite a good deal of consideration the past year, especially with reference to the constitutional convention held at Guthrie. Eld. H. E. Giddings spent quite a little time at the convention and did a good work; but on account of his health failing him he had to leave the field, and Elder Maxwell was sent there and worked with the members of the convention in behalf of religious liberty.

It is a pleasure to meet with so many of like precious faith from all parts of the conference; and may our meeting together mark a new era in the Christian experience of each one, draw us nearer to God, and help us to realize as never before the importance of the great work to be done in giving this message to the world, that it may be ripened for the coming of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we be gathered home.

The past year has been one that has in a marked way been freighted with great and important events that mark the fulfillment of prophecy. Great forces are being marshaled for the last great conflict. There is the great federation of churches for the purpose of controlling policies and securing religious legislation in harmony with their ideas, so that they can compel all to be Christians by law. United as auxiliaries with this great movement are the Christian Endeavor, Young Men's Christian Association, Epworth League, and other societies and organizations; and then comes the American Federation of Catholic Societies; and all these powers have one purpose, one undying enthusiasm, and that is that Sunday must be observed as a sabbath, the realization of which will be the fulfillment of the message of Revelation 13, against which the third angel's message utters the most solemn warning

ever given to a dying world.

Then there is the great peace conference of the world assembled at The Hague, Holland, which is also a marked fulfillment of prophecy. All these events, with many others that might be mentioned, should thrill every believer in the third angel's message. As we see the rapidity with which great events follow one upon another, we may know that the work will soon be finished.

We are now assembled in conference with a two-fold purpose: first, that of seeking the Lord with all our hearts and consecrating ourselves anew to his service; and second, for the purpose of laying plans together how we may do our part in fulfilling the great commission, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." May the dear Lord especially direct in all the deliberations of the conference. Many important questions will come up for consideration; but the wisdom of no human agent is sufficient for the planning and devising necessary, hence we need the heavenly enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. May one sentiment control each and every delegate—a willingness quickly to yield individual opinion and ideas to the manifest leading of the spirit of the great Master of assemblies.

Now, in behalf of the conference committee I thank the brethren for the confidence and assistance given us in our work. We are now privileged to lay off the burden we have been carrying and place it back on the conference assembled. May the Lord guide and direct in all the deliberations of this conference, destined to mark an era in the advance of the message in our field.

The delegates will be required to act upon many important matters, and may the Lord guide in all that shall be said or done, so that it may redound to his glory and the salvation of souls. The several committees will be weighted with responsibility, and we exhort them

to seek the Lord most earnestly that their suggestions and recommendations may bear the impress of the divine.

Soon our last camp-meeting will have been held and our life work finished; and if faithful we shall go home to join in that grand reunion, when the faithful of all ages shall meet around the great white throne of God. Yes, what a gathering of the faithful that will be! There we shall meet with our loved ones, who have walked by our side and with whom we have had sweet council, and never part. Yes, hasten on glad day, and bring the fruition of all our hope, and then we will never say good by.

ANDREW NELSON.

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**Weather Report**

Week ending Aug. 31, 1907.

Date.	Temperature		Rainfall in inches and hundredths	Character of day.
	Highest	Lowest		
25		77		Clear.
26	101	74		"
27	101	73		"
28	101	73		"
29	100	73		"
30	98	73		"
31		67	.05	Cloudy.

These readings are from government standard instruments exposed in the manner recommended by the Chief of the Weather Bureau. H. T. CURTIS.

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Name.	Address.	Book.	H'rs.	Ord's.	Value.	Helps.	Del'd.	Val.
<b>Texas.</b>								
J B Baker	Austin Co	G C	38	1	2 50	75	1	2 50
Helen Baker	"	G C	38	7	17 50	3 00	4	10 00
Letha Taylor	Dallas	C K	15				6	6 00
B F Webb	Fall Co	C K	16	19	19 00	3 75	4	4 00
L B Spear	"	C K	16	19	19 00	3 45	7	4 00
J L Nicholson	Victoria Co	B R	45	7	15 75	6 00		
A Prewitt	Marion Co	B R	20	5	10 50	4 50		
S R Creel	Hardin Co	B R	24	19	58 75			
J I Creel	Hardin Co	B R	22	20	62 00			
J I Knudson	Burleson Co	B R	22	22	66 50	9 25		
Etalea Taylor	"	G C	30	13	32 50	50	1	2 50
T A McFarland	Ellis Co	H H	44	28	85 00			
Orén Durham	Ellis Co	H H	46	21	66 50			
C P Bodwell	Hamilton County	G C		10	31 00	1 50		
W F Mayers	Gonzales Co	C K			5 00	6 00		11 00
J M Mosely	Eastland Co	D R	26	6	16 00	1 00		
Adella King	Bosque Co	G C	40	14	40 00	1 25		
Grace Eastman	Bosque Co	H H	41	20	53 00	75		
Gertrude Patterson	Johnson Co	H H	36	17	47 50	1 25		
Edna Patterson	"	H H	36	7	18 50	75		
Mabel Taylor	Dallas	B S	22	27	30 00	2 00		
J H Monk	Rockwall Co	D R	42			5 25	1	3 50
T R Allison	Coryell Co	D R		11	27 50	75		
T C Nystel	Collin Co	D R	53	38	140 00	4 20		
O Wade	Young Co	G C	21				14	37 00
A T Jones	Hood Co	B R	88	13	30 75	4 75		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Agents 26</b>		<b>781</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>894 75</b>	<b>60 95</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>90 50</b>
<b>Arkansas.</b>								
W B Maris	Springdale	G C	20			3 00		
A M Hawkins	Vinita I T	G C	30		39 25	38 05		
Ira Newkirk	Crawford Co	B R	54	10	29 25	3 45		
C E Rudisaile	Cherokee I T	D R	55	9	24 50	4 00		
D M Twiggs	Sebastin Co	B R					8	21 25
J A Tucker	Sebastin Co	D R	36	2	8 00	2 75	11	31 50
F Pruett	Sebastin Co	D R	45	14	40 00	2 00	10	32 00
O P Wilson	Washington Co	D R	32	2	7 00	8 45		
Cora Gouge	Benton Co	H H	10	2	5 00			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Agents 9</b>		<b>282</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>153 25</b>	<b>61 70</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>89 00</b>