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THREE CAR LOADS OF BOOKS



Unloading at Fort Worth, Texas, one of the three carloads of Books ordered from the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn., which was received at its Western Branch, August 5, 1912. The car shown in the view contained 104 cases of Books.

The same day these books reached Fort Worth, there were also received from the Pacific Press and the Review & Herald Publishing Associations, shipments containing 33 cases, weighing 14,177 pounds.

In order to accommodate so many books at one time it became necessary to secure an additional store-room. These and other books now on the way are for the fall deliveries of the Colporteurs of the Southwestern Union Conference.

OKLAHOMA COLPORTEURS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1912.

This important branch of the Third Angels Message has received wonderful blessings from the Lord of the Harvest during the past conference year and the consecrated men and women, who were the instruments in God's hand used to do this wonderful work, were blessed with good health, were prospered financially, made a good spiritual growth, and also received souls for their hire. We can count at least twenty five adults who have become Sabbath Keepers during the past year through the exclusive work of the Oklahoma Colporteurs. At least two thirds of this number have already been received into some of our churches besides others who have heard the living preacher after first becoming interested through reading some of our good books.

When we realize the crop conditions of the past year and then look at the following report, we only say, "Surely, this is the work of the Lord and not man's work."

There were eighty Colporteurs who worked during the past year. Many of these were farmers, nurses, teachers, students and even mothers of large families. While this portion of the workers only put in from two to ten weeks each, they did what they could, and we have God's promise that His word will not return to him void but will accomplish that whereunto it was sent.

One mother wanted to see her children in the work and as she had been a canvasser years ago and the father was tied with earning a living for the family so that he did not feel that he could go out, she went out herself. There was a baby in arms, a boy about sixteen, a girl eighteen and a boy twenty. This force of workers were enabled by the help of the Lord to put thousands of pages of our books into the peoples homes. Several others with smaller families have done the same thing. Without this class of Colporteurs the Oklahoma Conference would not have been able to do more than any other in the U. S. during the past year in this branch of the work, and we wish to extend a hearty invitation to every mother and father, teacher and preacher, who is a thorough S. D. A. in good and regular standing, to join with us and report their work, even if it is only a few days that you have to spare each year.

While it is true that the class spoken of have been a great help in the work during the past year, still the ones who have been blessed with the greatest results for the time put in were our regular year round colporteurs who report forty, fifty and sixty hours a week four or five weeks in the month, and who work every month in the year, also the students who come direct from the schools to the field.

As stated before, there were eighty Colporteurs. Twenty-six thousand and eleven hours was reported with a re-

sult of \$33,883.97 worth of orders received and \$24,459.08 worth of books delivered. This was the best record made by the Colporteurs of any conference so far as we can learn. We feel that we could not have done this work and did not, but that the Lord worked through us and used us as channels to do His work.

Last year we reported fifty-five workers 18,471 hours, \$29,764.22 orders and \$18,104.42 worth of books delivered. The gain of 1912 over 1911, was 25 more Colporteurs, 7,430 more hours worked, \$4,119.75 more orders received, and \$6,354.66 worth more books delivered. The \$24,459.00 worth of books delivered meant at least 5,000,000 pages of books put into the homes in Oklahoma, last year. This is more than three pages for every man, woman and child in the State. These books were distributed among about 5,000 homes. It means that at least 25,000 people have the chance of knowing more about the Third Angel's Message than they knew a year ago, as a result of the work of these eighty men and women. Is there any other way in which eighty people could give the cardinal points of the Message to 25,000 people in the same time? There is no wonder then that the Spirit of Prophecy tells us that, "Canvassing work is Missionary work of the highest order." There should be a hundred workers where there is now one.

Oklahoma has again given liberally to other friends. One of our German student canvassers of last summer is now engaged in tent work in Pennsylvania. Another Canvasser and his wife go from this meeting to the Washington Seminary and from there to the island of Jamaica. Another Oklahoma Colporteur has gone to Alabama as Field Missionary for that conference. Another of our regular workers is helping in tent work in our own conference, while others will go from the Colporteur work to the Church School work, for the first time, this winter. This means that we will need more workers at once to start for a holiday delivery.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the brethren and sisters throughout the State for their hearty co-operation in this work and for the homes that have been furnished, horses and buggies loaned, and other assistance that has been given to the canvassing work. We have appreciated the offers that have been sent in, of Homes for Sabbath and Sunday, the use of a horse, or horse and buggy, and believe that those who can not have an active part in the field will receive a blessing by staying by the stuff and helping all that lays in their power so that others may do more efficient work. We extend to all of our brethren and sisters a hearty invitation to have a part in this work and will be glad to receive a letter from you telling of the opportunity around your home for the canvassing work and offering whatever assistance you can. Or, you need not wait to write but come to us here on the camp ground and give us your name and address and tell us something about

the country you live in and the opportunities for this part of the work.

Some have already asked, "What are you going to do next year?" Our answer will be plain to you if you will look at this map which I have marked. You will see that only a small proportion of the seventy-two counties of this vast State have been touched during the past year and we expect to work some of these same counties the coming year with our health books and thus use the Right Arm of the Message.

CHAS. L. COLLISON,
Field Missionary Agt.

MAKING EARLY DELIVERIES IN OKLAHOMA.

Brother A. G. Ortner and brother Carl Riffel are delivering in the Northern part of the State and report nearly a hundred per cent delivery. Brother Ortner reports shows that he worked fifty-seven hours last week and delivered \$302.00 worth of books. In his letter he states that he lost three orders and one Bible order but sold the four extra books before he came in. This made a hundred per cent delivery. He has one more week to deliver. These boys are both working for a scholarship.

Brother Brewer is making a good delivery in the North-East corner of the State and his report this week shows a delivery of 88 per cent and last weeks report and the week before showed about the same proportion delivered. Brother W. B. Maris reports \$188.50 delivered in forty hours. He goes from the camp meeting to the Seminary at Washington and from there to the Island of Jamaica.

Brother Graves is delivering. Brother J. L. Wilson, another Keene student has almost \$800 worth of orders for his nine weeks work and has sold help enough to meet all his expenses and keep up his Tract Society account. His delivery begins just at the close of C. M. September second. Brother Albert Priest now has over \$1600 worth of orders for eight weeks work. He arrived at the camp-grounds in Oklahoma City last night and says he expects to get \$2,000 worth of orders or more as he has four weeks more to work before delivering. The prospect for a big delivery are fine. For this we thank the Lord of the harvest who controls these things.

CHAS. L. COLLISON.

ARKANSAS NEWS NOTES

The addition to the church and school room at Fayetteville is progressing nicely and will be ready for use by the time school opens. As has been stated in the past, this school is planning for two teachers this year.

Several people have recently taken their stand for the Truth in Miller county, near Dodridge.

The office enjoyed a short visit from Brothers David Twiggs and Thos. Butler. Brother Twiggs will soon return to the canvassing work in the southwest part of the State. Brother

Butler took a good supply of books and tracts home with him. Why not more of our people do like wise?

Elder Baxter reports the work moving at Jonesboro. It is planned for him to visit the Lucky church soon.

We have a very encouraging letter from Brother Jacobs from Hot Springs. Brother Jacobs will spend some time in the canvassing field, beginning next week.

Sister A. E. Daniells reports good results from her work at Little Rock.

Sister Zella Miller made the office a pleasant call last week, on her way from Ft. Smith to her home at Hindsville. She will return to Fort Smith soon.

Elder Watts reports good attendance at the tent effort at Burling. Elder Dewey Kinzer is assisting in this effort.

In a letter received from Elder Littell he reports the work progressing at Hindsville.

We are glad to see so many good reports coming in from the canvassers, and also to know that they are planning to stay by it the entire year.

J. W. NORWOOD.

WEST TEXAS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear brethren and sisters of the West Texas Conference, assembled at Abilene, Texas, Aug. 1-11. I am glad to be here this morning at the fourth annual meeting of the West Texas Conference. The good Lord has spared our lives through all these years and through this conference year that has just closed. I express with you, in the very beginning of this conference, feelings of the deepest gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his tender care over us, and for the prosperity that has attended our work during the year, and our gratitude for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives since we last met together.

The workers have enjoyed a reasonable degree of health which is one of the tokens that the Lord has been good to us as a conference, and we are grateful for his loving kindness. A degree of success has attended the work of winning souls for the truth. From the standpoint of the world, great things have not been done, but in the sight of God much of eternal worth has been gained, for one soul saved is worth more than ten thousand worlds like this.

The conference has employed 12 workers during the year. Five of these are ordained ministers, two are licentiates, three are Bible workers, and two are office help. All have not put in full time. We have two churches to present to the conference at this meeting. The church at Abilene with a membership of 38; 28 of these had never belonged to any of our churches in the West. Some of them had never belonged to any church, and have accepted the truth by reading the printed page. The Vandyke

church has a membership of eight, four of these accepted the truth under the laborers of Brethren LaGrone and Parnell, the others were from the Hamby Church. Thirty-seven have been baptized during the year. Fifty-five members have been added to the churches. Adding this to the number of believers in the two churches to be received into this conference, we have a gain in actual membership of 92. Fifty-two new Sabbath-Keepers have been reported only part of whom have yet become members of any church. I feel brethren and sisters that the above is a good gain, considering that we have but few workers in the field.

In the organization of this conference three years ago we had 200 members, since that time 109 have been added, making a membership of 409 but owing to the severe drouth that has prevailed in the West many of these have moved to other conferences. As best I can count about 100 have moved away, leaving a membership of about 300. When this field was cut off from the Texas Conference we had but three churches. We now have nine.

The tithe for this year is \$2953.09; last year it was \$2968.13, showing a loss of \$15.07. Last year we had a gain of over \$1200. I am sorry to see us fall behind this year, although the loss is small. I would rather have seen it the other way. I know that this has been a hard year. Many of the brethren are losing their places, and do not have the necessaries of life, are struggling under debt, yet I believe that if we all had done our duty, and had been true to God this shortage would not have been. All who have been faithful in the payment of their tithes feel no condemnation, knowing that they are not responsible for the shortage. But the unfaithful must feel condemnation as they realize their unfaithfulness to the trust of God. Brethren may the good Lord forgive us of all our wrongs. God calls for devotion and consecration to his work, which will render to him his own, that his storehouse may be full, and that we may be accounted worthy stewards in his day of reckoning.

Tract Society.

The tract society has a present worth of \$1709.00. It began three years ago with a capital stock of \$100. This shows a gain of over \$1600. The Lord has surely blessed in the work of the tract society. We hope to see this branch of the work as well as all others, grow and develop until it will not only be self supporting, but will be able to help carry the work in other departments.

Canvassing Work.

The canvassing work is still onward and upward. It has been hard to keep men in the field because of so much dry weather, but some are sticking to it through drouth, heat and cold. We are expecting to develop some faithful men and women who will make this their life work, or at least until God calls them to other work. If we could have a few good crops, with the faithful canvassers now in the field, and the new ones that

we expect to get enlisted in this work, and with our faithful field agent at the head of the work, we would make the canvassing work go, even in West Texas. We have demonstrated that it can be done. We hope that some new recruits will be gained during this meeting. Bro. Wilcox will give you a detailed report of this line of work.

The Sabbath-School Work, Educational Work, the Young People's Work and the Tract Society Work will all be reported by the ones who have those lines in charge.

I want to say in conclusion that the conference as a whole is in a growing condition. Our membership has over doubled since its organization, and the tithes has more than doubles. It is still true that we are poor, but we are out of debt, and we have over \$1000 on hand to begin the new conference year. I do thank the Lord from the very depths of my heart for the power, and blessings that he is bestowing upon us. I am afraid that we are not growing with the message as we ought. I am afraid that there are some divisions among us which ought not to be. Oh that God's sweet spirit might come into our hearts, and melt them, and give us that sweet peace and love for one another that we ought to have. Oh that we might hear the shout of new born babes coming home to God, of backsliders being reclaimed, and differences being put away. If the above is done we will go away from this conference a happy, and a united people, and His work will go to every part of West Texas. Let us pray for God's sweet spirit to rest upon the delegates of this conference in all of their deliberations, so that all may be done to the glory of God, and to the advancement of his cause.

May the peace of God rest and abide with us all.

T. W. FIELD.

REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK

Another Year has past and we feel that we are one year nearer home. As we get out and mingle with the people, as we as Colporteurs have to do, it makes us realize that it will not be long till mans work will be done. We are glad though to know that what man can not do God can do.

We feel to praise our Heavenly Father that the lives of all of our faithful Colporteurs have been spared another year. I some times think that we do not realize what a blessing it is to have health, as much as we should.

Our Colporteurs have had many perplexities during the past year. With some things have gone pretty hard, others have done real well. Some have done real well. Some have taken orders early in the spring when prospects were good and then it turned off dry and looked as though books could not be delivered, but the Lord knew all this and it is wonderful what he has done, and can do for us yet, if we will let him. One of our canvassers last year took orders in the spring where it looked as though the people

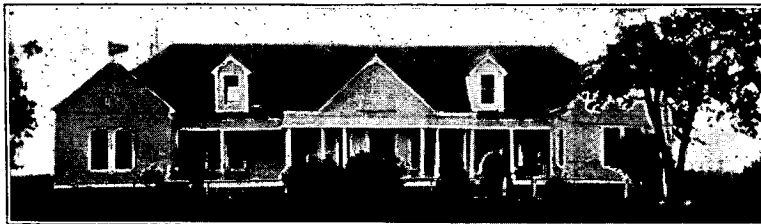
Reports of the Canvassing Work, Including Magazines of Seventh-day Adventists

| NAME | ADDRESS | BOOK | HOURS | ORDERS | VALUE | HELPS | TOTAL | DELIVERY |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| Arkansas | | | | | | | | |
| J. W. Anderson, Frisco | | BFL | 15 | 6 | 6 50 | 50 | 7 00 | |
| P. Buschee, Little Rock | | BFL | 15 | 4 | 4 00 | | 4 00 | |
| J. R. Blankenship, Miller Co. | | BR | 24 | 12 | 40 00 | 2 75 | 42 75 | |
| C. F. Betts, Malvern | | GC | 60 | 19 | 57 00 | 1 75 | 58 75 | |
| C. W. Brown, Hot Springs | | BFL | 30 | | | 30 00 | 30 00 | 31 00 |
| N. Dotson, Little Rock | | CK | 4 | 2 | 2 00 | | 2 00 | 2 50 |
| E. C. Furr, Franklin, Co. | | DR | 38 | 20 | 61 00 | 50 | 61 50 | |
| Moses Harden, Logan Co. | | BR | 52 | 13 | 41 00 | 1 75 | 42 75 | |
| Sam Jones, Logan Co. | | BR | 29 | 13 | 39 00 | 3 00 | 42 00 | |
| James Jones, Logan Co. | | BR | 34 | 13 | 39 00 | 1 25 | 40 25 | |
| George Jones, Alleene | | BR | 44 | 24 | 92 00 | 3 25 | 95 25 | |
| J. W. Ladd, Pulaski Co. | | BR | 52 | 39 | 122 00 | 2 25 | 124 25 | |
| R. L. Nance, Woodruff Co. | | BR | 54 | 30 | 96 50 | 2 50 | 99 00 | |
| I. H. Newkirk, Frisco | | DR | 29 | 6 | 18 00 | 25 | 18 25 | |
| E. L. Pickney, Elm | | DR | 23 | 1 | 3 00 | 1 50 | 4 50 | |
| | | Bibles | | | 65 70 | | 65 70 | |
| | | | 503 | 203 | 686 70 | 51 25 | 737 95 | 55 50 |
| K. L. Peck, Hot Springs | | Mag | 21 | 140 | 14 00 | | 14 00 | |
| | | | 524 | 203 | 700 00 | 51 25 | 751 95 | |
| South Texas | | | | | | | | |
| D. D. Clark, Beaumont | | BR-DR | 34 | 17 | 54 00 | 2 00 | 56 00 | |
| C. E. Nelson, San Antonio | | BR-HH | 35 | 14 | 44 00 | 3 55 | 47 55 | |
| A. J. Jenson, Elgin | | BR | 40 | 16 | 60 00 | 2 95 | 62 95 | |
| P. E. Kraft, Corpus Christi | | GC-HH | 34 | 7 | 19 00 | 5 30 | 24 30 | 5 50 |
| S. E. Jennings, Corpus Christi | | GC-HH | 14 | 3 | 10 00 | 3 55 | 13 55 | 10 00 |
| W. W. Embry, Lockhart | | DR | 50 | 10 | 34 00 | 5 95 | 39 95 | |
| J. J. Jobe, Navasota | | BR | 36 | 8 | 29 00 | 3 10 | 32 10 | |
| Mrs. C. W. Carriker, San Antonio | | PPF | 28 | 8 | 14 00 | 1 00 | 15 00 | |
| H. G. Leland, San Antonio | | BR-HH | 21 | 6 | 21 00 | | 21 00 | |
| Chas. Bainer, Chapel Hill | | BR | 24 | 13 | 39 00 | 3 75 | 42 75 | |
| J. D. Leslie, Chapel Hill | | BR | 26 | 11 | 35 00 | 3 00 | 38 00 | |
| J. P. Roberts, Gonzales | | BR-HH | 37 | 2 | 6 00 | 2 00 | 8 00 | 3 00 |
| | | Bibles | | | 17 60 | | 17 60 | 2 45 |
| Spanish Magazine Workers | | | | | | | | |
| W. F. Mayers, San Antonio | | | 19 | | 47 23 | | 47 23 | |
| J. W. Phillips, Cotulla & Millet | | | 37 | | 48 45 | | 48 45 | |
| Candelaria Rodriguez, Mico | | | | 5 | 15 00 | 1 55 | 16 55 | 1 55 |
| Agents 15 | | | 435 | 120 | 493 28 | 37 70 | 530 98 | 22 50 |
| Oklahoma | | | | | | | | |
| W. S. Lincoln, Hollis | | BR | 33 | 20 | 71 00 | 1 75 | 72 75 | |
| T. W. Atchley, Bache | | BR | 47 | 23 | 69 00 | 1 75 | 70 75 | |
| F. V. Graves, Curtis | | DR | 40 | 1 | 3 00 | | 3 00 | |
| H. J. Voth, Newkirk | | GC | 42 | 4 | 12 00 | 2 25 | 14 25 | |
| W. R. Brewer, Oklahoma City | | DR | 57 | | | 1 75 | 1 75 | 124 00 |
| J. W. Funkhouser, Waurika | | DR | 26 | 12 | 46 00 | | 46 00 | |
| E. W. Crawford, Quinton | | BR | 4 | 4 | 12 00 | 50 | 12 50 | |
| A. G. Ortner, Alva | | GC | 57 | | | | | 302 00 |
| O. S. Owen, Guthrie | | DR | 42 | 17 | 52 00 | 2 25 | 54 25 | |
| J. A. Young, Wewoka | | PP | 28 | 8 | 25 00 | 1 25 | 26 25 | |
| J. D. Vincent, Supply | | DR | 93 | 57 | 206 50 | 2 25 | 208 75 | 3 00 |
| C. P. Vincent, Supply | | DR | 84 | 17 | 59 00 | 1 50 | 60 50 | |
| A. W. Peterson, Wynnewood | | HH | 30 | 11 | 33 00 | 1 50 | 34 50 | |
| W. B. Maris, Oklahoma City | | DR | 40 | | | | | 181 50 |
| R. P. Carney, Ketchum | | BR | 9 | | | 1 25 | 1 25 | |
| | | Bibles | | | 56 60 | | 56 60 | |
| Totals Agents 15 | | | 637 | 174 | 645 10 | 18 50 | 663 10 | 610 50 |

Book Sales, in the Southwestern Union Conference
Week Ending Aug. 17, 1912

| NAME | ADDRESS | BOOK | HOURS | ORDERS | VALUE | HELPS | TOTAL | DELIVERY |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------|-------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| North Texas | | | | | | | | |
| Chas. McNiel, New Boston | | BR | 40 | 30 | 103 00 | | 103 00 | |
| T. M. Woodruff, Palestine | | GC | 20 | 9 | 30 00 | 2 25 | 32 25 | |
| O. Glass, Keene | | PG | 47 | 35 | 119 00 | 6 00 | 125 00 | |
| U. M. Cooke, Dallas | | DR | 25 | 5 | 15 00 | | 15 00 | 33 00 |
| T. C. Nystel, Sherman | | PG | 53 | 14 | 46 00 | 6 95 | 52 95 | 5 00 |
| Grace Nystel, Sherman | | PG | 40 | 16 | 50 00 | 90 | 50 90 | |
| W. F. Eastman, Sherman | | PG | 45 | 27 | 91 00 | 2 60 | 93 60 | |
| M. L. Cleckner, Marlin | | BR | 64 | 12 | 42 00 | 4 75 | 46 75 | |
| Volga Jacobson, Argyle | | PG | 52 | 28 | 24 00 | 3 50 | 27 50 | |
| R. M. Johnson, Quinland | | PG | 48 | 35 | 59 50 | | 39 50 | |
| Clara, Steelting, Ad Hall | | BR | 30 | 8 | 24 00 | 1 00 | 25 00 | |
| Altha Davis, Ad Hall | | DR | 18 | 10 | 32 00 | 2 00 | 34 00 | |
| A. Y. Broyles, Belton | | ES | 36 | 14 | 42 00 | | 42 00 | |
| E. L. Drummond, Cleburne | | PPF | 22 | 9 | 16 50 | | 16 50 | |
| | | Bibles | | | 80 25 | | 80 25 | |
| | | | 540 | 232 | 774 25 | 29 95 | 804 20 | 38 00 |
| West Texas | | | | | | | | |
| Jim Fortner, Crowell | | DR | 8 | 5 | 19 00 | 50 | 19 50 | |
| H. D. Leavelle, Stephenville | | BR | 41 | 26 | 78 00 | 2 50 | 80 50 | |
| C. C. Maples, Stephenville | | BR | 37 | 22 | 54 00 | 1 25 | 65 25 | |
| W. L. Swanson, Electra | | BR | 6 | | | | | 6 00 |
| | | Bibles | | 3 | 9 05 | | 9 05 | |
| | | Mag | 8 | | 10 | | 10 | |
| Agents 4 | | | 80 | 56 | 170 15 | 4 25 | 174 40 | 6 00 |
| Grand Total— | Agents 64 | | 2316 | 779 | 2786 78 | 141 65 | 2924 63 | 677 00 |

KEENE SANITARIUM



"Where the Sick Get Well"

could not help but make a bale of cotton to the acre. About the first of August it came a big hail and cut the cotton down to the ground. As I come through his territory I thought of how dissatisfied that canvasser would be. I wondered if he would have courage to go back there to deliver. I am glad to say that he did go and made a very good delivery. We in West Texas though dare not look on the dark side of things, but say with Paul in Phil. 3:13,14. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before."

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We have failed to do what we expected to do in the book work this year, but we are glad to say that we have made a little gain this year.

Gains for the year:

Gain in hours 557.

Gain in orders 773.

Gain in Val. \$1720.

Gain in Tot. Val. \$1207.51.

From the above you will notice that there was 1175 of our books placed in the home of the people. Now counting five persons to the home that would make 5875 people warned of our Saviours soon coming. This is hardly a beginning. We have a large territory. Our territory has an area of 123,300 sq. miles, with a population of only 712,842. We have 108 counties. Of these counties 63 have a population of less than 5000, some of those do not have but 65 inhabitants. We have eight with a population of over 20,000. We think we know how to handle the counties that have a population of from 15 to 20 thousand but we do not know where to find men that are willing to go to work in the counties that have from 65 to 5000 inhabitants. Now we are hoping that another year we will have some men that will take a team and load up their wagon and go in some of these thinly settled counties and sell for cash. We are also hoping that we have some men out here that are going to stay with it through thick and thin the year round. We have been in need of that kind of men out here for some time. We want some "stand Bys," men that are not afraid of hard times, hot weather, cold weather, or thin settled territory.

In other words we want men who go into the work for the love of souls. That kind are not afraid to go anywhere if only they can lead a soul to Christ.

Brothers and sisters there is a great work to be done out here yet. There are hundreds of people yet to be warned. Lets wake up to the times in which we are living and press the battle to the front.

Yours in the work,

E. H. WILCOX.

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

We are glad that there is a society called the Missionary Volunteer society, because this affords opportuni-

ty for all who wish to be Volunteer soldiers for the Lord to meet together and study the best plans for advancing the Gospel to all the world.

We are glad to report that there has been a gain in this branch of the work during the past year. This gain is not as large as we would like for it to be but it shows that there has been a little improvement. We hope that another year will make a far greater advancement in this work.

We have at the present time three societies, with a membership of 90. The report for the year is as follows:

Letters written 220.

Letters received 44.

Missionary visits 39.

Bible readings 89.

Subscriptions for periodicals 26.

Papers sold 448.

Papers given away 2678.

Books sold 76.

Books lent or given 70.

Pages of tracts sold 508.

Pages tracts given away 11873.

Hours help work 302.

Articles clothing given away 19.

Meals provided 25.

Offerings for foreign missions 01.75.

Offerings for foreign missions \$1.75

Offerings for Local society work \$10.62.

No Conventions of young people 7.

We believe that this is a branch of the work that needs to be encouraged more in our churches. We hope that another year each one will make it a business to keep at least two families supplied with good reading.

E. H. WILCOX.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Whereas, The Lord has especially blessed the work in the West Texas Conference the past year, by sparing the lives of all the workers, and giving to all a good degree of health and strength as well as giving them a good harvest of souls, and has also blessed our brethren and sisters with a spirit of giving so that all branches of the work has prospered, therefore,

1. Resolved, That we return thanks to God for all these blessings and pledge ourselves to renewed consecration to Him and to the finishing of this work.

2. Resolved that we adopt the following plan for the organization of this work.

(a). That the missionary work become a department of the conference under the direction of the Secretary of the Tract Society.

(b). That missionary societies be organized in all the churches.

(c). That each church elect a missionary secretary who shall have the oversight of the missionary work of the church.

(d). That where possible a missionary meeting be held weekly, but where the members are too much scattered, that a meeting be held monthly, and a record be kept of all missionary work done by the church, blanks for this purpose being secured.

(e). That the Secretary of the Tract Society send Quarterly, to the

Missionary Secretary, a blank upon which shall be reported all the missionary work done by the church.

(f). That where there is in the church a Young People's Society in addition to the regular missionary society, then the secretary of the Young People's Society shall report to missionary secretary all work done by the Young People's Society and this shall be included in the regular report.

(g). That as far as possible the Secretary of the Tract Society shall encourage missionary work on the part of the isolated Sabbath-keepers, and receive reports from them the same as from societies.

(h). That the Tract Society Secretary shall tabulate all reports and render a yearly report to the conference of all missionary work done in the conference.

Colporteur's Credentials.

3. We recommend that colporteurs credentials be granted by this Conference 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 intentions of making this their permanent work, and have at least spent two vacations canvassing, and that these credentials be granted by the Conference in the usual way.

Camp-meeting.

4. That all colporteurs holding credentials be assisted to attend the annual conference as may be arranged by the Conference Committee by providing tents and board while in attendance at such meeting and that all faithful canvassers receive their tent rent free on the basis of four persons to a tent.

5. 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.

Bibles.

6. That all colporteurs who handle Bibles be required to secure them through their local Tract Society, and the Tract Society recognize the Branch Office as wholesalers for Bibles, in harmony with the recommendation passed by the General Conference.

7. That all Bibles be sold at prices not in excess of the regular catalog prices of the Publishers.

8. That a maximum profit on all Bibles be ten per cent to the Tract Society, twenty-five cents to the colporteur, the same to be computed on our retail prices.

9. That in case certain Bibles are secured at large discount, the retail prices be reduced so that the per cent for handling them shall conform to the above schedule.

10. That our publishing house, field agents and colporteurs be cautioned against allowing the handling of Bibles to divert them to any from their regular work, and that we recommend that no Bible of shoddy or defective quality be handled.

Magazine Work

11. Whereas, The General Conference, in its council recommended that our Magazine work be placed under the direction of our field agent to be handled the same as our subscription books—Therefore—

We recommend, that the plan be adopted as the policy of this Conference in the handling of the magazine business.

Scholarship Per Cent.

12. That the 15 per cent allowed on scholarships be divided equally between the schools and the publishing interests.

13. We recommend that our people living in different parts of this Conference encourage the colporteurs work, in every way possible especially, by providing homes for the workers.

14. We recommend that our church Elders and Ministers seek out those that would make good colporteurs and put them in touch with the Field Agent.

15. We recommend that this Conference pay the fare to the Bookmen's Convention at Keene in the spring of 1914, of all our colporteurs who will take orders for and deliver \$1000.00 worth of books and pay all their bills in 1913 or who will put in 1600 hours of faithful work.

16. That the Publishing house be requested to pay the room and board of all such colporteurs attending the Book men's convention.

Watchman Resolution.

Whereas, The Lord has spoken definitely concerning the work to be done in our cities, and

Whereas, The magazine work is one of the most effective means of reaching the people in these congested centers with the Message and,

Whereas, The Watchman is especially adapted to this work therefore,

17. RESOLVED, That we encourage the sale of this most excellent Message filled journal in both the business and residence sections of our cities under the direction of the Field Missionary Agent.

Young People's Work.

Whereas, Better results can be obtained where we have definite aims, therefore,

18. Resolved That our Young People's Societies unite with those of the North Texas Conference in helping to support Brother Milton Mattin in India.

19. Resolved, That where there are at least two or three Christian young people in a church that a young peoples organization be effected.

20. Resolved, That we encourage the holding of Young People's Conventions in our larger churches during the year.

21. Whereas, We have outlined before us a Young People's and a Junior heading Course, and Whereas, Great good comes as the result of systematic reading along proper lines, therefore,

Resolved, That we encourage in every way possible our young people to enter one or other of these reading courses.

22. Resolve., That we urge upon

our conference workers as well as church officers the necessity of becoming personally interested in the spiritual condition of every young person and child that comes under their influence and seek in kindness and love to win them to Christ.

Church Schools.

In harmony with the recommendation adopted by the other conferences so far in this Union, we recommend that we hold our Teachers Institute each alternate year.

23. Resolved, That the teachers attending this institute have their car fare paid and also receive a salary during thistime, said salary to be decided upon by the South Western Union Conference Committee.

In harmony with the recommendations of the Educational Secretaries Council at College View, and the action of the Educational Superintendents of this Union we recommend.

25. That no teacher be employed in this conference who does not hold a denominational certificate or a permit.

25. Resolved that all our teachers be urged to take the Teachers Reading Course, and that no certificates be granted unless they comply with this requirement.

Protestant Magazine.

Whereas, We see in the growing influence of Romanism in this country a marked fulfillment of prophecy, and whereas we have in the Protestant Magazine an excellent help by which to enlighten individuals on this question, and whereas this magazine is now to be published monthly, therefore,

26. Resolved, That we unite in this conference to first secure it for ourselves, and then as far as possible, place it in the hands of others, especially those who help to mould public opinions.

Sabbath School Work.

27. Whereas, The Sabbath-school needs more efficient workers, therefore,

Resolved, That our Sabbath-school Officers and teachers as well as others be urged to take the Sabbath-school Teacher's Reading Course, and also to avail themselves of the helps found in the Sabbath-school Worker.

28. Resolved, That we favor the holding of Sabbath-school Conventions as far as practical during the year.

29. Whereas, The General Conference has set apart the 13th Sabbath of the quarter in which the donations shall go to special missionary fields, and, whereas they have also suggested that his shall be known as the dollar day, therefore,

We recommend, That we adopt this in our conference and plan to have our donations on that day as large as possible.

30. Whereas, The work is constantly expanding in foreign fields and thus demanding a larger expenditure of money and whereas, the Gen. Conference has asked us to donate at least 15c per week for this purpose, therefore,

Resolved, That we cheerfully accept this responsibility and that we

earnestly endeavor to bring up our gifts to that average.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF WEST TEXAS TRACT SOCIETY, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1912.

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| Resources | |
| Accounts Receivable..... | \$ 504.58 |
| Cash | 520.78 |
| Merchandise Inventory..... | 658.07 |
| Expense Inventory..... | 27.75 |
| Office Furniture..... | 142.60 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1853.78 |
| Liabilities. | |
| Accounts Payable..... | \$ 145.69 |
| Present Worth July 1, 1912..... | \$1708.09 |
| Gain. | |
| Expense | \$ 2.45 |
| Merchandise | 601.47 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 603.92 |
| Losses. | |
| Office Furniture..... | \$ 12.40 |
| Transportation | 64. |
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| | \$ 13.04 |
| Net Gain..... | \$ 590.88 |
| Net Investment..... | 1117.21 |

Present Worth July 1, 1912.....\$1708.09
 This is to certify that I have audited the books, vouchers and papers of the West Texas Tract Society for the year ending June 30, 1912. The books are correct and in balance, and the above financial statement is correct.
 HARRY HAMILTON,
 Auditor S. W. U. Conf.
 Abilene, Texas, July 17, 1912.

OBITUARY.

GRAHAM.—Mrs. Martha Jane Graham died in Keene, Texas, July 28, 1912, age 45 years, 6 months, and 28 days. She was born in Mississippi, Dec. 29, 1866. At five years of age, she moved with her parents to San Augustine county, Texas. She was married to James Z. Graham, Aug. 29, 1889, and in the following year she joined the Baptist church of which she was a consistent member.
 In 1903 a copy of Bible Readings fell into her hands, and as the result of the study of this book she began to keep the Sabbath. Later, in 1906, she had the privilege of listening to a series of meetings conducted by Elder J. I. Taylor, and two years later she and family were received into the Keene church.
 She was kind, loving, and helpful, and did what she could. Among her last words were, "I am homesick and want to see Jesus." She leaves a husband, two children, and an adopted orphan boy to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder G. F. Watson.

J. Z. GRAHAM.

The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions.—Garfield.



SUN SETS 6:28, SUN TIME
FRIDAY, AUG. 30, 1917



**SABBATH-SCHOOL MEMORY
VERSE**

SABBATH, AUGUST 31

"Let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."—Rev. 22:17.



NEWS NOTES

Andrew Blehm went to Dalworth, Sunday, on business.

Mr. Owen, of Lorena, Texas, is visiting the family of J. A. Langford.

Elder W. A. McCutchen returned from the Avinger camp-meeting.

G. E. Smith and family returned from a visit with relatives in Missouri.

Elder W. M. Cubley returned Monday from the Avinger Campmeeting.

Albert Strode returned this week from a visit to his home in Oklahoma City.

Miss May Trippett, of Waxahachie, visited Miss Sallie Mosley Sabbath and Sunday.

Miss Nell Henderson returned from Dallas Sunday where she has been visiting relatives.

Clarence Huffsteter, of Dallas, visited the family of L. N. Carter Sabbath and Sunday.

Howard Young, of Rogers, Texas, is visiting the family of J. P. Scarborough this week.

W. T. Drummond returned Monday from Cook county, where he has been holding meetings.

A new steel wagon bridge has been completed over Turkey creek, in the northwest part of Keene.

Mrs. C. C. Cooke and children returned Sunday from a two week's visit with relatives at Tolar.

Miss Clara Patterson left Monday for Clifton, Texas, to visit home folks for a while before school commences.

Prof. E. E. Farnsworth left Thursday for Oklahoma City, Okla., to attend the Campmeeting at that place.

The foundation for the new Normal building has been completed and the carpenters are busy with the wood work.

Jake Stewart and wife, of Shreveport, La., are visiting Mrs. Stewart's son, G. W. Winn and family this week.

Elder H. B. French, who has been visiting and conducting meetings at Camden, Tennessee, for several weeks, returned last Thursday.

Elder G. A. LaGrone and family, who have been visiting relatives here the past week, returned Monday to their home at Oplin, Texas.

Prof. H. H. Hamilton returned last week from Albuquerque and Fort Sumner, N. M., where he audited the conference books and attended the camp-meeting.

Mrs. Minnie Clay-Brannon underwent a very critical operation at the Keene Sanitarium Sunday. The operation was a success in every way and she is recovering rapidly.

Herbert Selby, who has just completed four years with the U. S. Navy at Shanghai, China, arrived in Keene last week, and is visiting the family of J. R. Hudson.

Leland Patterson returned Wednesday from the South Texas canvassing field. He had been suffering from a throat trouble, but has now recovered. He will attend school here this winter.

The Academy Business Office has been moved into the main building of the Academy, which is a much better arrangement than in the past. Later the office and the Commercial department will be combined, that the students may have the benefit of actual office training.

ACADEMY IMPROVEMENTS

We have begun the work of repairing the boy's dormitory. The old paper is now being torn off, and before putting on the new, the rooms and halls will be thoroughly fomedicated under the direction of Dr. Cooke. Formaldehyde, Permanganate Pottassum, and other disinfectants will be used. Each room will be given a thorough cleaning.

We are using a grade of paper much superior than has formerly been used. The building will not only be in a sanitary condition, but will present a very inviting appearance as well.

C. B. HUGHES.

If your subscription has expired please renew. Look at the printed address on the wrapper, or on the paper if it does not come wrapped, and it will show the date to which you are paid. We let a few delinquents run for several weeks but we expect to discontinue them unless renewed at once. We are striving to make the RECORD helpful and interesting to all and solicit your cooperation to extend our subscription list. Show the paper to those who are not taking it and send a few new names along with your renewal.

FOR SALE:—Thirty and two-fifths acres of land, three-fourth of a mile southeast of Keene. For further particulars, see or write,
A. D. BLEHM,
Keene, Texas.

FOR SALE:—I want to sell my place of 15 acres and modern 7 room house, 3-4 mile from Keene Academy, as I cannot attend to it with my conference work. Will sell below cost and give time on part.
W. A. McCUTCHEN,
Keene, Texas.

GOOD TRUCK FARM FOR SALE:—Twelve and one-half acres fertile land, two acres Bermuda pasture with plenty of stock water. House barn deep well, windmill, etc., all new. About fifty fruit trees. Terms reasonable. A bargain if taken in thirty days.
34-2-P W. J. WARD, Keene, Tex.

FOR SALE:—6 room house, good cellar, excellent cistern, one acre of land, some fruit and plenty of shade trees; about 1 block from southeast corner of the campus. For further particulars call on or write,
34-4-c Wm. HAHNE, Administrator,
Keene, Texas.