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SOUTH TEXAS.

Because of the shortness of funds in the treasury, the Committee has voted that all workers shall devote one month this fall to self-supporting work: or if they choose to work two months on half-time. Some are now engaged in canvassing, others expect to later, and some are now working on half-time. We sincerely hope that this will not permanently injure our work, but that all may soon be able to be doing full work again.

Brother W. F. Mayers came up from San Antonio last week to purchase an automobile. He purchased same, returning to San Angelo the first of this week. He things that this will be a great help to him in his canvassing. Brother Wilcox and Brother Conway say he had a laughable accident with it before he left town, but I guess that he will come out alright.

Business has been pretty thriving around the office for the past two weeks, getting out shipments to the boys at the front. We are having good weather for deliveries, and the Colporters are making good showings on deliveries. We thank our Heavenly Father for the success that attends this work.

We have just received word that a Brother Edward L. Taylor has just come to Galveston from Loma Linda, to open up treatment rooms there. The writer is to visit him there Sept. 16, 17. We hope that this will be a valuable addition to our work in South Texas. I wish we had the same in Houston, San Antonio, and Austin.

The committee has asked Brother Conway to visit churches, and isolated members in behalf of the Ministry of Healing work. He will take up this work as soon as the rush of delivering is over.

I hope that all our members will take note of this, and prepare to take hold to sell these books while he is with you to help you. Two or three

days of organized effort at each church ought to clear our responsibility on this matter. Church Officers, please talk this matter up in your churches, and encourage all to be ready to give a few days to a united effort when Brother Conway comes to you place.

A number of people seem interested in the meeting that is being held in South Austin by Elder Neff and the writer. Only one has, at this writing, announced their intention to obey.
J. I. TAYLOR.

SUNDAY MAIL.

The following clause, passed on the last day of the last session of Congress as a rider to an appropriation bid strictly interpreted, prohibits the delivery of all mail on Sunday in the large post-offices, except mail sent for special delivery. It provides,—

"That hereafter post-offices of the first and second classes shall not be open on Sunday for the purpose of delivering mail to the general public, but this provision shall not prevent the prompt delivery of special-delivery mail."

This law is another step toward uniting church and state in the United States. In the report of the House of Representatives made in 1829 on this same question we find the following, "If congress shall, by the authority of law, sanction the measure recommended it would constitute the legislative decision of a religious controversy, in which even Christians themselves are at issue. If the measure recommended should be adopted, it would be difficult for human sagacity to foresee how rapid would be the succession, or how numerous the train of measures which follow, involving the dearest rights of all—the rights of conscience."

We quote the following from the senate report on the same question, "Among all the religious persecutions

with which almost every page of modern history is stained, no victim ever suffered but for the violation of what government denominated the law of God. To prevent a similar train of evils in this country, the Constitution has wisely withheld from our government the power of defining the divine law. It is a right reserved to each citizen; and while he respects the rights of others, he cannot be held amenable to any human tribunal for his conclusions. Extensive religious combinations to effect a political object are, in the opinion of the committee, always dangerous. If admitted, it may be justly apprehended that the future measures of the government will be strongly marked, if not eventually controlled, by the same influence. All religious despotism commences by combination and influence; and when that influence begins to operate upon the political institutions of a country, the civil power soon bends under it, and the catastrophe of other nations furnishes an awful warning of the consequence."

Another great step toward intolerance has been taken. Congress has gone back on its reports, has, in fact taken the fatal step downward toward the catastrophe pointed out by itself in 1829. It is time for us to work as never before.

LESLIE LITTELL.

Hiwassee, Ark.

OUR DUTY TO ALL NATIONS.

Our duty to all nations is set forth in the last message to man, Rev. 14; and unless this duty is discharged in the fear of God, we on whom the burden rests will be found wanting in the last great day when the Judge of all the earth will try the cases of men to whom He has committed these most sacred trusts.

There is a nation of men at our very doors in this Southland who have been sadly neglected and all who

know this last message of truth should get under the load, at this time and redeem the time that has been lost.

The first Sabbath in Oct. has been set apart by the general conference on which an offering should be made by all our people, in behalf of the work for the Colored people of the South. This offering will be sent thro the regular channel to the General Conference, and will be sent out from the General Conference to pay the Colored laborers in the South, so let us all remember and give a good offering Oct. 5, 1912. Also remember that all this offering is applied on the fifteen cent a week fund. We must come up with our fifteen cents a week as a Union, and the more we give for this most needy cause, the work for the Colored people of the South, the more we are helping on the fifteen cent a week fund, which we should raise in full. May the dear Lord help us to give.

G. F. WATSON.

AQUILLA, TEXAS—Some one may wonder why I do not write to the RECORD once more. As I have not written since our good camp-meeting, but I always want something encouraging to write, and I have been waiting to see what would be the outcome of my work here at this place, but see no great manifestations as yet, tho' many are in the valley of decision, and I think some day will take their stand for the Truth.

I never yet have tried to hold meetings under such trying circumstances; the people have been so rushed with their cotton that many would not attend regularly and it is hard to get them 'in the Truth when they can't hear every sermon. I have also had some opposition and the people are standing in the balance, tho' they see I have the truth. I will remain a few days and visit, and preach a few more times, perhaps two or three times in a week.

I am of good courage and know that this Message must go to all, whether they receive it or not.

E. B. HOPKINS.

Silver Valley.—At the close of our good camp meeting at Abilene, by request of the Conference Committee I took up the work of visiting some of the churches in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering Signs of the Times. I spent several days with the brethren at Hamby. I visited almost every family—going from house to house and would have visited them all several times if had conveyance, but the brethren were busy harvesting feed so had a rig only part of two days. The people—young and old responded quite liberally and ordered a goodly number of the papers. Our plan is somewhat different from that of former years in respect to ordering papers. Heretofore the papers have been sent out in large numbers and no one feeling any particular responsibility for the amount returned and the papers have been thrown out and scattered helter-skelter, thrown in yards, put in mail boxes, handed to

every one met and often never solicited anything. One brother said he disposed of fifty papers in one day in the manner above stated and never asked for a cent and of course, did not secure anything. Our plan now is that each one be responsible for at least ten cents for every paper they order, and then earnestly and prayerfully solicit and obtain as much as possible from the outside. I spent a few days with the Oplin church and they, too did well ordering the papers. I consented to go with some of the young people to town near by and help them dispose of the papers. The little company of new converts at Novice did their part also in ordering papers. Pastor Field has arranged for me to be with the Madge church next Sabbath in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering Signs. Pastor LaGrone and I pitched our tent at this place and began meetings last Friday eve. So far our congregations are small, but some interest manifested.

Silver Valley, Texas will be my address for the next thirty days.

H. CLAY GRIFFIN

ZEPHYR, TEXAS:—The meeting here is getting along nicely, two Brothers have said that they expected to keep the Sabbath from this time on, although the opposition is very great. Many have turned away from the truth.

Bro. Van Darnell and wife left here this morning to go to Madge visiting there relatives and friends, expecting to go on in a few days to Keene Academy to enter school. Brother F. M. McCutchen also left here this morning for his canvassing field ten miles east of this place, expecting to get back here next Friday to spend Sabbath with me here in the meeting.

Pray for the work here in West Texas. I remain as ever your Brother in the Blessed Hope.

J. L. PARNELL.

OKOEE SCHOOL.

Thinking that some might be interested in our Intermediate School near Ketchum, Okla., and as we are desirous of having a few more students, I will give you a brief description of our school.

We will have two teachers carrying grades as high as the tenth. We want to have an eight months term if possible. We expect to begin about the first of Oct. We could furnish board and room for a few at eight dollars per month, we believe, tuition from one to two dollars according to grades. This is the Indianola School.

(Thomas Baker, Okoee, Okla.)

Okoee, Okla.

FOR SALE—25 acres all good land, 21 in cultivation, 4 in Bermuda pasture—2 acres of this good post oak timber. Good 4-room frame house, good barn, fine well soft water, piped into barn and house. 2 acres fine vineyard and orchard. Price \$2,000. For further information see or write

G. W. PRATER,
Keene, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE NEW MEXICO S. D. A. CONFERENCE.

Whereas, The Lord has especially blessed the work in the New Mexico 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 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 the 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 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 peoples society shall report to the 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.

BOOK WORK.

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 spent at least 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.

(5) That all territory for colporteurs be assigned under contract made in triplicate copies being furnished by the field 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 Societies 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 per cent 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 degree from their regular work, and that we recommend that no Bibles of shoddy or defective quality be handled.

Magazine Work.

(11) Whereas, the General Conference, in its recent council recommended that our Magazine work be placed under the direction of our field agent, to be organized and 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, by providing homes for the workers and in every way possible.

(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 Bookman's convention in Keene, Texas in the Spring of 1914 of all our colporteurs who will take orders for, and deliver \$1,000.00 worth of books and pay all their bills in 1913 or who will put in 1600 hours at faithful work.

(16) That the publishing house be requested to pay the room and board of all such colporteurs attending the Bookman'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 Mattison in India.

(19) Resolved, That here are at least two or three Christian young people in a church that a young people's 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 Reading 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 the other of these reading courses.

(22) Resolved, 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 this time, said salary to be decided 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

(24) 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 ques-

tion, 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 this 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 15 c 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.

(31) Whereas, we recognize the fact that the Sabbath School is the church at study, and, that it is the place where our children receive their early Christian training, therefore,

(31) RESOLVED, That our workers visiting, the different churches in this Conference, put forth a greater effort to give such instruction to the churches as will make the Sabbath School a more live part of the church.

(32) Whereas much of our territory is very thinly settled and many of its people in almost destitute circumstances, making it almost impossible for a canvasser to be entirely self-supporting,

We Recommend, That where suitable colporteurs can be secured, our Conference pay them not to exceed \$4.00 weekly for full time and allow them all commissions on sales of books while working exclusively in such territory, and that this conference raise a fund for this purpose.

(34) Whereas, it has been demonstrated that the best method of giving instruction in the principles of Religious Liberty to our state officials and leading men in the Nation, is by the proper use of our publications prepared for that purpose, and, whereas, good results have been realized from the use of such literature in our state, therefore

Resolved, That we approve the effort of the Religious Liberty Department of the Conference in supplying all the state officers and many lead-

Reports of the Canvassing Work, Including Magz of Seventh-day Adventists for

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERY
North Texas								
H. H. O'Harrow, Oakwod,		GC	38	17	54 00	1 50	55 50	
Chas. Schultz, Rockwall		GC	40	18	55 00	1 00	55 00	
H. Tibbitt, New Baden		BR	44			2 00	2 00	49 00
C. E. Davis, Mart		BR	33			4 00	4 00	255 00
H. M. Wallis, Franklin		BR	17			25	25	35 00
U. M. Cooke, Dallas		DR	13	3	10 00		10 00	38 00
Mrs. A. Y. Broiles, Belton		ES						79 00
T. C. Nystel, Sherman		PG	29	12	42 00	3 50	45 50	5 25
Mrs. T. C. Nystel, Sherman		PG	27	15	46 00	2 85	48 85	3 00
Fred Eastman, Sherman		PG	49	2	6 00	4 50	10 50	
Volga Jacobson, Argyle		PG	41	14	42 00	2 25	44 25	
S. R. Creel, Douglass		BR	26	12	41 00		41 00	
M. M. Moore, Troup		BR	30	9	33 00	2 50	35 50	
M. L. Cleckner and wife, Marlin		Misc	32			16 00	16 00	
T. M. Woodruff, Palestine		GC	49	9	28 00	4 25	32 25	
C. H. Smith, Bronson		CK	5	3	3 00	50	3 50	
		Bibles						50
		Bibles			40 35		40 35	26 65
		Papers	17	150	15 00		15 00	
			490	264	414 35	45 10	459 20	491 40
Arkansas								
C. F. Betts, Arkadelphia		BR	54	14	48 00	1 75	49 75	
P. Bushee, Little Rock		BFL	29	8	8 00		8 00	
E. C. Furr, Fort Smith		DR	14	1	3 00		3 50	
M. Hardin, Ava		BR	4	1	3 00	25	3 25	
J. T. Jacobs, Arkadelphia		BR	42	15	48 00	1 50	49 50	
Geo. Jones, Alleene		BR	40	3	9 00	2 25	11 25	
R. L. Nance, Heber Springs		BR	19	10	36 00	2 50	38 50	
E. L. Pickney, Elm		BFL	42	63	64 50	90	56 40	
		Bibles			22 80		22 80	
Miss Katherine L. Peck		Magz	13			11 20		
			244	115	242 30	9 65	251 95	
Oklahoma								
F. V. Graves, Curtis		DR	31	3	9 00	75	9 75	
C. H. Bates, Muskogee		BR	45	5	15 00		15 00	
W. R. Hixon, Poteau		BR	88	70	229 00		229 00	
J. D. Head, Coalgate		PP	58	26	84 00	4 00	88 00	
Carl Riffel, Alva								182 00
O. S. Owen, Guthrie		DR	36	6	20 00	2 25	22 25	
J. L. Wilson, Ka City.			70		170 00		170 00	
		Bibles			5 55		59 55	
Totals— Agents 7			328	110	586 55	7 00	593 55	182 00
West Texas								
E. Atchley, Stephenville		BR	25	12	36 00	4 00	40 00	
J. W. Blackwelder, Mineral Wells		PPF-DR	20	8	22 50	2 50	23 00	
H. A. Gober, Buffalo Springs		BR	46	13	41 00	4 00	45 00	
John Haynes, Finis		DR	11	2	6 00	50	6 50	
H. D. Leavelle, Stephenville		BR	30	22	67 00	3 00	70 00	
Ethel McFarland, Dudley		BR	13			50	50	21 00
F. M. McCutchen, Zephyr		DR	40	11	33 00	2 75	35 75	
W. L. Swanson, Electra		BR	22	6	20 00	50	20 50	
Glenn Wilhelm, Blackwell		DR	47	11	33 00	4 00	37 00	
		Bibles		3	5 50		5 50	
Agents 9			254	88	264 00	19 75	283 75	21 00

Sales, in the Southwestern Union Conference Week Ending Sept. 7, 1912

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERY
South Texas								
D. D. Clark, Beaumont		BR-DR	45	7	23 00	5 70	28 70	16 00
P. E. Kraft, Corpus Christi		HH	9	4	11 00	2 70	13 70	5 00
S. E. Jennings, Corpus Christi		GC-HH	26	4	14 00	5 35	19 35	5 50
Mrs. C. W. Cariker, San Antonio		PPF	7	1	1 50	1 00	2 50	4 00
Chas. Bainer, Chapel Hill		BR	18			3 00	3 00	52 00
J. D. Leslie, Chapel Hill		BR	26			2 25	2 25	54 00
J. P. Roberts, Goliad		BR-HH	42	1	4 00	5 80	9 80	4 00
R. H. Terrell, Gonzales		DR	46	1	3 00	4 35	7 35	134 50
J. H. Sylvester, Marble Falls		DR	19			2 75	2 75	
J. J. Jobe, Navisota		BR	60					175 00
A. G. Nelson, San Antonio		PG	25	11	36 00		36 00	
L. V. Bowerman, San Antonio		PG	20	11	35 00		35 00	
Elijah Taylor, Del Valle		BR-HH	35			1 50	1 50	68 00
C. E. Nelson, Floresville		HH-BR	45					195 00
A. W. Keueger, La Grange		BR	19					39 00
		Bibles			13 40		13 40	36 40
Agents 15			442	40	140 90	34 40	175 30	788 40

SAW THE STARS FALL.

Mr. John F. Hardcastle of Gentry, Arkansas, saw the stars fall on Nov. 13 1833. He belongs to the Methodist Church and was born in Cooper Co., Missouri, Dec. 24, 1824. He relates his experience as follows:

"My father and I were shocking late corn. He told me to go to the house and get some water, but I did not want to go, so he scolded me, I went, but on the road I laid down by a walnut stump and went to sleep.

"After supper my father asked where I was, and as I could not be found about the house he went out into the field and found me by the walnut stump. We started to the house, when suddenly my father exclaimed 'Oh! look there!' We saw a great streak of light extending from a great height down almost to the ground. Others followed in quick succession and we thought they were falling stars. Soon they were falling all around us. Most of them did not reach the ground, many came down to the tree tops, while occasionally one struck the ground. In falling they

made a hissing sound somewhat like that made by blowing in an open jug.

My mother and our colored servant were frightened. They thought the end of the world had come and were praying. When we came near the house mother cried. "The end of the world has come," and began to wring her hands and cry. But father said, 'Susan, do you believe the Bible? If you do, you know this is not the end of the world. It is a sign that the end is near.' We could hear our neighbors all about us crying out to God and pleading with Him to save the world and them. One of the meteors came down and struck a tree under which our dog was lying and he ran howling to the house. We were afraid to go to bed that night. The stars fell thick and fast all night and lightened the whole heavens. It was the most wonderful sight I have ever witnessed, I was but nine years old, but I remember it as though it had happened yesterday. Some people say they did not fall, but I saw them."

LESLIE LITTELL.

Hiwassee, Ark.

ing lawyers and others with the magazine "Liberty" this year and recommend that it be continued.

We further recommend, That earnest effort be made to place the book. "American State Papers" in the hands of as many of our Senators and Representatives as possible.

(35) Whereas, There is a great dearth of laborers among the Mexicans, and whereas there is a strong feeling among them that more should be done for their people,

Resolved, That we use all possible means to encourage native workers and aid them to enter the work.

(36) Whereas, The work among the Mexicans will need to be largely of missionary nature, and in many cases there will be incurred some expense to maintain places for meeting, especially so in the cities,

Resolved, that this Conference, where necessary, aid in helping to maintain a mission room for meetings.

Committee on Nominations:

- I. T. Reynolds
- G. L. Truitt
- M. R. Procter
- J. W. Chandler
- C. F. Innis.

On Licenses and Credentials:

- G. F. Watson
- H. L. Hoover
- C. McReynolds

On Resolutions:

- W. A. T. Miller
- A. F. Harrison
- C. McReynolds

Executive committee:

- V. B. Watts
- H. L. Hoover
- I. T. Reynolds
- R. L. Benton
- M. R. Proctor.

Final report of committee on Licenses and Credentials and adopted is as follows:

Credentials:

- V. B. Watts
- H. L. Hoover
- W. A. T. Miller
- C. McReynolds
- R. L. Benton

Honorary Credentials:

- C. F. Parmele.

Ministerial Licenses:

- I. T. Reynolds
- Burt Bray
- M. R. Proctor.

Missionary Credentials:

- Frank Weeks
- Pearl A. Weeks
- Minnie T. Proctor
- Lottie Jasperson
- Margaret Basel
- Mary C. McReynolds

Colporteurs License:

- C. F. Innis
- S. O. Doane.

Adjourned sine die, and Elder Watson pronounced the benediction.

- H. L. HOOVER, President.
- W. A. T. MILLER, Sec.

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,
- Grand Prairie, Tex.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1912.

Resources	
Cash	\$ 792.84
Bills Receivable	1933.13
Accounts Receivable	2726.14
Fur. and Fix., Inv.	703.10
Expense, Inventory	39.75
Merchandise Inventory	4089.06
Delinquent Accounts	292.83
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	\$10576.85

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	354.71
Present Worth July 1, 1911	\$10222.14

Gain	
Balance of Accts	\$ 2.62
Interest and Discount	23.30
Merchandise	2692.06
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	\$2717.98

Losses	
Worthless Accounts	174.69
Expense	536.70
Fur. and Fix.	80.75
Scholarships	23.35
Canvassers' Institute	263.36
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	\$ 1078.85

Net gain	1639.13
Net Investment	8583.01
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Present Worth July 1, 1912	\$10222.14

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

I have audited the books, vouchers, and papers of the Oklahoma Tract Society for the year ending June 30, 1912. The books have been correctly kept, and the above financial statement is correct.

HARRY HAMILTON,

Auditor S. W. U. Conf.
Oklahoma City, Okla., July 22, 1912.

OBITUARY.

Died: of tuberculosis, at Pheonix, Arizona, Sept. 5, 1912, Mrs. Donna Sullivan of El Campo, Texas.

Sister Sullivan had been suffering with this dread disease for one year. She went to Arizona hoping to get relief, but had been there only a little more than one week when she succumbed. Her husband, little boy, father, mother, and three brothers of El Campo mourn their loss; also one sister in Oklahoma.

She was converted, and was baptized by the writer March 6, 1910, near El Campo lived a patient consistent Christian, and died in full hope of the first resurrection. Not long before her death the elders prayed for her, anointed her in the name of the Lord, and although she had not been free from fever for six months, and just be-

fore prayer had a high fever, it is reported that on taking her temperature after prayer she was found to be free from fever. While the great Father did not see fit to raise her up again, He did see fit to give this evidence of His care for her, which is a source of comfort to the bereaved.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Putnam, of El Campo.

May the dear Lord soon come and call forth from the tomb those who have lain down in faith, and broken families be reunited.

J. I. TAYLOR.

LINDSAY—Wm. Wallace Lindsay was born July 16, 1893, near Spring Town, Texas; Died Aug. 1, 1912.

Wallace was a bright energetic boy of a very affectionate nature and was loved by old and young. His unselfish deeds will be remembered as long as we live and we feel sure his radiant face will be among the number who will awake at the trump of the Lord. He had not taken a public stand for the Lord, though many can testify to his confession in Christ and in Present Truth. It was his intention to be baptized at the Cleburne camp-meeting, which was in progress at the time of his death. How sweetly, peacefully he said, "I surrender all." The funeral service was conducted by Prof. C. B. Hughes.

(Mrs. Irene Adams,
Spring Town, Texas.

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.

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.

MEMORIZING THE BIBLE.

The Christian Advocate, of New York, tells of a commercial traveller at Duluth, Minnesota, who has committed the whole Bible to memory. "While not being a member of any particular church, he has made such a study of the Bible that he can repeat any passage in it from Genesis to Revelation, and state where it is found. He was eighteen years committing the Bible to memory. His object in doing so was not for the purpose of arguing Scripture or of making a display of his wonderful knowledge along that line, but simply for his own benefit and his love for the Holy Word."

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ending June 30, 1912

North Texas Conference

	Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal.	Received	Tota	Paid Out	Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
Academy Sloyd Department		1 60	10 76	12 36	12 36		
Academy Improvement Fund		21 77	10 00	31 77	31 77		
Aged and Orphans		2 98	7 75	10 73	126 63	115 90	
Arkansas Colored School			1 11	1 11	1 11		
Annual Offering			852 26	852 26	852 26		
Blind Fund			2 60	2 60	2 60		
Bohemian School			5 96	5 96	5 96		
Camp-meeting Fund	215 90		666 42	456 52	877 42	426 90	
Canvassers Fund				49	49		
Christ's Object Lessons		5 00	6 25	11 25	11 25		
Conference Building		175 00		175 00	175 00		
Clinton German School			124 60	124 60	124 60		
Colored Work			64 16	64 16	64 16		
Church School			50	50	50		
Devall's Bluff School			72 49	72 49	72 49		
Free Literature	68 86		6 03	62 83	63 64	126 47	
Ingathering			360 96	360 96	360 96		
India Canv. Car Fare			46 47	46 47	46 47		
India—for W. R. French			10 00	10 00	10 00		
India—for Tamils			5 00	5 00	5 00		
Missions			921 40	921 40	921 40		
Mid Summer Offering			169 35	169 35	169 35		
Mexican Work			1 25	1 25	1 25		
Moslem World			1 00	1 00	1 00		
Oakwood School			3 00	3 00	3 00		
Portland, Maine Church			4 76	4 76	4 76		
Poor Fund			5 37	5 37	5 37		
Religious Liberty		121 18	64 67	185 85	115 24		70 61
Sabbath School Offering	37 55		2386 94	2349 39	2349 39		
Sabbath School Offering India			166 29	166 29	166 29		
S. S. Offerings for Africa			205 79	205 79	205 79		
Temperance Fund	4 72		83 12	78 40	7 50		70 90
Three Hundred Thousand D. F.			640 90	640 90	640 90		
Tent Fund		37 71	72 00	109 71	83 50		26 21
Town Improvement Fund			15 28	15 28	15 28		
Watchman Press			127 00	127 00	127 00		
Tithe Fund		3383 20	14651 95	18035 15	16817 12		1218 03
	327 03	3748 93	21773 39	25258 12	24478 81	669 27	1385 75
		327 03	3421 90	62	716 48		669 27
		3421 90	25195 29	25195 29	25195 29		716 48

West Texas Conference

Aged and Orphans		5.12	1.00	6.12			6.12
Annual Offerings			197.36	197 36	197.36		
Book Tent Fund		10.00		10.00	10.00		
Conference Pledges		29.94		29.94	29.94		
Camp Meeting Fund		20.06	105.57	125.63	121.58		4.04
Canvasser's Loan			50.00	50.00	180.50	130.50	
Colored Work			10.80	10.80	10.00		
Devall's Bluff School			5.92	5.92	5.92		
\$300,000 fund			55.60	55.60	55.60		
1st Day Offerings			1.00	1.00	1.00		
Harvest Ingathering			98.50	98.50	98.50		
Missions—5 per cent of Tithe	20.21		71.48	51.27	51.27		
Mid-Summer Offerings		15.01	12.67	27.68	27.68		
Ministry of Healing	155.90			155.90		155.90	
Needy Poor		.35		.35			.35
Religious Liberty		5.60	8.22	13.83	13.82		
Sabbath School Off.			322.63	322.63	322.63		
Second Sabbath Off.			8.02	8.02	8.02		
Tent Fund	145.58		145.58				
Weekly Offerings			3.65	3.65	3.65		
Tithes and Appropriations		1214.35	6343.24	7557.59	5899.97		1667.61
	321.69	1300.43	7441.14	8575.88	7028.26	286.40	1678.12
		321.69	978.74	155.90	1391.72		286.40
		978.74	8419.88	8419.98	8419.98		1391.72



SUN SETS 6:00, SUN TIME
FRIDAY, SEP. 20, 1912



SABBATH-SCHOOL MEMORY
VERSE

SABBATH SEPT. 21

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."—Matt. 7:20.



NEWS NOTES.

Elder A. W. Jenson left Saturday night for Amarillo, Texas on business.

Mr. Sheidler and family arrived here last week to locate for the school year.

J. D. Casey left for Houston and other points South for a few days Saturday night.

Mrs. Grace E. Dinsmore is filling the place in the Keene postoffice formerly held by Ira Casey.

Miss Alta Cariker arrived in Keene Monday to be in readiness for the opening of school Wednesday.

The Boys' Dormitory presents a very neat and homelike appearance since it has been repaired throughout.

Miss Ethel Knight, of Boston, Mass., arrived in Keene last Friday to take charge of the music department of the Academy for the coming term.

Prof. Prener, who has been holding tent meetings at Fort Worth for some time past, returned to Keene Monday to be ready for the opening of school.

Mr. O. B. Watson, who underwent an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago at the Keene Sanitarium, is up and able to be about his usual duties.

W. O. Belz, who has been assisting in tent efforts for several weeks, returned to Keene Monday to be ready for the opening of the Academy Wednesday.

Sister Cox, one of our Houston Bible workers, arrived in Keene Monday morning with her nephew, Mr. Glenn Luther, to assist in getting located for the coming school year.

H. H. Luccock has gone on a fifteen days trip to Richmond, Va., to attend the National Postmasters' convention which will be held at that place on the 18, 19 and 20 of this month.

Mr. J. H. Ball, who has been spending the summer since the close of school canvassing in East Texas, returned to Keene Monday morning, and will remain here for a few days until after the opening of school.

STATEMENT OF TITHE YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1912.

Balance on hand July 1, 1911,	
Cash, Notes	\$ 6254 14
Received during Year.....	18967 77
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	\$25221 91
Disbursements.	
Paid Laborers	\$16958 28
Clinton Ger. Sem. Bible Teacher	192 00
Keene Academy Bible Teacher	288 00
Expenses	291 93
Canvassers' Railroad Fare....	61 05
Church School	47 45
General Conference 10 per cent Tithe	1980 58
Southwestern Union Conference Tithe	1915 31
Sustentation Fund	948 38
Tithe on hand July 1, 1912,	
Notes	1200 00
Cash	1238 93
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	\$25221 91

WILLIAM VOTH, Treas.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION.

This is to certify that I have audited the books, vouchers and papers of the OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

The books are correctly kept, and the financial statement herewith bearing my signature is correct.

HARRY HAMILTON,
Auditor S. W. U. Conf.
Oklahoma, Oklahoma, July 22, 1912.

DO THE MINISTERS GIVE?

We are living in the most momentous time in the Earth's history; when the last battle is being fought between good and evil; when it seems every

nerve is being strained by the contending forces, the one to save and the other to destroy; when it seems that nature itself almost revolts sometimes, and we as ministers standing on the walls of Zion as watchmen, do we give the trumpet a certain sound? Do we practice what we preach? In Romans 2:21 we read "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?" thou that sayest to the brethren "Thou shalt give even to a sacrifice," dost thou give that way? Thou that preachest "Set apart an acre of wheat, oats, corn, cotton or some of thy wages," dost thou do the same? Dost the watchman that blowest the trumpet show by his life of carelessness that he doesn't believe his own soundings? and thus destroy the very warning he gives? Do we practice what we preach? Does it hurt the minister to give of his living more than it did the widow who cast in her living? While we are asking the people to give are we adding forty acres once in a while to our farm? Do we give of our living to support the missionary work and thus show the brethren that we believe what we preach? How many times do we hear the question "Do the preachers give?" Yes, we give but do we give as Jesus gave for us? do we sacrifice as He did, are we standing in the way of the people? Let us lead out in all the great undertakings We are trying to raise fifteen cents per week per member in this Union. Can we do it? Yes, if we all get under the burden and lift, ministers and all. Does it hurt the preacher to take out of his pocket to support the cause? No, no more than it does the people. Have we been doing it? Well, has it hurt us? No. I appeal to my ministering brethren, let us not leave the impression that just because the Lord has called us to preach we are exempt from supporting the missionary work. We all receive wages, some of us have farms, others have houses, let's show to the people that we are as liberal as we ask them to be.

If we will lead out in this work, our loyal brethren will follow. What say ye? The road may be steep but it can't be long. I appeal to my brethren and sisters in the churches, help us lift. The work is great, laborers are few, let us give and pray until God says "It is enough."

R. B. COBERLY.