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AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

FROM NUMBERS 8 TO 12 OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN WE GLEAN THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING FACTS

May 23

Dr. John Fox addressed the Conference on the work of the American Bible Society. He told how the Holy Scriptures are being translated into every known tongue. The Conference voted \$500 to aid the Bible Society in their work.

Reports from the Canadian Union, Western Canadian Union, Pacific Union, Southeastern Union, Southern Union, Southwestern Union and Central Union Conferences were rendered. In every case the reports were encouraging, and show that the message is advancing. Below we give the report of the Southwestern Union:

REPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

Elder G. F. Watson (reading):—

The territory of the Southwestern Union Conference comprises the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. The Southwestern Union Conference was organized in 1902, with four conferences, but in 1909 the West Texas Conference was organized, and in 1911 the South Texas Conference was organized, thus dividing the State of Texas into three

conferences and giving us six conferences in our Union. We are not able to give the growth in membership, but at the present time our membership is 4,331. Ordained ministers, 25; licentiates, 18; missionary licentiates, 41.

Our finances have steadily increased during these years, as the following will show:

The tithe for the years 1905-1908 was \$152,354.93; for the last four years, 1909-1912, \$208,961.58; a gain of \$56,606.65, or \$15.27 per capita.

A comparative statement of our offerings to missions and institutions outside of our union also show a good increase. From 1905-1908 we gave \$11,055.66; from 1909-1912, \$113,258.58; a gain of \$102,202.92.

Our faithful colporteurs and tract society secretaries have caused this branch of the work to climb the hill, along with the rest. When Brother R. L. Pierce, who is at the head of our branch house in Fort Worth, Texas, began to inquire about rates on car-load lots of books, not only the railroad men opened their eyes, but we as workers began to think that something was going to happen, and it did. The next year Brother Pierce ordered two carloads of books shipped

into our field. We would like to give you, year by year and conference by conference, how this branch of the work has been progressing, but time will not permit. Suffice it to say that during the years 1905-1908 we sold \$161,543.96 worth of literature, and from 1909-1912, \$309,580.28; a gain of \$148,036.32, or an average gain per year for eight years of \$18,504.54.

The educational branch of the great whole is receiving no little care and attention by those in charge, and the 1,347 students attending some one of the 46 schools in our union are being led by our corps of God-fearing teachers and secretaries to look upon the giving of this message as the greatest thing in all the world. Thus a goodly number enter some branch of the cause of God yearly. Much attention is being paid to the training of our older students to enter the field during vacation as colporteurs, and in this way many make their own way through school. Fifty bright young men and women left our Keene school to enter the field with our books this year, others taking up Bible work and tent work. The same spirit prevails in the intermediate schools throughout the union.

Some reverses have overtaken us

during the past year in our school work. Early in February our broom shop was burned, which threw many of our young men out of employment, besides entailing a loss of \$2,500.00. But we erected in its stead a modern broom factory, at a cost of \$2,000. We also erected a neat normal building, at a cost of \$5,000.00. Our water supply had never been sufficient, but during the summer of 1912 we supplied this long-felt need, at a cost of \$2,000.00. We raised during the past year for these expenditures about fourteen thousand dollars.

The Missionary Volunteer work in our union is onward. The membership numbers 859. Our faithful secretaries are getting the work well in hand, and many of our young people are following up the Reading Courses outlined by the General Conference. One of our secretaries during the last nine months sold over \$800 worth of Reading Course books, and has delivered 103 certificates to those finishing the courses.

This company held during the year 1912, 2,204 Bible readings and cottage meetings. They sold 20,628 papers and gave away 60,165. They sold 1,250 of our denominational books and 52,027 pages of tracts, and gave away 131,769. They also took 475 subscriptions for our periodicals. They loaned and gave away 2,067 books.

Offerings for the foreign fields for the years 1909-1912 amounted to \$498.96; for home mission work, \$258.22; for local work, \$461; total, \$1218.18. Best of all, there were 180 conversions from the ranks of our young people.

The work of this last message is not making rapid strides among the colored people of our union, but we hope that we are finding our bearings, and that some stakes are being driven "as a nail in a sure place." One of these is our industrial school at Devalls Bluff, Arkansas. Here we have a forty-acre farm meagerly equipped for the training of the workers to carry the glad news of a soon-coming Lord to their own people. The Oklahoma Conference has lately purchased a movable chapel, which serves a good purpose. The North Texas Conference has two new churches in process of erection. We hope for better days among the colored people of our union.

We thank God for the Sabbath-schools. We have 215 in our union, which not only afford instruction for the more mature minds, but for the

prattling child as well. The revenue from our Sabbath-schools reaches every Seventh-day Adventist mission in the world; and some of this comes from the Southwestern Union. From 1905-1908 our schools gave \$6,201 and from 1909-1912, we gave \$37,587, a gain of \$31,386.

There are many points of interest to us in our field that might have been brought in, but our reports are so tame after hearing from other lands that silence is eloquent.

Sabbath, May 24.

Elder A. G. Daniells gave a most stirring sermon, taking as his text, Romas 8:2, "For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." He related an experience of the previous day: A man of standing and influence had phoned and said he wished very much to see him. He found him in his room at a hotel. The man said to him, "You are a Christian—I want to be one. I am having a great struggle because I lack the will power to do what I know to be right and to refuse what I know to be wrong. I must have help. I believe in God and that He hears prayer and I have felt so anxious about this that I thought you would come down here and pray with me and ask God to give me the victory." Elder Daniells gave him a Bible study, and then they had an earnest season of prayer.

Elder Daniells continued: "Brethren, there are many of us here on this ground who want the same blessing. We want power from God to overcome our sins. That blessing, that personal victory over sin, will be one of the greatest assets the denomination can have for the triumph of this work in this day; for it is a victorious, triumphant, overcoming church that can bear powerful testimony to a sinful world. O, may God teach us our need of victory, and show us the way, so that in all of the vicissitudes of life, in these powerful temptations that come to us, when we grapple with them—no one, perhaps, knowing of our efforts to become free but our own poor, struggling hearts—O, that we may know the experience set forth by the apostle Paul in his triumphant testimony of personal victory."

Sunday, May 25.

Some very interesting experiences

in Korea were told by workers from that field. Those who accept the truth are very faithful. How much the Gospel is needed in those lands for the uplifting of the women!

Monday, May 26

Elder W. A. Spicer called attention to the fact that of the 375 delegates only three were absent.

After much careful consideration, a memorial was presented for the organization of a division conference, to be known as the North American Division Conference. Question was called and the motion to accept the memorial was carried.

At 2:00 o'clock the report of the Australasian Union Conference was given. It shows progress in all lines. That conference claims the honor of being the first union conference whose Sabbath-school offerings were wholly donated to missions. There are eighty-eight Young People's Societies, and during the past four years they have given \$17,084, chiefly to missions.

Tuesday, May 27.

Elder S. N. Haskell gave a sermon on God's Word. His sermon is characterized by a quotation which he read from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V.

"In the Scriptures, thousands of gems of truth lie hidden from the surface-seeker. The mine of truth is never exhausted. The more you search the Scriptures with humble hearts, the greater will be your interest, and the more you will feel like exclaiming with Paul, 'O, the depth of the riches, both of wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!' Every day you should learn something new from the Scriptures. Search them as for hid treasures, for they contain the words of eternal life. Pray for wisdom and understanding to comprehend these holy writings. If you would do this, you would find new glories in the Word of God; you would feel that you had received new precious light on subjects connected with the truth, and the Scriptures would be constantly receiving a new value in your estimation." Page 266.

A message was read from Sister White at the morning meeting. She is at her home, busily engaged in preparing books for publication. She

is of good courage and urges all to action. We quote: O, how much good might be accomplished if all who have the truth, the Word of life, would labor for the enlightenment of those who have it not. The work that lies before us is one that will put to the stretch every power of the human being. It will call for the exercise of strong faith and constant vigilance. At times the difficulties that we shall meet will be most disheartening. The very greatness of the task will appal us. And yet, with God's help, His servants will finally triumph. Jesus will be with you; He will go before you by His Holy Spirit, preparing the way; and He will be your helper in every emergency."

After reading a letter from the believers in Japan, the report of the Japan Mission was given. The work of the third angel's message there had its beginning in the year 1896, when Elder W. C. Grainger and T. H. Okohira, a young Japanese from California, reached Yokohama, as our first missionaries, under the support of the California Conference. We now have seven organized churches, with two good church buildings. The total membership is 281; tithes for the year 1912, \$1,493; offerings, \$322. Foreign laborers, 7; Japanese laborers, 40. Brother Okohira, in his broken English, made an earnest plea for more workers for that needy field.

The work is onward in India as shown by the report from that field. Although comprising only one thirty-fifth of the world's area, yet it has a population of 318,732,000. One person out of every five in the world lives in the Indian Empire. There are 147 distinct languages in use. India is the very Gibraltar of heathenism. The cast system divides the people into thousands of casts making work among them very difficult. This is one of the many fields where the Medical work plays an important part. More missionary nurses are needed. The canvassers are having success scattering the printed page. The industrial school in the mountains of Garhwal had an enrollment of about one hundred last year.

Wednesday, May 28.

Brother L. V. Finster gave a report of the work in the Phillipine Islands. "Our first year was devoted to language study, and getting out some tracts in the Tagalog language. The second year we started some cottage meetings, speaking through an inter-

preter. Soon there were more calls than I could fill. Later I had a Bible school, which included many of the native pastors of Manila.

"Soon after this we pitched our first tent in Manila. Our attendance was good from the start. In fact, the tent was packed, with crowds standing outside all around the tent. We have many urgent calls from other cities to teach them the truth, but are unable to respond, because we have no one to send. Two years ago Brother I. H. Evans visited us, and we organized our first church, with eighteen members. One year later our membership had grown to one hundred, with others keeping the Sabbath. Since then it has grown to something over one hundred seventy-five members.

in our field, and that all is prospering.

The South Texas camp-meeting is July 3-13, at Austin. Do not forget the time and place, and let all try to be there the first day and stay till the last. We expect greater things at this camp-meeting than ever before; a number of those present will have been to General Conference and will be filled with good things for us. Come all of you, and be sure that the young people and the children come, for we are going to have special meetings for them.

Brother C. C. Mattison, of Keene, who is now connected with the Tract Society, is taking right hold of his work and doing nicely.

AT CORSICANA

We are glad to report that the colored church here has erected a new building. A series of meetings is planned to take place either before or after the dedication. The new building has caused quite a stir among the ministers of the town, and they are laying plans to carry on revivals to commence about the time we intend to open our meeting. We are seeking the Lord for wisdom.

Corsicana is a thriving little town. Although the message has been here for some time, yet people think our people very strange.

There are some interested ones with whom we are holding studies. At some future time we intend to baptize some who are now ready.

After the effort we expect to make here is over, our stakes will be driven in East Texas, where there is an interest among the colored people.

Remember us in your prayers.

M. G. NUNES.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The most popular general news and farm paper in Texas is the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News. It is read by more people than any other publication in the Southwest. It is the favorite with men readers, women readers, and boy and girl readers, because it has something for all of them, and the best to be had at any price. The Southwestern Union Record and the Semi-Weekly Farm News will be sent a whole year to one address for \$1.25. We accept and receipt for all subscriptions at this office. We do all the ordering and take all the risk.

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NOTES.

We are glad to report that the canvassing work is going nicely with us, and that the reports from all are large and encouraging. None seem to be discouraged.

Brother Neuman, our new German laborer is pitching his tent at Butler, where he will labor till camp-meeting.

Elders Neff and Hampton are holding a tent meeting in Austin. They have a good attendance and a good number that seem very much interested who are attending every night.

Our church schools are hiring their teachers and making all preparations for the coming school term. We expect to have more and better schools this year than ever before.

To the young people who are taking the Reading Course I would like to say, that it is not long till camp-meeting and we know you all want to be on the Honor Roll. A goodly number are now sending the answers to the books, but we want all to do this soon. Please make it your business.

We are glad to report good rains

**REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK, INCLUDING MAGAZINE SALES, IN THE SOUTHWESTERN
UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR WEEK ENDING
MAY 24**

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL DELIVERED
ARKANSAS							
Moses Hardin, Waldron		GC	50	13	41 00	3 75	44 75
Vernon Moore, Miller Co		GC	45	15	47 00	50	47 50
J. C. Knight, DeQueen		BR	22	1	3 00	2 75	5 75
Orville Wilson, Camden		D&R	43	14	47 00	5 00	52 00
Harold Andrus, Camden		DR	33	10	40 00	6 25	46 25
W. F. Nance, Brinkley		CK	36	48	79 00	4 75	83 75
Myrtle Hensley, Ft. Smith		BFL	35			5 00	5 00
Pearl Hensley, Ft. Smith		BFL	35			4 50	4 50
Jennie Green, Little Rock		BFL	22	9	10 50	2 30	12 80
Ed. C. Furr, Greenwood		PPF	20	15	24 50	1 25	25 75
D. D. Newkirk,		BFL	6				12 20
		Bibles			12 20	10 00	10 00
Agents 11			347	123	304 20	46 05	350 25
OKLAHOMA							
T. W. Atchley, Bache		PPF	12			50	50
C. W. Allen, Tangier		GC	26	24	86 00	1 50	87 50
G. B. Boswell, Long		DR	49	43	150 50		150 50
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		PPF	41	28	62 00	1 00	63 00
E. W. Crawford, Quinton		HH	42	10	27 50	25	27 75
J. A. Copple, Perkins		PP	51	9	27 00	3 50	30 50
Eunice Ellington, Elk City		PPF	29	23	35 50	25	35 75
Mrs. Grubbs, Claremore		Mag	19		3 40		3 40
Henry Gaede, Hitchcock		GC	48	6	18 00		18 00
J. F. Goss, Perkins		GC	40	17	53 00	2 25	55 25
Wilson Hill, Coalgate		DR	10	10	35 00		35 00
T. J. Hooper, Manita		BR	23	23	79 00	3 00	82 00
J. E. Hendon, Muskegee		PP	38	26	68 00	2 75	70 75
W. R. Hixon, Durant		PP	57	23	77 00	4 50	81 50
I. N. Long, Ketchum		BR	14	8	24 00	70	24 70
J. A. McMains, Coodys Bluff		PP	30	7	21 00	1 75	22 75
R. E. Main, Manita		PP	42	17	56 00	1 75	57 75
A. Miracle, Weleetka		PPF	29	28	63 00		63 00
Mrs. Miracle, Weleetka		PPF	29	26	57 00	1 00	58 00
Chas. Neal Durant		PG	40	17	55 00	50	55 50
J. G. Owen, Randlett		PPF	26	23	33 50		33 50
O. S. Owen, Tryon		PP	34	13	45 00		45 00
A. G. Ortner, Hitchcock		GC	45	18	59 00		59 00
Albert Priest, Province		PG	21	31	105 00		106 00
E. C. Reynolds, Coodys Bluff		PP	6				21 50
D. D. Siebenlist, Shattuck		GC	58	8	25 00		25 00
W. F. White, Stonewall		BR	27	7	23 00	1 75	24 75
Inez Williamson, Sayre		DR	8	2	6 00	25	6 25
J. A. Young, Seminole		PP	40	20	68 00	2 25	69 25
		Bibles			131 60		131 60
Agents 29			934	454	1495 00	28 45	1523 45

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WEST TEXAS							
P. Darnell, Coahoma		PPF	20	2	3 50	3 50	7 00
Josie Fox, San Saba		PPF	26	10	16 00		16 00
Mary Grumbles, San Saba		PPF	26	11	18 00		18 00
Arthur Gober, Wellington		BR	50	19	58 00	1 25	59 25
Lillie Griffin, Haskell		PPF	7	4	6 50		6 50
W. H. Hawkins, Vernon		DR PPF	39	11	34 00		34 00
L. T. Leslie, Plainview		PPF	12	3	4 50	50	5 00
Lola Leslie, Plainview		PPF	6			1 50	1 50
Oiga Petterson, Haskell		PPF	7				
H. W. Spraggins, Wellington		BR	52	31	100 00	1 00	101 00
A. C. Wade, Eastland		DR	38	11	35 00	3 50	38 50
		Bibles		4	15 80		15 80
Agents 11			283	106	291 30	11 25	302 55

NORTH TEXAS							
D. L. Creel, Trinity		BR	32	42	130 00	1 00	131 00
Chas McNeil, Huntsville		BR	38	44	143 00	2 00	145 00
J. R. Birdwell, Purdon		BR	35	28	106 00	75	106 75
O. Glass, Decatur		BR	47	48	156 00		156 00
A. Gregory, Weatherford		ER	44	36	118 00		118 00
Atha Davis, Terrell		ER	50	24	74 00	4 50	78 50
Agness Houlton, Grand Prairie		BR	30	14	52 00	5 00	57 00
S. R. Creel, Nacogdoches		BR	19	10	31 00	50	31 50
Christine Knudson, Grand Prairie		BR	20	7	23 00	2 75	25 75
G. R. West, Gatesville		DR	48	32	99 00	2 50	101 50
W. E. Preston, McKinney		DR	32	10	30 75	2 00	32 75
C. L. Frisby, McKinney		DR	34	10	33 00		33 00
O. W. Wolfe, Gatesville		DR	55	11	37 00	3 00	40 00
U. M. Cooke, Gatesville		DR	41	9	29 00	1 25	30 25
Monroe Winn, Purdon		DR	32	12	41 00	4 75	45 75
H. Tibbits, Cleburne		DR	37	8	24 00	1 15	25 15
Z. L. Davis, Purdon		GC	38	34	110 00		110 00
G. Theiss, Waxahachie		GC	31	15	52 00	50	52 50
M. H. Schuster, Waxahachie		GC	42	28	102 00		102 00
C. F. Kaupke, Paris		GC	49	24	82 00	4 00	86 00
T. M. Woodruff, Paris		GC	33	21	72 00	5 75	77 75
E. M. Davis, Sherman		GC	51	66	215 00		215 00
Ruby Leslie, Hillsboro		PPF	24	23	50 00	2 25	52 25
Lillie Johnson, Hillsboro		PPF	33	11	24 00	1 75	25 75
Mrs. M. E. Harrison, Ft. Worth		PPF	46	13	20 00		20 00
J. W. Barnhurst, Grand Prairie		PP	33	8	24 00	7 00	31 00
J. H. Ball, Zulch		PG	55	23	70 00	75	70 75
W. N. Porter, Marlin		Bibles			62 15		62 15
Maude Martin, Dallas		Mag	19	114	11 40		11 40
Clyde Callicott,		Mag	22	325	32 50		32 50
Agents 30			1070	1040	2053 80	53 15	2106 95

NEW MEXICO							
F. G. Montoya, Mogollon		Misc	30			6 00	6 00
W. P. Mayers, El Paso		H&H	22			95	95
W. F. Mayers, El Paso		Sp Signs		90	13 12		13 12
Mrs. A. E. Gann, El Paso		PG	6	4	14 00		14 00
M. Basel, Albuquerque		GC CK	25	7	13 00	25	13 25
M. J. Glass, Melrose		Mag	50		5 00		5 00
Agents 5			133	101	45 12	7 20	52 32

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SOUTH TEXAS							
Rolland Burdick, San Antonio		P&P	43	12	44 00	1 00	45 00
Mrs. C. W. Carriker, San Antonio		PPF	8	2	5 00	1 25	6 25
Joe Chesnutt, Lockhart		BR	40	28	102 00	4 25	106 25
A. J. Jensen, Granger		MH	15	13	60 00	2 55	62 55
R. N. Jensen, Granger		CK	41	33	61 15	1 75	62 90
Arthur King, San Antonio		P&P	17			1 25	1 25
John Knudson, Lockhart		GC	43	20	63 00	2 60	65 60
J. D. Leslie, Lockhart		P&P	42	36	134 00	2 50	136 50
Geo. J. Lowe, Wharton		GC	48	19	57 50	1 70	59 20
Mrs. E. L. McCoy, San Marcos		PPF	22	16	26 00	8 95	34 95
Roy E. Mohr, Brenham		P&P	16	4	12 00	50	12 50
Felix Oliver, San Antonio			15			2 60	2 60
Sixta Pina, San Antonio		P&P	36	13	39 00	1 50	40 50
W. E. Scott, Beeville		GC	28	7	27 00	3 05	30 05
J. H. Sylvester, Austin		DR	23	25	95 00	4 50	99 50
Elijah Taylor, Burnett		BR	37	18	61 00	3 50	64 50
Fred Trautmann, Brenham		PP	32	14	51 00		51 00
E. G. Truitt, San Antonio		P&P	41	27	88 00	3 60	91 60
J. W. Wilson, Elgin		PC	39	34	102 00	2 00	104 00
		Bibles					40 80
							3 00
Agents 19			586	321	1027 65	49 05	1117 50
GRAND TOTALS—Agents 105			3353	2145	2517 07	195 15	5453 02

HE'S COMING SOON

With robe of flame He's coming soon,
In splendor brighter far than noon,
And all the earth with fatal sweep
He comes with flaming sword to reap.

'Twill be a day of dread and wrath
To those not in the narrow path,
For Justice' stern, avenging sword
Will slay the mocker of God's Word.

Each setting sun brings near the day
When heav'n and earth shall pass
away;
When mauntains, seas and hills retire
'Mid darkness, tempest, smoke, and
fire.

There comes a message from on high,
That our redemption draweth nigh.
All ye His people, now rejoice,
For soon we'll hear His welcome voice.

When the last trumpet notes shall
sound,
Unnumbered millions captive bound,
From buried dust of years shall rise
To meet their Lord descend the skies.

He's coming soon; go sound it forth,
From east to west, from south to
north,
That all who will may flee sin's snare,
And Christ's eternal glory share.

He's coming soon, throned on a cloud,
Confounding all the vile and proud;
But to the saints who've waited long,
He brings salvation, joy and song.

The sinners then, with guilty fears,
Dismayed shall cry with burning tears
For they shall find reserved in store
The tares, a hundredfold they bore.

He's coming soon, our glorious Lord
The promise shines within His Word;
The earth, with her vast flood of
wrongs
Will then be turned to joyful songs.

Unto the Lord O, let us pray,
To usher in that joyful day
Then lift your heads, ye saints, on
high,
For your redemption draweth nigh.

—AMOS E. FLINT

CAMP-MEETING DATES, 1913

The Camp-meeting dates in the
Southwestern Union Conference have
been fixed by the Committee as fol-
lows:

- South Texas July 3-12
Austin, Texas
- Arkansas July 17-27
Van Buren, Arkansas
- North Texas July 31-Aug 10
- West Texas Aug. 7-17
Clyde, Texas
- New Mexico Aug. 14-24
Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Oklahoma Aug. 21-31
Oklahoma City, Okla

O power to do; O baffled will!
O prayer and action, ye are one.
Who may not strive, may yet fulfil
The harder task of sitting still;
And good but wished with God is
done. —Selected.

NEWS NOTES

A brother of Mr. Lee Bruce is visiting him here for a few days this week.

Dr. C. C. Cooke is adding several rooms to his residence and otherwise improving his property.

Mr. Claude Gage, who has been on the sick list for several days, is now able to resume his duties in the RECORD office.

Mrs. J. H. Wilcox, of Austin, Texas, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Keene Sanitarium Friday. She is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Irene Adams visited friends in Keene this week. She leaves today for San Antonio, Texas, where she expects to take up the colporteur work.

The "General Conference Bulletins" are filled with interesting reports from the many missionaries. Accompanying these reports are scenes of the lands from which they come.

J. H. Wilcox, Secretary-Treasurer of the South Texas Conference spent a few days in Keene this week. He reports the work progressing nicely in all lines in his Conference. He returns to Austin today.

Mr. J. S. Stokes, who has been attending the General Conference at Washington, D. C., was unexpectedly called home on business the first of this week. He attended most of the Conference meetings and reports a very enjoyable and profitable trip.

Pastor Herman Neuman and wife, of the Clinton, Mo., German Seminary, were the guests of Elder J. H. Krum and family a couple of days last week. Brother Neuman has formerly labored in the Colorado and South Missouri Conferences, and has been engaged to assist Brother Krum in prosecuting the German work in the South Texas Conference.

Elder Geo. A. Irwin, of California, died in the Washington Sanitarium Friday, May 23, 1913. He had been in poor health for some time and,

while en route to Washington to attend the General Conference, had an attack of heart failure and stopped off two days at Cincinnati, Ohio. After regaining his strength he went on to Washington and met with the General Conference Committee in the transaction of business. He suffered from another attack of heart failure and died suddenly. The funeral service was conducted in the large pavillion on the General Conference camp ground, Sabbath, May 24, 1913. Short talks were made by Elder Andros, Elder Loughborough, Elder Olson and Elder Haskell, who have been associated with Elder Irwin in General Conference work. The entire camp, of more than three thousand people, attended the service. The body was buried in the Rock Creek cemetery, Washington, D. C.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends in Keene who so kindly assisted us in the hour of our sad bereavement, caused by the death of our precious little girl.

We are anxiously waiting the soon coming of our Saviour who will call our little one from her sleep.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. DORTCH.

Lord, what a change within us one short hour,

Spent in thy presence, will avail to make!

What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!

What parched grounds refresh, as with a shower!

We kneel and all around us seem to lower.

We rise, and all, the distant and the near,

Stand forth in sunny outline, brave and clear:

We kneel—how weak! We rise—how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others—that we are not always strong;

That we are ever overborne with care,

That we should ever weak or heartless be.

Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer,

And joy, and strength, and courage are with thee. —Selected.

Falsehood always endeavored to copy the attitude and mien of truth. —Johnson.

GENERAL NEWS

The eight months' war between Turkey and the allied Balkan States is ended. The "Peace of London" was signed May 30, in the picture gallery of St. James' Palace.

Several persons are reported to have been killed, scores of small craft were overturned, others were carried to the sea, and considerable property damage resulted when a cyclonic wind, accompanied by rain and hail, swept a section of the Virginia coast.

After spending several months in the laboratory of Dr. Max Plorkowski, who is credited with the original discovery of the "turtle serum", Dr. Beattie, of New York, declares that, instead of being harmless, the treatment is extremely dangerous when used for advanced cases.

In memory of the 267 officers and men who were lost with the battleship Maine in Havana harbor fifteen years ago, the National Maine monument was dedicated in New York City, May 30. Former President Taft, the Secretary of the Navy, the governors of Maine and New York, and representatives of the Cuban Republic took part in the exercises.

I slept, and dreamt that life was beauty

I woke, and found that life was duty.

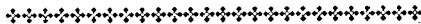
Was then the dream a shadowy lie?
Toil on, sad heart, courageously,
And thou shalt find thy dream to be
Noontide of life and truth to thee.

—Selected.

Reproof of a friend should always be strictly just, and not too frequent. —Budgell.

"Fix" is one of the words that we Americans habitually misuse, but it is not often that the mistake leads to such absurdity as it does in the label of a certain stain-remover now on the market. "It will fix the stain," says the label. Since "fix" means to make permanent, the manufacturers of the stain-remover have not said quite what they intended to say.

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SAY YE NOT "A CONFEDERACY"

Isaiah 8:12.

What is this methinks I hear
Sounding far and sounding near;
Something seeming only right;
Drawing men of power and might?
Yes,—I hear the message hurled—
"The Federation of the World."

A federation? Can it be
That all in Christendom agree!
Is love in all its fulness dwelling?
Is earth's dark night of gloom dispelling?
I can but dimly understand
This wonderous change in all our land.

And why did Jesus never find
This glorious plan to save mankind?
And why so few here joined His band,
Though truth He taught in every land?
Ah, now the reason clear I see!
'Tis truth and error can't agree.

He tells us plainly in His Word,
"Send not peace, but send a sword."
Grand, noble truth is ne'er at fault,
But error dares to bid her halt.
O truth! thy progress will not cease.
Nor slack its pace for sake of peace.

When loud the cry of peace we hear
We all may know the end is near.
For there's a light to guide the way
Which points us to that coming day
Foretold by seers. O, search and see
This fast fulfilling prophecy!

Here in His word—we read it plain—
The cry of peace shall be in vain.
How well God knew the subtle snare
And warned His flock with shepherd's care.

Still He is calling—"Trust in Me,
And say ye not, 'A Confederacy.'"
—Mrs. M. F. Knox.

Recently a boy, soon to enter high school, and a great reader of biographies, said to his teacher that he always liked a certain man about whom he studied until he read of this man's cruelty to birds when a boy. "Since then," said the lad, "I've changed my mind about him, and I know now why he went wrong in his later life."
—Selected.

Men often abstain from the grosser vices as too coarse and common for their appetites, while the vices that are frosted and ornamented are served up to them as delicacies.—H. W. Beecher.



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