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CONFERENCE SESSION CLOSES TODAY

One of the Most Interesting, Instructive and Spiritual
Gatherings Ever Held in Keene

Elder Thompson Preached Sabbath

SUBJECT OF HIS DISCOURSE THE
"PROMISES OF GOD" AND THE
CERTAINTY OF THEIR
FULFILLMENT

The biennial session of the Southwestern Union Conference will close today. It has probably been the most successful session in many ways that has ever been held.

The ministerial institute, with Elder A. G. Daniells talking on the work of the ministry and Elder G. B. Thompson explaining the work of the Holy Spirit, came to a close Friday. It was a great success and the spirit of the Lord was poured out mightily on both the speaker and the delegation as well as the others who were in daily attendance. Elder Daniells remained until Friday morning, when he left for Kansas City, Mo., where he was to preach in the Kansas City church on the Sabbath. From Kansas City he went to College View, Neb., to spend a couple of days and from there was to go to Minneapolis, Minn. Elder Daniells and Elder G. B. Thompson will conduct a ministerial institute at the session of the West Canadian Union Conference which will be held in Calgary, Canada. Elder Thompson remained in Keene over Sabbath and spoke to a large congregation on "The

Promises of God," at the morning service.

The Sabbath was a busy day. The morning opened with a Sabbath school which was divided into five divisions and which was attended by over 600 persons. Elder Thompson's sermon followed.

In the pulpit with Elder Thompson were Elders J. W. Norwood, of Fayetteville, Ark., president of the Arkansas Conference; H. L. Hoover, of Estancia, N. M., president of the New

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MILTON MATTISON TO GO TO FOREIGN FIELD

Will Canvass in the Principal Cities of
India. To Start Next August

Arrangements were made at the Friday's session to increase the force of colporteurs to spread denominational literature in India. Milton Mattison, a young man of Keene, who is a student at Keene Industrial Academy, has responded to the call and will leave for the far East next August. Seventh Day Adventists are making rapid strides in the dissemination of gospel literature throughout the world and last year distributed nearly two mil-

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Improvements For Keene Academy.

\$5,000 NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING
NOW ASSURED. AMOUNT TO
BE EXPENDED WILL AG-
GREGATE \$10,000

Plans are being laid to make extensive improvements at the Keene Industrial Academy, at Keene, and the improvements that are desired were placed before the delegates in attendance at the conference. One of the big improvements will be the construction of a normal school building, where young men and women will be trained to become teachers in the intermediate and church school in the Southwestern Union Conference.

The proposed improvements will cost about \$10,000. The normal school alone costing \$5,000. There will also be built a dormitory for young women and alterations will be made so as to connect the commercial department and business office of the institution and to provide larger quarters for the Manual Training Department, where the young men are taught to use carpenters tools. Improvements to the amount of \$10,000 were made at the Academy grounds during the past five years creating a sum of indebtedness which will be lifted before making the improvements. A subscription list has been started among the officers and

members of the Keene church.

At a meeting, where the condition of the Keene Industrial Academy was fully outlined, the officers and workers who are here from the four states of the Southwestern Union Conference, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, were invited to assist in raising the money. The officers and workers all responded liberally to the call and \$700 was pledged in addition to \$6,300 raised by the Keene church before the conference meeting convened. The subscription list of money given by members of the Keene church was started by Elder G. F. Watson, President of the Southwestern Union Conference, who contributed \$500. Others who gave \$500 each were Prof. C. B. Hughes, principal of the Keene Industrial Academy, Elder W. A. McCutchen, president of the North Texas Conference, James Butka, Foreman of the Keene Industrial Academy Broom Factory. Other subscriptions were: Elder W. W. Cubley, \$400. C. E. Smith, \$250, Edward Wallen \$250, J. A. Langford, \$200, H. H. Luccock \$100, J. D. Matthews, \$100, Mrs. E. L. Taylor \$100. Other amounts were given bringing up the total to \$6,300.00.

MILTON MATTISON TO GO TO INDIA

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lion dollars worth of books, periodicals, and tracts. The call for more colporteurs in India came from Mr. C. E. Weaks, who was sent there two years ago to take charge of the book work. Mr. Weaks told of the demand for young men to spread the gospel through the printed page in the heathen land.

Mr. Mattison is 25 years old and the son of Mr. J. F. Mattison. He has been an Adventist all his life. For three years he sold denominational literature in Texas, and for two years taught in a Church School in Butler, Okla. He will canvass in the large cities of India, including Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Lucknow, Delhi and other places.

Elder N. Z. Town, of Washington, D. C., Assistant Secretary to the General Conference, who was here in the interest of securing colporteurs to labor in the foreign lands has secured three young men to go to Mexico.

ELDER THOMPSON PREACHED SUNDAY

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Mexico Conference; G. F. Watson, of Keene, president of the Southwestern Union Conference; J. I. Taylor, of Austin, Texas, president of the South Texas Conference; W. M. Cubley, of Keene, and J. A. Laland, of San Antonio, Texas.

Elder Thompson, in his sermon, said that we are made partakers of the divine nature through righteousness by faith.

He said that God has promised to supply our needs according to His riches. He declared that in all history God has never failed to keep one of His promises. "When God spoke of destroying nations," he continued, "He destroyed them. Whatever He has said He will do He brings to pass. His own example of what comes to man by faith is seen in the life of Caleb, who at the age of 85 years clung to the promise of God and drove out the children of Anak and took their country.

"The Saviour says, 'If any man thirst let him come unto me, and drink.' Here is an inexhaustible fountain. Those who drink of this fountain never thirst. We see thousands at the fountain of pleasure, but this does not satisfy their thirst. Again, some are drinking from the fountain of fame and worldly ambition, but they thirst again. Millions are drinking at the fountain of wealth and seeking to obtain comfort and joy on the empty treasures of the world. It is an eternal truth of Holy writ that those who love silver will not be satisfied with silver.

"When death begins to creep upon us and feels for our heart-strings the earthly things seem of but little value. Some are drinking at the shallow fountain of human philosophy and speculation, but there is no satisfaction in these things.

"Among the many precious promises Christ left on record is that of His second coming. This glorious event is the greatest of all events. Kings and potentates of the earth have many gorgeous spectacles arranged for their glory and ambition, but the coming of Christ transcends all other events. Before this great spectacle all other events grow dim, and we are standing today facing the consummation of this glorious hope. Soon the Lord is to come to destroy the nations of the earth and establish on their ruins His

own eternal kingdom, of which those who are faithful will be His subjects.

"Another promise is closely connected with this event, which is of great comfort, and that is the resurrection of the dead. What home has not been visited by the terrible destroyer death? Every home has an empty chair by the fireside. We listen for foot-steps that never come—the voice that we hear no more. What a glorious promise is found in that resurrection when, at the second-coming of Christ, all the righteous dead will come forth clothed in immortal youth and vigor! How different will it be a thousand years later when all the wicked millions are raised to be destroyed by the second death!

"One promise more I'll mention. The Seer of Patmos promises to the overcomer the inestimable privilege of eating of the tree of life. Have you ever wished that you were in Eden and stood with Adam in his primeval innocence and had the privilege of partaking of that tree which grew in the paradise of God? Not since Adam crossed his Eden threshold have any fallen sons of the race been permitted to enjoy this promise, but to the overcomer this promise is made. This earth will be Eden restored when the earth is wiped away and all things are made new."

Elder Thompson spoke again in the afternoon. He left for Kansas City, Mo., Sunday morning.

ORPHANAGE FOR OAKWOOD SCHOOL

Conference business was resumed Sunday morning, and the committee on plans reported.

One of the resolutions adopted was that to give one half of the April orphanage fund toward the building of an orphanage for colored children at the Oakwood school near Huntsville, Ala. An interesting address on the progress that has been made in spreading the gospel among the colored population of this country was made by Elder A. J. Haysmer, superintendent of the North American negro department. He said 700 colored people had accepted the truth during the last two years. He also said there has been an increase in the tithe. He impressed his hearers with the need of more trained men and women to do missionary work among their own race.

The Call for Laborers for the Vineyard

Urging men that they should make a complete surrender unto God for they expected to gain a victory and secure a home in heaven, Evangelist G. B. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., deeply impressed his audience in a sermon Wednesday. Evangelist Thompson centered his remarks around the call of God for men and women to labor as missionaries to win souls to the heavenly kingdom.

He referred to the experience of Abraham when he was called from the land of Ur of the Chaldees, who went out not knowing when he went where he was going. He said that had some one asked Abraham where he was going he could not have answered, as he knew not himself. He said Abraham did not inquire as to the climate, of whether wild beasts inhabited the country, but just responded to God's command. The speaker declared that it was a serious thing to answer a call of God in the sense that separates men and women from their positions and gives them another vocation. He referred to the experience of James, John, Peter, Andrew and Zebedee, who were fishermen. He said the Lord told them* to follow Him and He would make them fishers of men. He urged those before him to respond to the call of God without asking any question, but said they could not do so without making a complete surrender to Him.

ELDER EASTMAN'S REPORT

Friday, Feb. 9 an interesting report was that given by Elder Eastman, general missionary agent for the Union, of the book work in the Southwestern Union Conference during the last two years. He said that \$126,511.62 worth of books, periodicals, tracts, and other literature has been sold, \$56,234.72 worth being sold in 1910, and \$70,276.90 in 1911. In 1908 and 1909 the amount of books sold was \$75,740.10. The gain in 1910

and 1911 over the two previous years was \$50,771.52, or 64 per cent.

In 1907 there was but one tract society in the Union, while today there are six. All of these societies, he said, are now working on a sound financial basis and are growing stronger every year. He said that the branch office which was established in Fort Worth a few years ago with no capital, is now a well equipped office, with a large stock of supplies on hand and paid for, and has become a strong contributory to the manufacturing plant at Nashville. He said that the colporteur field is now thoroughly organized, with a strong corps of workers, many of whom have had years of experience.

Report of Committee on Nominations

The committee on nominations handed in its report which was adopted as follows:

For Executive Committee, President of the Union Conference, President of local conferences in the Union, Principal of Keene Academy, General Field Missionary Agent, Secretary of the Educational and Young People's Work for the Union and Secretary-Treasurer of the Union.

For Educational and Young People's and Religious Liberty Secretary, Prof. E. E. Farnsworth.

For Auditor, Prof. H. H. Hamilton. Keene Academy Board: G. F. Watson, C. B. Hughes, W. A. McCutchen, J. W. Norwood, T. W. Field, J. I. Taylor, David Voth, H. L. Hoover, E. E. Farnsworth, A. F. Harrison, C. E. Smith, J. D. Matthews, Jas. Butka, J. J. Cochran.

Superintendent Southwestern Union Mission, G. F. Watson.

Operating Committees of S. W. Union Conference for local conferences: For North Texas, W. A. McCutchen, W. M. Cubley, Thos. De-freeze.

For Arkansas: J. W. Norwood, V. B. Watts, J. M. Dancer.

For Oklahoma: David Voth, N. Clausen, Chas. Lightner.

For South Texas: J. I. Taylor, J. A. Leland, M. Jones.

Trustees of the Southwestern Union Conference Association: G. F. Watson, C. E. Smith, W. A. McCutchen, C. B. Hughes, L. N. Carter, E. E.

President Daniells Conducts Meeting

The greatest feature of last week's session was the consecration service held Wednesday morning. This service was conducted by Evangelist A. G. Daniells, of Washington, D. C., president of the General Conference, the governing body of the Denomination.

Practically all the delegates were present, and nearly all in the audience made a definite surrender and consecration of themselves to the service of God. The wonderful progress Seventh Day Adventists are making in their efforts to spread the gospel to every nation, kindred, and tongue in the earth makes them realize more profoundly their need to put down self and depend upon God for strength, in order that their movement may go forward.

The sincerity of their belief that the gospel must be carried to everybody in the world in this generation makes them feel the weight of responsibility resting upon them, and they desire to so relate themselves to God that their efforts may succeed. Nearly everybody in the audience testified to the blessings he had received and resolved to do more in the future towards accomplishing the task the denomination has taken upon it. They believe that Jesus Christ will return to the earth in this generation, but are just as firm in their belief that He will not come until the prophecy spoken of by the Savior in Jerusalem, as recorded in Matthew 24:14, that "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come," is fulfilled.

Farnsworth, W. D. Dortch, R. L. Pierce, J. C. Mosley.

The committee on nominations was composed as follows: W. A. McCutchen, David Voth, J. W. Norwood, J. I. Taylor, T. W. Field, H. L. Hoover, C. B. Hughes.

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SOME INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACTS

The following interesting items concerning our missionary efforts were brought out at the various meetings:

The General Conference was organized in 1863 at Battle Creek. At this time there were only about 3,000 Seventh Day Adventists in the world. In 1870 they had increased to 6,000; in 1880 to 12,000; in 1890 to 25,000; in 1900 to 50,000, and 1910 to 100,000.

It was not until 1874 that Seventh Day Adventists sent out their first foreign missionary, only thirty-seven years ago. This was Elder J. N. Andrews, and he opened the work in Switzerland. Since then their foreign operations have grown to an immense size, so great, in fact, that it requires more than \$1,500 a day to support them. The first conference was organized in Europe in 1880. This was the Denmark Conference.

Russia was not entered by Seventh Day Adventists until about 1900. We have a number of conferences there

at present and a membership of over 4,000.

It was in 1886 that the Seventh Day Adventists began work in Africa. In 1892 the Cape Colony Conference was organized, with headquarters at Cape Town. There are about 2,500 Sabbath keepers in Africa who are paying \$21,000 yearly in tithes, and one Union Conference, two local conferences and twelve organized mission fields.

Australia was entered in 1885. Today in the Australian field there are more than 5,000 Sabbath keepers, paying an annual tithe of \$80,000, one Union Conference, six local conferences and ten mission stations.

Seventh Day Adventists began their work in India in 1893. The cause was pioneered by colporteurs, who sold denominational books in the large cities. Today there are about 700 Sabbath keepers there, paying \$3,000 annually in tithes, with a number of schools and one sanitarium. One week ago a party of six missionaries was sent out by the General Conference to augment the working force already in India. This party sailed from New York and was composed of Elder and Mrs. Walter Mead of Washington, D. C. Elder and Mrs. Mark Comer of Portland, Oregon, and Elder and Mrs. G. T. Pettit of Washington state.

China was entered with missionary operations in the year 1887. This work was also pioneered by colporteurs, a number of young men in the British naval service having accepted the faith by reading several tracts which had been translated into the Chinese tongue. Today very few of the provincials in China are without Seventh Day Adventist mission stations, and a number of them have in connection with the station a school where the native children are educated in the principles of the faith.

The missionary operations in Japan were opened in 1896 by the establishment of the Shina Bible school.

During the year 1904 the Seventh Day Adventists entered Korea, "the land of morning calm." Since then a number of churches have been organized, schools have been started and treatment rooms have been opened.

Central America was first entered in 1891. For several years the missionary paper "The Herald," was used and books sold among the islands and along the coast from Belize down to the eastern extremity of Honduras. Shortly afterward a mountain industrial school was established on the

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island of Bonacca; another school was established in the Island Utilia; other schools and churches were established in the Panama region, in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Columbia and among the West Indies Islands.

It was in 1887 that the West Indian field was entered. Since then a number of schools have been established, with a publishing house and a sanitarium and at present there are about twenty-five hundred Sabbath keepers in Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Porto Rica, the Bahamas, Trinidad, the Barbados and other islands of the West Indies.

South America was entered in 1889. Since then a number of conferences have been organized, among them the River Platt Conference, composed of the Argentine Republic, Uruguay and Paraguay; the Brazil conference and West Coast conference, comprising Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. In these South American conferences there are about twenty-five hundred Sabbath keepers. Seventh Day Adventists are also operating in Iceland, Bermuda Islands and the Hawaiian Islands. The work is world wide.

The denomination conducts 74 sanitariums throughout the world, which have a valuation of \$3,368,041.00. They employ nearly 2,000 helpers including the physicians and nurses. Nine food factories are conducted by the denomination, where vegetarian foods are prepared. They are located at Boulder, Colorado; College View, Nebraska; Des Moines, Iowa; Portland, Oregon; Sanitarium, California; Madison, Tennessee; Sydney, Australia; Copenhagen, Denmark; Stanborough Park, Watford, England.

Resolutions Adopted by the S.-W. U. Conference, 6th Biennial Session

Some of the resolutions adopted were as follows:

Whereas, the Southwestern Union Conference has, during the past biennial period, been bountifully blessed of God, first in the sparing of the lives of the workers, and granting to nearly all a good degree of health; second, in giving us religious freedom, so that we may still have favorable opportunity to carry on our work; third, for the faithfulness and loyalty of our brethren and sisters in the payment of tithes and offerings, and their earnest cooperation in helping to advance the missionary work; and fourth, for the wonderful success attending the colporteur's work; fifth, for the good harvest of souls resulting in the success of all lines of missionary work,

Therefore, Resolved: That we unite in giving thanks to our Heavenly Father for all these blessings, and pledge anew our all for the speedy finishing of our work.

We recommend that colporteur credentials be granted by our local conferences to such permanent colporteurs as have demonstrated their faithfulness and consecration, and who have attained to a satisfactory standard in all important features of their work, and to students possessing the above qualifications who have declared their intention of making this their permanent work, and have spent at least two vacations canvassing, and that these credentials be granted by the conference in the usual way.

That all territory for colporteurs be assigned under contract made in triplicate, copies being furnished by the agent to the colporteur, and to the tract society.

That all colporteurs who handle bibles be required to secure them through their local tract society and that tract societies recognize the branch office as wholesalers for bibles in harmony with the recommendation passed by the General Conference.

That all bibles be sold at prices not in excess of the regular catalog prices of the publishers.

That the maximum profit on all bibles be ten per cent to the publishing house, ten per cent to the tract society, twenty-five per cent to the colporteur, the same to be computed on our retail prices.

That in case certain bibles are se-

cured at large discount, and the retail prices be reduced so that the per cents for handling them shall conform to the above schedule.

That our publishing houses, field agents, and colporteurs, be cautioned against allowing the handling of bibles to divert them to any degree from their regular work, and that we recommend that no bibles of shoddy, or deceptive quality be handled.

Whereas, the General Conference, in its recent council, recommended that our magazine work be placed under the direction of our field missionary agent to be organized and handled the same as our subscription book work, therefore We recommend:

That the plan be adopted as the policy of this union conference in the handling of the magazine business, and that it be put into effect as early as possible.

That the fifteen per cent allowed on scholarships, be divided equally between the schools and the publishing interests.

Whereas, the Third Angel's Message is burdened with a warning against a wicked assumption of power through a combination of church and state authority, and Whereas, the religious liberty work has been developed among us for the purpose of clearly defining the proper relation between the church and the state, and defending the rights of the individual against the encroachments of the masses, and

Whereas, this line of work has been sadly neglected in this union conference,

Therefore Resolved, That as a union conference we revive this line of work by electing a competent man as secretary of the department, and that the union conference committee be recommended to plan a definite line of work for him to push during the next two years.

In harmony with the request of Elder T. W. Field made in connection with his annual report as President of the West Texas Conference, and, also in harmony with the agreement of the executive committees of both the Oklahoma and North Texas Conferences, we recommend:

That the counties of Oklahoma, and the counties of Lampassas, Hamilton, Erath, Palo Pinto and Jack of the North Texas Conference, be included in the territory of West Texas Conference.

Whereas, the South Texas Confer-

ence is in need of more territory to successfully carry forward its colporteur work, we recommend, in harmony with an agreement between the executive committees of the North Texas and South Texas conferences, that the counties of Brazos, Grimes, Montgomery, Liberty, Hardin, Orange and Jefferson, now being a part of the North Texas conference, be added to the territory of the South Texas conference, thus making the northern boundary of the first six named counties, the division line between the two conferences.

Whereas, Keene Academy is hampered by a debt of about thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00) incurred by making much needed improvements, and needs still more improvements to enable it to do the work demanded by our rapidly growing Union Conference, therefore resolved,

That we pledge ourselves to raise immediately a fund of at least twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for this purpose, and also to finish paying the three thousand dollars (\$3,000) promised by this Union to the Clinton German Seminary.

Whereas, we recognize the need of medical missionaries, in the work of the Third Angel's Message, and whereas, we appreciate the necessity of preparing in our own school young men and women for medical practice, therefore be it resolved:

That we hereby express our approval of the action of the General Conference, the Pacific Union Conference and the Southern California Conference in establishing the college of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda.

That we further express our approval of the action of the board of the college in providing thus far for adequate instruction in medical sciences and in their plans for equipping the school for imparting a thorough education, and

That we, moreover, express our willingness to cooperate with the aforesaid conferences to provide such buildings as are necessary for the enterprise.

We most earnestly recommend that all our young people who desire a medical education, obtain same in our own medical college.

Whereas, the responsibility of the development of the church missionary work rests primarily upon church and conference officers and other laborers representing the work of the cause as a whole, instead of resting large-

ly upon any one department, we recommend:

That provision be made by conference and church officers for a strong active development of church missionary work.

That conference laborers be urged to take this responsibility and enter actively upon the work of leading our churches into all important lines of missionary activity and of instructing the churches how to do the work.

That conference and church missionary conventions be held according to the judgment and direction of the conference officers for the promotion of this work and for giving help and instruction to conference laborers, church officers and members.

Whereas, a need is felt by some that the colored work be brought into close affiliation with the organized work of the local conference having an important percent of colored population, therefore, we recommend,

That a local committee of three be appointed to consist of the president of the local conference, a member of the executive committee and one colored worker, this committee to have direct supervision of the colored interest in its conference.

MISSIONARY WORK REPORTED NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

July 1 to December 31, 1911. Including the Reports of Missionary Volunteer Societies

Number missionary visits	625
Meals provided	124
Hours Christian help work	1527
Sick persons assisted	58
Treatments given	37
Articles clothing given away	83
Papers received	2022
Papers lent mailed or given away	8491
Books lent or given away	203
Number of Reading-racks	6
Missionary letters written	444
Letters received	284
Bible readings or cottage meetings	225
Number attending Bible readings	192
Number of periodicals sold	1511
Periodical subscriptions taken	73
Number books sold	67
Children brought to Sabbath-school	4
Tracts lent or given away	7741
Signatures to Temperance pledge	2
Times reading racks filled	7
Converts through efforts of members	4
Retail value of literature sold	\$119.80
Retail value literat. given away	15.91
Amount collected for missions	232.65
Home missionary work	50.86

MRS. L. O. CORWIN,
Field Missionary Secretary.

SCHOOLS FOR TRAINING COLORED WORKERS

Seventh Day Adventists are conducting the Oakwood Manual Training school near Huntsville, Ala., exclusively for the training of colored people. An intermediate school for colored people is also being conducted at Devalls Bluff, Ark. There are 10,000 colored people in the United States, and efforts are being made to reach them with the gospel.

At the Oakwood school, the students are given a strong educational training along evangelical and industrial lines. The tract of land owned by the school contains 368 acres. There are 15 buildings on the property, among them the school sanitarium, dormitories, teachers' building, printing plant, canning factory, vegetable house, dining room, mechanical plant, and others. At the school are students from nearly every state in the United States. The Southern states are well represented in the student body. In addition to the numerous buildings on the property, its management is now finishing and furnishing an orphanage which will be conducted in connection with the school. One of the features in connection with the school is the training class for the teachers to work in the mission school of the denomination. There are about 20 of these mission schools in the South. When this school was about to be started Miss Ida Lackey and Miss Edith MacDonald, two young lady missionaries who are traveling over the United States selling the Bible Training School, a denominational periodical, contributed nearly \$1000 towards the fund. Misses Lackey and MacDonald have made \$10,000 in the last six years and have donated all of it but their expenses to charity.

Some of the industrial pursuits taught at the school are farming, dairying, poultry raising, nursery work, fruit growing, carpentry, broom making, printing, blacksmithing, carpet and rug making, and general sewing. The students are also being trained to become ministers, colporteurs, Bible readers, teachers, nurses, and domestic work. The sanitarium is well equipped and has both lady and men physicians.

R. L. Bradford, principal of the Devalls Bluff, Ark., school, reported the progress that has been made at that institution, which is conducted for

colored children. He also told of the colored church in that place. He said a nice building has been erected by the Southwestern Union Conference, and that the attendance is good. The growth last year was encouraging. He emphasized the statement that the young people are aroused to activity, and are anxious to spread the gospel. Connected with the school is a farm of 40 acres, which enables the management to conduct an industrial institution. The chief industries have been farming, gardening, and cooking, sewing and domestic work for the girls. The tithe for the year was \$181.44, with free will offerings, all of which go for missionary purposes. The finances amounted to \$213.44.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING

I am taking this chance to remind all the churches in Oklahoma of the regular annual offering for the Liberty work to be taken Sabbath, February 24. It will be remembered that one-third of the donation will be kept in the local conference, one-third will be sent to the Union Conference at Keene, Texas, and the other one-third sent to the General Conference at Washington, D. C.

This is a phase of our work which we cannot well afford to overlook. While we are quietly attending to our own work, there are those who are persistently working to place the yoke of religious intolerance upon the necks of all who keep God's Sabbath. Not long since I rode about one hundred miles with a Catholic priest and he talked freely with me along religious lines. "Oh," he said "Protestants came too late. There is only one church which can offer salvation and all Protestants must come back to that one." As he smiled, his words seemed like other men's words, but I thought I could see underneath it all a determination to bring his words to pass.

I said to him, "Seventh-day Adventists believe they came as an answer to prophecy. They seek

no power from the civil law and all they ask of the world is an open field to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, which liberty they think belongs to all men."

He laughed as though my words were foolish.

A few days ago I was talking with a gentleman on a train about the growth of Catholicism and its political attitude in America, and he remarked, "Yes, and the strangest thing about it all is that Protestants seem to be blind and indifferent about the whole matter." He was not of our faith, but he was a Protestant and could see some of the dangers which threaten our American institutions. I gave him *Liberty* and he seemed glad to get it.

I hope our churches can follow the Religious Liberty program for Sabbath, February 24, as found in the *Review* of February 8.

Let us make the offering as large as possible—we are facing a foe.

C. M. McDONALD.

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

There are two kinds of people in the world—those who live in the shadow, and those who live on the sunny side of the street. These shadowed ones are sometimes called pessimists, sometimes they are said to have a melancholy temperament, sometimes they are called disagreeable; but, wherever they go, their characteristic is that their shadow always travels on before them. Such persons never bear their own burden, but expose their wounds to others. They are all so busy looking down for pitfalls and sharp stones and thorns on which to step that they do not even know that there are any stars in the sky. These folks live on the wrong side of the street. And yet it is only twenty feet across to the other sidewalk, where sunshine always lies. —*Newell Dwight Hills.*

Our Mission Apple Tree

PEARLE APT WEEKS

Thanks to our Mission Apple Tree,
So full of apples, and yet free
From any selfish pride to show
How quickly apples it did grow.

One, two, three, four, five, six,
seven,

Eight, nine, ten, eleven,
Counting, counting till we see
Twenty-eight apples on that tree.

For each apple we a dollar spend
On foreign Missions, thus we send
Teachers, that heathen yet may
know

Of the Savior, who loved them so

That he left the throne of God,
Homeless, friendless, alone, to tread
The stony path of sinful men—
Pay the penalty for our sin.

Oh, how happy we shall be,
When at last, on the crystal sea,
We shall clasp some brother's hand
Saved by our gift to a foreign land.

One more gift to Thee I bring
Oh, blessed Lord, my Heavenly
King!

Full of weakness at thy feet I bow,
Accept my gift and use me now.

A call for reapers comes from Thee,
"Here am I, oh, Lord! send me."
It does not matter how nor where,
Just so some humble part I share;

That every day my life may show
The love of Christ where e'er I go.
Oh, may we all, with one accord,
Do as much for Christ, our Lord.

January 1, 1912

In a former report of the work of the Albuquerque Sabbath-school mention was made of the picture of a large apple tree, upon which an apple was hung as often as the offerings to Missions amounted to one dollar.

Although the first tree had borne twenty-five apples during the third quarter, we hoped the second tree

would bear a more abundant crop in the fourth.

The above poem is a simple story of the result:

W. A. T. MILLER.

A TOO EASY TASK.

I was watching the plumbers, says Graig S. Thomas, as they worked on the new home. One with a simple little cold-chisel, had by dint of numerous brisk taps in a circle around it, cut into a large iron pipe. Another was busy with a small chisel cutting in halves a large piece of lead.

"Easy work", I said, as I watched the latter drive the chisel into the soft material.

"Yes," he replied, "but this work spoils the chisel."

"Lead is not hard enough to spoil a chisel," I insisted.

"No," the workman replied, "but it takes all the temper out of it, so that it is good for nothing else. To cut much lead will spoil the finest cold-chisel."

Soft seats, easy tasks, and pathways strewn with roses, take the temper out of character, and produce good-for-nothing lives. Difficulties impart their own splendid fiber to those who master them. —*Young People's Weekly.*

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Life

FULL of vows and full of labor,
All our days fresh duties bring,
First to God and then our neighbors;
Christian life is an earnest thing.

Onward, ever onward pressing,
Yet untired as angels' wings;
Believing, doing, blest and blessing,
Christian life is an earnest thing.

NEWS NOTES

Just before the close of the Sabbath eight precious souls were baptized. The ceremony was performed by Elder W. M. Cubley in W. J. Ward's pond near the Keene church. Many of the delegates attending the conference stood on the banks and witnessed the ceremony. Those baptized were Mrs. Mamie Wharton, of the Eastern part of Texas, Miss Lillian Lickey, of Galt, Mo., Mrs. Vada Spiva, of Keene, Mrs. Pearl A. Weeks, of Albuquerque, N. M., W. M. Smith of Oklahoma, Arthur King, of San Antonio, John R. Green, of Keene, and Walter Haffner of Keene.

Elder G. F. Watson, president of the Southwestern Union Conference has been invited to attend the next council of the General Conference Committee which will be held next fall. The council is composed of the heads of the different departments of the General Conference and the presidents of Union Conferences and will bring together these heads from different parts of the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and Africa. There are nine Union Conferences in the United States, and twelve in other parts of the world.

Probably the largest crowd that has ever been in the Keene church witnessed the rendition of the "Queen Esther Cantata," at night. It took about an hour and a half to sing the production. About 75 were in the chorus. The leading parts were taken by Prof. E. E. Farnsworth, as Ahasueus, Mrs. E. E. Backus, as Queen Esther, O. B. Watson, as Mordecai, Miss Annie Laurie McCutchen, as Zeresh, Miss Lillian Lickey, as the

prophetess, Lawrence Martin, as the herald, Joe Chesnutt as the scribe, Miss Grace Eastman, as Mordecai's sister, Charles Bainer, as Harbonah, Miss Lena Callicott, as the Medina Princess, Miss Knudson, as the Persian Princess, Clarence Dortch as the beggar, and Isaac Baker as the high priest. Miss Grace Taylor was the accompanist.

Elder W. W. Eastman, general missionary agent of the Southwestern Union Conference, has accepted a call to connect with the Southern Publishing Association, of Nashville, Tenn. Elder Eastman has been connected with the book work in the Southwestern Union Conference since his return from Jamaica six years ago, where he was a missionary for a number of years. A new department will be established by the Southern Publishing Association and Elder Eastman's long and successful experience in the book work qualifies him to head this department. A. F. Harrison, of Nashville, Tenn., has been selected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the leaving of Elder Eastman. Mr. Harrison is also a man of experience in the book work, and is now attending the conference session, becoming acquainted with his duties in the Southwestern Union Conference territory.

A very handsome leather suit case was presented to Elder W. W. Eastman, field missionary agent of the Southwestern Union Conference, by the Tract Society secretaries, field agents and manager of the Western Branch of the Southern Publishing Association, which is located at Fort Worth, as an appreciation of his generalship in the canvassing work during his six years with the Union. The subscribers to the gift were: A. F. Harrison, the new general missionary agent of the Southwestern Union, R. L. Pierce, manager of the Fort Worth Branch of the Southern Publishing Association, W. L. Adams, J. H. Wilcox, C. J. Dart, J. S. McMullen, W. R. Goss, W. A. T. Miller, J. W. Davis, C. L. Collinson, N. H. Conway, E. H. Wilcox, J. A. Tucker and I. T. Reynolds.

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Spiritual force is stronger than material; thoughts rule the world.
—Emerson.

One cold morning in February we stood looking out upon a world encased in an icy armor which sparkled with unrivaled beauty in the sunshine. "Beautiful?" said one. "Yes, it is very beautiful, but it will be gone before noon." The little restless maiden, quiet for once as she looked upon the glory, looked up and brightly said: "Never mind there will be something else beautiful to-morrow." In that childish speech lies one of the deep secrets of a happy life.—*Selected.*

God has business with every soul in the world. He transacts that business with each soul direct. "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life", is divinity's recognition of the right of choice in each individual. No soul believes unto eternal life through the belief of some one else; and when one attempts to choose for another or force his belief on another, he is attempting to rob that other of his God-given rights, and, if he succeeds, he robs God also of what is His due—the true, acceptable worship of that soul unrighteously coerced. Freedom in Christ Jesus means the emancipation of the soul from the slavery of enforced religion as well as from the slavery of sin.