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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE AND SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE AT KEENE, TEXAS, APRIL 1-10, 1914.



TOP ROW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

C. M. McDonald
D. F. Sturgeon
E. L. Neff
A. J. Voth
E. W. Carey

SECOND ROW

G. A. LaGrone
Van Darnell
H. S. Prener
Everett Hopkins
Ezra Fillman
C. E. Smith

THIRD ROW

M. R. Proctor
W. A. Sweany
H. F. Neumann
Frank Weeks
U. B. Dake
C. J. Buhalts

I. A. Crane
W. A. McCutchen
Robert W. Leach
J. B. Hampton
N. Clausen
Burt Bray

FOURTH ROW

V. B. Watts
T. J. Hickman
A. A. Meyer
John Isaac

H. Clay Griffin
J. I. Taylor
E. B. Hopkins
I. H. Evans
G. F. Watson
Chas. Thompson
J. A. Leland
W. W. Eastman
C. B. Hughes

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

APRIL 2

The first meeting of the seventh biennial session of the Southwestern Union Conference convened in the Keene church on April 2, 1914. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by Elder G. F. Watson, president of the Conference, after which Elder McCutchen led in prayer. The secretary called the roll and the following delegates were seated:—

ARKANSAS— W. E. Baxter, Mrs. W. E. Baxter, G. C. Jenks, C. J. Dart, J. T. Jacobs, and J. W. Dancer.

NORTH TEXAS— J. I. Taylor, E. B.

Hopkins, T. W. Field, W. M. Cubley, W. A. Sweaney, H. B. French, R. W. Leach, E. W. Carey, N. H. Conway, W. F. Field, H. L. Wilcox, Mrs. G. F. Watson, and M. G. Nunes.

NEW MEXICO— V. B. Watts, F. Weeks, M. R. Proctor, Burt Bray, W. R. Goss, and M. S. Jones.

OKLAHOMA— John Isaac, N. Clausen, R. B. Coberly, A. A. Meyer, T. J. Hickman, T. J. Eagle, W. L. Adams, J. R. Bagby, U. B. Dake, C. M. McDonald, Bernard Voth, Almetta Garrett, Faye Eagle, D. F. Sturgeon, N. R. Hickman, and Charles Lightner.

SOUTH TEXAS— J. A. Leland, E. L. Neff, J. B. Hampton, E. M. Davis, C. C.

Mattison, and R. L. Bradford.

WEST TEXAS— C. J. Buhalts, J. L. Parnell, G. A. LaGrone, and E. H. Wilcox.

KEENE INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY— Prof. H. H. Hamilton.

By virtue of office, each member of the Union Conference Committee is also a delegate in this meeting, and also the General and North American Division Conference men who were present.

After the delegates had been seated, a song of welcome was rendered by the choir of the Keene church. The chairman then called for the minutes of the last meeting, and inasmuch as they had been published in the SOUTHWESTERN

UNION RECORD, it was moved and supported that the reading of the minutes be waived. This motion passed.

Elder G. F. Watson rendered his biennial report, to which all listened with great interest.

Standing committees were then selected by the delegation as follows:—Committee on nomination— I. H. Evans, W. E. Baxter, V. B. Watts, W. M. Cubley, John Isaac, J. A. Leland, and J. L. Parnell.

Committee on credentials and licenses— I. H. Evans, N. Clausen, E. B. Hopkins, H. Clay Griffin, and E. L. Neff. Committee on plans— W. W. Eastman, Burt Bray, C. J. Dart, C. M. McDonald, A. F. Harrison, W. A. McCutchen, and H. H. Hamilton.

There being no further business for consideration at this time, the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

APRIL 7

The second meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference convened on April 8, 1914. Hymn number 1207, "Hymns and Tunes," was used to open the meeting, and Elder Isaac led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and four delegates, who were not present at the first meeting, were seated as follows: W. J. Huguley, J. H. Wilcox, O. J. Corwin, and J. D. Matthews.

Elder G. F. Watson, chairman, called I. H. Evans to the chair, and the secretary read a letter of greeting from Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mattison, of India. The chairman then called for the reports of the committees. The committee on nominations rendered the following report: President, G. F. Watson; Secretary and Treasurer, C. E. Smith; Union Field Missionary Agent, A. F. Harrison; Auditor and Transportation Agent, C. E. Smith.

For executive Committee, G. F. Watson, C. E. Smith, presidents of the local conferences of the Union, and the principal of the Keene Industrial Academy, and the Union Field Missionary Agent.

For members of the Keene Academy board, J. D. Matthews, J. J. Cochran, W. D. Dortch, H. L. Wilcox, C. B. Hughes, C. E. Smith, and A. F. Harrison. Members of the Executive Board of the Southwestern Union Conference Association, G. F. Watson, C. E. Smith, John Isaac, J. I. Taylor, J. A. Leland, C. J. Buhalts, W. E. Baxter, and V. B. Watts.

It was also recommended that the matter of securing a Y. P. M. V. and Educational Secretary for the Union be referred to the Union Conference Committee, and that the Educational Secretary, when elected be a member of the Executive Board. The report of the committee was adopted.

The committee on licenses and credentials rendered the following report: for ministerial credentials, G. F. Watson, C. B. Hughes, H. S. Prener; for honorary credentials, C. McReynolds; for ministerial license, A. F. Harrison; for missionary credentials, H. H. Hamilton, C. E. Smith, and O. B. Watson. This report was adopted.

The committee on plans rendered the following partial report:

Resolution No. 6, in regard to Religious Liberty was tabled.

Resolution No. 2—WHEREAS, It is generally recognized that there is need of some means whereby continuous instruction may be given to our church officers, and **WHEREAS**, The "Church Officers Gazette" has been brought into existence to supply this need, therefore

RESOLVED, That each conference in our Union lay plans that will result in this paper being placed in the hands of every church officer in its territory. This resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 3, in regard to the educational standard required for young men entering the ministry was read and discussed at length, and left over for further consideration.

The meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

APRIL 8

The third meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference convened at 2:30 p.m. Hymn No. 179, "Hymns and Tunes," was used to open the meeting, and Prof. H. S. Prener led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was moved and supported that the resolutions which were left over from the previous meeting be tabled. This motion passed.

The chairman then called for reports. Elder John Isaac, president of the Oklahoma Conference, reported the progress of the work in that field. His report showed a gain in tithe, over the previous biennial period, and substantial growth in all departments of the work.

Elder W. E. Baxter, president of the Arkansas Conference, rendered his biennial report, which showed a substantial increase in all lines of the work, including tithes, and that the Tract Society of the Arkansas Conference is now free from debt and has a present worth.

The New Mexico Conference president, Elder V. B. Watts, reported the work in his field for the past two years. There were many encouraging features in his report, and it showed a gain in tithe. He emphasized the importance of the General Conference, the North American Division Conference and the Southwestern Union Conference uniting with the South Texas and the New Mexico Conferences in establishing a school near El Paso, Texas, to train workers for the Mexican field.

Elder J. I. Taylor, president of the North Texas Conference, reported the progress of the work for the past two years in his field. He stated that the North Texas Tract Society had paid over to the North Texas Conference, \$1,000 per year for the past two years, of their profits. He also showed the work of the Conference to be in a good condition, except that the number of laborers on the pay-roll at the present time called for more salary than the present income of tithe.

Elder C. J. Buhalts, president of the West Texas Conference, rendered a report of his field, and stated that notwithstanding the severe drought that has prevailed in this field since the Conference was organized, all departments of the work have grown, and that the laborers are all of good courage.

The progress of the work in the South Texas Conference, for the biennial period, was reported by its president, Elder J. A. Leland. The report showed a substantial gain in all lines of the work, but that only a small number have been added to the church. He emphasized the importance of making a greater effort in the line of spiritual work, that larger numbers may be brought into the fold.

The reports of the six presidents were discussed, and many questions were asked and answered, and the meeting full of interest. The meeting adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m., April 9.

APRIL 9

The fourth meeting the Southwestern Union Conference was held April 9, 1914. Hymn No. 1231 in "Hymns and Tunes" was used to open the meeting, and Elder N. R. Hickman led in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Elder G. F. Watson, chairman, invited Elder I. H. Evans to take the chair.

Resolution No. 3, left over from the previous meeting was considered at length, and adopted as follows:

For the purpose of encouraging young men to study for the gospel ministry, and in order that our evangelical work may be strengthened,

WE RECOMMEND, 1. That our conferences and schools urge young men, who are looking toward the ministry, to finish either a ministerial or literary course in one of our denominational schools.

2. That our conferences, in licensing young men to the ministry, require at least the completion of an academic

course of twelve grades in one of our schools, or its equivalent.

3. That young men, who are now licensed ministers and who have not completed the academic course, be urged to pursue studies in our training schools, or in the Fireside Correspondence School, with a view to reaching this educational standard before ordination.

4. That we encourage all our workers to pursue the reading course for workers, as recommended by the North American Division Conference.

Resolution No. 6 was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The tremendous responsibility resting upon our people, the laity as well as the ministry, to give the last warning message against the worship of the beast, his image and mark and,

WHEREAS, This warning pre-eminently requires an intelligent understanding of the fundamental principles of religious liberty, all or which are to be violated by the beast and his image in enforcement of the mark, etc.,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this conference that provision be made for religious liberty instruction as far as possible in all our churches as well as at our camp-meetings, in which simple, practical lessons may be given to the rank and file of our people, upon the Protestant, American, and Christian principles of religious liberty.

The meeting adjourned.

APRIL 9

The fifth meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference convened at 2:30 p.m., April 9. After singing a hymn, Elder E. L. Neff led in prayer.

Resolutions No. 4 and 5 were adopted as follows:

No. 4—WHEREAS, The last week in May has been set apart by the North American Division Conference Committee as "Self Denial Week," when all our laborers are requested to give one week's wages for the relief of our institutions, and,

WHEREAS, We believe the time has come when this terrible reproach of debt should be rolled away, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That every laborer in the Southwestern Union Conference, cheerfully join in the plan, and further, that we encourage the laity to unite with us in giving, in money or pledges, the value of their time the last week of May, 1914, to apply on the indebtedness on our institutions.

No. 5—WHEREAS, We recognize that there is a growing need of more efficient workers in our conferences and institutions in the large cities of this country, and in the mission fields, especially for well-trained ministers, teachers, Bible workers, and,

WHEREAS, Our training schools have been established and are being maintained at a large expense for the purpose of giving our young people thorough preparation for the Master's service, and,

WHEREAS, There are now a large number of young men and women, who are not in school, who should attend our colleges and academies to obtain a better education for the work, to the end that the message may be hastened among all classes in all lands at home and abroad,

WE RECOMMEND, That an organized effort be made to arouse our people generally to the value of advanced education in qualifying our young people to fill their place and part in the finishing of the work. And to this end,

WE RECOMMEND (1) That our leading brethren prepare articles for the "Review and Herald," setting forth the direct relation which a better preparation of our young people for service sustains to the advancement of the advent movement. (2) That in our large public gatherings and churches an effort be made to turn the hearts of parents more fully to the importance of giving their children the education necessary to efficient missionary service. (3) That two Sabbaths each year be set apart as

educational days in our churches, for the purpose of studying the principles of Christian education and the needs of our work, and that suitable matter be prepared by the Educational Department for that purpose. (4) That the sacred calling of the gospel ministry be kept continuously before our people, with the purpose of attracting many more bright, consecrated young men to this calling, and of inspiring them to make an educational preparation that will fit them to present the truth among all classes. (5) That a plan of tuition scholarships of fifty dollars each be arranged which shall provide for the tuition of acceptable young people in our colleges, who have finished at least twelve grades in one of our schools, and who wish to take further training for either the ministry, teaching, or other definite lines of gospel work, and that these scholarships be provided in the three following ways: (a) That each of our conferences be recommended to provide two or more permanent tuition scholarships. (b) That our larger publishing houses be encouraged to provide three or more permanent tuition scholarships in educational institutions in their respective territories, available to students who have earned two tuition scholarships in the canvassing work. (c) That persons of private means be encouraged to endow permanent tuition scholarships in our advanced schools, either by payment annually of the sum of fifty dollars for each scholarship or by the gift of one thousand dollars as a permanent fund whose interest will provide one scholarship annually.

The Treasurer's report was read, and the delegation called for a more detailed report of local funds.

L. N. Carter, treasurer of the Keene Academy, rendered a financial report of the institution, which was accepted.

A. F. Harrison reported the progress of the book work in the Southwestern Union Conference for the biennial period. His report showed a substantial growth in this branch of the work.

Resolutions No. 7-15, inclusive were read, and the meeting adjourned.

APRIL 9.

The sixth meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference convened at 7:30 p.m., April 9, 1914.

Prof. C. B. Hughes, Educational Secretary of the Southwestern Union Conference rendered his report, and an interesting educational program was given and the meeting adjourned.

APRIL 10

The seventh meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference convened at 10:00 a.m., April 10, 1914. After singing a hymn, Elder J. R. Bagby led in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resolution No. 10, in regard to electing local conference officers for two years and holding biennial camp-meetings instead of annual camp-meetings, was read and discussed at some length and tabled.

The colored delegates, R. L. Bradford, Charles Lightner, M. S. Jones, J. W. Dancer, M. G. Nunes, and E. M. Gates, presented the following petition:

WHEREAS, The present work of the North American Negro Department of our Union is not accomplishing so much as we desire, and,

WHEREAS, There are local methods that can be adopted to further the departmental interests, and increase its constituency, thus bringing in larger tithes and offerings, we respectfully request that our conference committee, in their judgment, consider and grant us the following: (A) That there be an exchange of ministers among our respective conferences in connection with our tent efforts. (B) That the conference grant us a lady Bible worker to work in connection with our tent efforts. (C) That we invite magazine sellers to sell magazines during our efforts. (D) That we secure an organist for our meetings, the organist during the day to engage in missionary work.

This petition was discussed at some

length, it was moved and supported that due consideration be given to their request. The motion passed.

The colored brethren gave reports of the progress of the work in their respective territories, and the meeting adjourned to meet at 2:00 p.m.

APRIL 10

The eighth and last meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference convened at 2:00 p.m., April 10, 1914. After singing a hymn, Elder Frank Weeks led in prayer.

The Young People's Missionary Volunteer work was reported by Mrs. G. F. Watson, and the report showed a remarkable growth in this line for the biennial period.

The Treasurer read his report (the supplement to it), giving in detail the receipts and disbursements of local funds, and the report was adopted.

A new constitution for the Union Conference was adopted.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

(As adopted April 10, 1914, at Keene, Texas.)

ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

The object of this Conference is to teach the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to make converts to the Third Angel's Message in the territory over which it has jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III—TERRITORY

The territory over which this Conference has jurisdiction embraces the states of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The membership of this Conference shall consist of:

(a) Such local conferences as have been, or shall be, properly organized and accepted by vote.

(b) Such mission territory as may be assigned to it by the North American Division Conference.

Sec. 2. The voters of this conference shall be designated as follows:

(a) Delegates at large.

(b) Regular delegates.

Sec. 3. Delegates at large shall be:

(a) The executive committee of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

(b) Such representatives of the North American Division and General Conferences as may be present at any meeting.

Sec. 4. Regular delegates shall be such persons as are duly accredited by local conferences and missions within its territory.

Sec. 5. Each local conference or mission shall be entitled to one delegate, without regard to numbers, and an additional delegate for each one hundred of its church membership.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Sec. 1. The regular officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be elected by the Conference.

Sec. 2. President: The President shall act as chairman of the executive committee, and labor in the general interests of the Conference, as the executive committee may advise.

Sec. 3. Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of the Conference sessions, and of the meetings of the executive committee, and to collect such data from the local conferences and missions as may be desired by the Conference or by the executive committee, and to perform such other duties as usually pertain to such office.

Sec. 4. Treasurer: It shall be the du-

ty of the Treasurer to receive all funds, and disburse them by order of the President, and to render such financial statements at regular intervals as may be desired by the Conference, or by the executive committee.

Sec. 5. Election of Officers: All officers of the Conference and members of the executive committee, except such members as are presidents of local conferences and mission fields, shall be chosen by the delegates at the regular biennial session of the Southwestern Union Conference, and shall hold their offices for the period of two years, or until their successors are elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

ARTICLE VI.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. During the intervals between sessions of the Conference, the Executive Committee shall have full administrative power, with authority to grant and withdraw credentials and licenses, and to fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its offices, boards, committees, or agents—by death, resignation, or otherwise—except in cases where other provision for filling such vacancies shall be made by vote of the Conference. The withdrawal of credentials or filling of vacancies on the executive committee shall require the consent of two-thirds of the members of the executive committee.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, the presidents of local conferences and missions and the secretaries in charge of duly organized departments, viz: the Publishing, Medical, Educational, Young People's Missionary Volunteer, Home Missionary, and Religious Liberty.

ARTICLE VII—INCORPORATIONS, DEPARTMENTS, AND AGENTS

Sec. 1. Such corporations may be authorized and departments created as the development of the work requires.

Sec. 2. At each regular session of this Conference the delegates shall elect the trustees of all corporate bodies connected with this organization as may be provided in the statutory law governing each.

Sec. 3. The Conference shall employ such committees, secretaries, treasurers, agents, ministers, missionaries, and other persons, and shall make such distribution of its laborers as may be necessary to execute its work effectively.

Sec. 4. The Conference shall grant credentials and licenses to its ministers and missionaries.

ARTICLE VIII—SESSIONS

Sec. 1. This Conference shall hold biennial sessions at such date and place as the executive committee shall designate by a notice published in the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD and "Review and Herald," at least six weeks before the date set for the session.

Sec. 2. The executive committee may call special sessions at such time and place as it deems proper, by a like notice, and the transactions of such special session shall have the same force as those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE IX—BY-LAWS

The voters of this Conference may enact by-laws and amend or repeal them at any session thereof, and such by-laws may embrace any provision not inconsistent with this constitution.

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

This constitution or its by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voters present at any session, such amendments to be not inconsistent with the Constitution of the North American Division Conference, and provided, further, that if it is proposed to amend the constitution at a special session, notice of such purpose shall be given in the call for such special session.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—REGULAR SESSIONS

Sec. 1. Previous to any session of the Conference, the executive committee shall provide such temporary committees as

Report of the Canvassing Work in the Ending M



NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERED
SOUTH TEXAS								
Charles Bainer, Karnes City		BR	40	32	120 00	3 25	123 25	
C. H. Chenault, Sequin		DR	43	28	60 50	4 50	65 00	5 00
W. B. Jenkins, Caldwell		DR	20	16	48 00	3 15	51 15	19 00
A. W. Kreuger, LaGrange		PG	18	18	75 50		75 50	17 00
Mrs. Leland, San Antonio		DR	6	2	6 00	1 10	7 10	
J. M. Lopez, Alice		HH	36	13	33 50	6 40	39 90	56 50
C. F. Mahr, San Antonio		CK	27	16	24 00		24 10	10 50
P. V. Petschuch, LaGrange		DR	32	9	29 00	30	29 30	
Artie Taylor, Lockhart		DA	29	26	60 00	2 25	62 25	
Elijah Taylor, Dripping Spring		BR	48	25	99 00	2 50	101 50	18 00
Agents 10			295	185	555 50	23 45	578 95	126 00

NORTH TEXAS

O. Glass, Thorp Springs	PG	53	26	108 00			108 00	
C. Egner, Dalworth	PG	28	14	51 00		20 50	71 50	
S. R. Creel, Blank Lake	BR	35	25	80 00		50	80 50	
P. B. Bailey, Marshall	BR	35	22	79 00			79 00	
T. A. Stinson, Bland Lake	BR	53	19	74 00		3 65	77 65	
Mrs. M. L. Cleckner, Sherman	BR	38	10	30 00		4 70	34 70	
E. B. Woodward, Pittsburg	BR	20	5	20 00			20 00	
M. L. Cleckner, Sherman	BR	38	6	18 00		1 55	19 55	
A. Gregory, Winsboro	BR	38	1	3 00			3 00	
J. R. Birdwell, Athens	GC	32	15	52 00		1 80	53 80	
D. Hestend, Athens	GC	23	15	50 00		1 00	51 00	
J. F. Goss, Bonham	GC	25	14	44 00		3 60	47 60	
Z. L. Davis, Athens	GC	31	13	42 00		4 60	46 60	
H. H. O'Harrow, Canton	GC	37	12	37 00		1 80	38 80	
C. C. Slater, Jefferson	GC	16	9	35 00		35	35 35	
Mrs. C. C. Slater, Jefferson	GC	16	6	20 00		95	20 95	
A. M. Schulenberg, Bonham	DR	30	11	38 00		2 40	40 40	
L. T. Pierce, Blum	DR	35	5	15 00		1 25	16 25	
W. S. Reddell, Paris	BF	7	9	9 00			9 00	
Mrs. P. B. Bailey, Marshall	CK	26	8	12 00		55	12 55	
Mrs. J. F. Goss	Mag.	42		29 70			29 70	
Mrs. B. F. Plunket	Mag.	81		5 00		23 75	28 75	
Mrs. L. Harrol				34 60			34 60	
	Bibles			41 75			41 75	
Agents 23			862	245	928 05	72 95	1001 00	

ARKANSAS

Moses Hardin	GC	40	10	32 00		2 50	34 50	
J. F. Adams	PP	28	11	40 00		75	40 75	
W. T. Tucker	BR	26	5	15 00		1 00	16 00	
C. W. Cutter	BR	32	16	54 00		1 85	55 85	
Hattie Johnson	PPF	40	14	38 00			38 00	
W. F. Nance	BF	29		23 80		50	30 50	34 50
A. Sawyer	CK	27	20	30 00			23 80	
L. Sawyer	BF	8	7	10 50			10 50	
Jennie Green	BF	30	10	14 00		25	14 25	
	Bibles			15 50			15 50	
	Mag.		2					1 00
Agents 9			262	93	272 80	6 85	279 65	35 50

Southwestern Union Conference for Week

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NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERED
OKLAHOMA								
W. R. Brewer, Coleman		DR	57	21	65 00	60	65 60	
G. B. Boswell, Sallisaw		BR	49	30	113 00	30	113 30	
Arthur Drew, Drumright		BR	16	19	36 00	1 00	38 00	14 00
Mrs. Arthur Drew, Drumright		PG	20	16	48 00	50	48 50	
W. R. Hixon, Pirtie		PP	36	19	62 00	50	62 50	
H. L. Skinner, Provence		PG	33	24	74 00	1 35	75 35	
Lizzie Schilt, Muskogee		Mag.			4 10	1 35	5 45	5 50
J. D. Vincent, Catesby		PP	9	4	16 00	1 75	17 75	7 00
Geo. Hauf, Grandfield		PPF	62	44	79 00	9 75	88 75	11 50
T. J. Hooper, Ketchum		DR	50	71	140 00	50	140 50	
		Bibles			60 80		60 80	
Agents 10			356	248	697 90	17 60	715 50	45 50
WEST TEXAS								
Texie Chandler, Cottonwood		PPF	39	7	11 00	60	11 60	
J. T. Fortner, Crowell		BR	21	5	16 00		16 00	
Coke Parnell, Winchell		PPF	15	7	11 50	1 40	12 90	
W. L. Swanson, Electra		PPF	9	6	10 50		10 50	
		Bibles		1	2 80		2 80	
		Mag.			30		30	
Agents 4			84	26	52 10	2 00	54 10	
GRAND TOTAL— Agents 56			1859	797	2506 35	122 85	2629 20	207 00

SELF DENIAL WEEK

I sent out a letter to all our church elders and isolated members a few weeks ago, regarding the self denial week, asking as many as would to donate an amount equal to their wages or income for the last week in May, to a fund to apply upon the Academy debt. I received several answers of willingness to do so, and no doubt many more will respond with the donation from whom I have not yet heard.

One dear old brother says: "I am anxious to help all that I can. I am a poor, old man, and borrowed this three dollars—which was enclosed; if I can do anything later I will." Another says that the husband will give his earnings, and the wife will give all the butter and eggs that they sell that week. Another: "I will give five dollars. I think that I can give it within the next two months, but cannot the last week in May." And still another: "I'm glad to do all that I can. I'm a farmer, and am in hard shape at the present time, but if I make any crop this year, will be glad to give as much as five dollars this fall."

These are some of the expressions of willingness of our people to deny themselves in order to help our needy school. My brother or sister, will you not "Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty" in this effort also? I know there are many calls for means, but I believe that you will want to help in every good

work. "Our God will come and will not keep silence. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:3-5.

J. I. TAYLOR.

As this is the last week before the week of self denial in which the workers have agreed to donate one week's salary to the relief of our most needy institutions, it is well for us to refresh our memories and renew our consecration by getting ready to make an offering to the Lord at that time.

In the past there have been mistakes made, and misfortunes have befallen the work; but let us forget the things that are behind, and press forward to the mark of rolling the reproach of debt from this denomination. Anciently, when the house of God had fallen into decay through the neglect and unfaithfulness of those in charge, the Lord did not reprove them for the mistakes of the past, nor excuse the people from helping for fear of mistakes would be made again, but called all to help and they responded by bringing in an abundance of means to finish the work.

All the means raised in this Union by this week of self denial will go to Keene Academy, which is sorely in need of help just now. Our income this winter would meet the running expenses and more,

but as the people keep calling for money lent in the past, and the interest on the indebtedness must be paid from time to time, we will have to have other help than the income on tuition to meet these extra expenditures. There have been but few times when the income was not sufficient to meet the running expenses. The indebtedness has almost all been made for improvements, which any one who would look over the institution could see have been absolutely necessary.

The board, at their last meeting, voted that every cent received at this time should be used to pay interest-bearing indebtedness, and that no further debts should be made for improvements. These orders, we assure the people, will be carried out to the letter.

Now, while this plan has originated with the workers, we do not think the laity should be deprived of the blessing of having a part in it, but that every believer in the third angel's message should come up to the help of the Lord and donate their wages or the value of their time for the week that all may rejoice together. We read in 1 Chron. 29:1-9 that the chief of the fathers and the princes of Israel offered willingly, with a perfect heart and then they all rejoiced together with great joy.

"Self sacrifice is the key-note of the teachings of Christ." Testimonies, Vol.

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may be necessary to conduct the preliminary work of the Conference.

ARTICLE II—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. During the intervals between sessions of the Conference, the executive committee shall have full administrative power, with authority to grant and withdraw credentials and licenses, and to fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its offices, boards, committees, or agents by death, resignation, or otherwise, except in cases where other provisions for filling such vacancies shall be made by vote of the Conference. The withdrawal of credentials or filling of vacancies on the executive committee shall require the consent of two-thirds of the members of the executive committee.

Sec. 2. Any five members of the executive committee, including the president, shall be empowered to transact such executive business as is in harmony with the general plans outlined by the committee, but the concurrence of all five members shall be necessary to pass any measure.

Sec. 3. Meetings of the executive committee may be called at any time or place by the president; or such meeting may be called by the secretary, upon the written request of any five members of the executive committee.

ARTICLE III—DEPARTMENTS

Sec. 1. The work of the departments of the Southwestern Union Conference shall be in charge of the secretaries elected by the executive committee, when not otherwise provided for by the Conference.

ARTICLE IV—FINANCES

Sec. 1. This Conference shall receive a tithe from all its local conferences and mission fields.

Sec. 2. This Conference shall pay a tithe of its regular tithe to the North American Division Conference.

Sec. 3. The executive committee shall be authorized to call for such special donations as may be needed to properly prosecute the work of the Conference.

Sec. 4. The Conference shall receive offerings devoted to missions, forwarding the same monthly to the North American Division Conference treasurer.

ARTICLE V—AUDITS

Sec. 1. The executive committee shall have the accounts of the Conference audited at least once each calendar year and shall report the same to the executive committee of the Conference at the annual meeting, and to the Conference as its regular sessions.

Sec. 2. The executive committee shall constitute a committee for auditing and settling all accounts against the Conference, and such members as may be appointed to be present from the North American Division Conference.

Resolutions No. 1, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18 were adopted as follows:

Resolution No. 1—While we regret that more has not been accomplished the past two years, because of our unfaithfulness, yet we recognize that the Lord has manifestly blessed and prospered the work in the Union, as shown in the increase of membership, tithe, and offerings.

We, therefore, express our deep gratitude to God for His mercies, and consecrate our all for more faithful service in the future.

Resolution No. 7—Realizing the great benefits derived from the Colporteurs' Convention just closed, and the needed strength and encouragement it has given to those who bear the burdens and responsibilities of the work at the front, and that any line of work can be brought to its greatest efficiency only by a thorough understanding and perfect co-operation of all who are connected with it, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND That a Colporteur's Convention be held in connection with the next Union Conference meeting, and that all colporteurs who deliver \$1,000 worth of books or work 1,600 hours the year preceding the Conference, be given

transportation to the Convention, and free entertainment while there.

Resolution No. 8—WHEREAS, There is a need of a uniform plan of rendering assistance to our colporteurs, therefore, 1. WE RECOMMEND, That the following courtesies be extended to our regular accredited colporteurs by each of our conferences: (A) Railway fares to and from regular yearly colporteur's institutes, and free entertainment; (B) the "Review and Herald" and the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD, while in the work; (C) Railway fare to and from camp-meeting.

2. WE RECOMMEND That colporteur's credentials be given by our local conferences to such colporteurs as have attained to a satisfactory standard in all the important features of their work, and that these credentials be granted by the conference in session on the recommendation of the committee on credentials and licenses, and that the following conditions be the basis on which these be given: (A) That he be sound in the truth; (B) proper influence, dress and manners; (C) Faithful and industrious in the use of his time; (D) that he keep free from debt.

WHEREAS, The Testimonies tell us that "the book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world," therefore,

3. RESOLVED, That we urge our conference officers, ministers, and other workers to make special efforts to get men and women of mature experience to devote their lives to the colporteur work; and further,

WE RECOMMEND, That a large number of our young people be encouraged to give themselves to this branch of the work.

Resolution No. 9—WHEREAS, It is essential to the life of the church that all our members be enlisted in missionary work,

1. WE RECOMMEND, That persistent efforts be made to organize every church for work, and to enlist every man, woman and child in actual service in the cause.

2. That an institute be held in each conference for the purpose of training all young ministers, licentiates, Bible workers, and other conference workers, in effective methods of organizing churches and instructing church officers.

3. That conventions be held in such districts as will reach every church, in which the church officers shall be instructed in their duties, and in effective methods of work.

4. WHEREAS, There are advantages in having the secretary of the tract society carry the responsibility of the work in the field as well as in the office,

WE RECOMMEND, That sufficient help be given the tract society offices to attend to the book-keeping and other detail work, that the secretary may be able to spend a large part of his time in developing aggressive work in the churches.

Resolution No. 11—In view of the fact that many of our young people attending our Union Conference school, pass examinations in those studies which entitle them to receive Standard of Attainment certificates, and the respective conferences do not receive credit for the work the young people are doing along this line, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That when students do work of this kind that the Young People's Secretary of the conference from which they come be so informed, in order that their certificates may be secured through the proper channel.

Resolution No. 12—WHEREAS, Several of our faithful workers have fallen in death during the last biennial period, whose labors were greatly appreciated in the Union Conference, we therefore express our deep sorrow at the loss of these fellow workers, and hereby extend our sympathy to the bereaved, and instruct the Secretary to send to the families of the deceased, a copy of this resolution.

Resolution No. 13—WHEREAS, There is a large Spanish-speaking population within our Union, and at our doors a whole nation of Mexican people, and

WHEREAS, The best way to reach this people is with trained native workers, RESOLVED, That this Union Conference consider the advisability of laying plans for the establishment of a small training school for native Mexican workers, and that we seek the counsel and co-operation of the North American Division Conference and the General Conference to this end.

Resolution No. 14—WHEREAS, Many of our colporteurs go from one field to another without going through the regular channels, and especially is this true of our student colporteurs, and believing that there should be some regulation with reference to colporteurs changing from one conference to another, as well as the ministry, therefore,

RESOLVED, (1) That when an individual wishes to work in another conference, that he first secure the consent and recommendation of his president and field missionary agent, and if a student, from the principal of the school. (2) That if a field missionary agent receives requests from individuals for work, from another field, that instead of encouraging them, he first require them to comply with the above requirements.

Resolution No. 15—WHEREAS, The Southwestern Union Record is the official organ of the Seventh-day Adventists of the Southwestern Union Conference, and liberal space is given to the canvassing work and the publication of reports from our laborers weekly,

WE RECOMMEND, That all workers in this field subscribe for it, and that they use their influence in extending its circulation in this territory.

Resolution No. 16—WHEREAS, The religious liberty and Catholic questions are matters of great moment in this country and it is of the utmost importance that they be understood, and

WHEREAS, The magazines, "Liberty" and "Protestant" have been established to meet these issues, therefore,

RESOLVED, That earnest and persistent efforts be made in all the conferences of this Union to place these publications in the hands of public and professional men in the various ways heretofore provided, and also that all our own people be urged to read these journals as far as possible to the end that they may become intelligent and keep informed on the issues at stake.

Resolution No. 18—WHEREAS, Keene Academy has been running behind, and that it is impossible to carry on fourteen grades of work and make it pay, and

WHEREAS, Union College needs all the students taking college work, to make it self-supporting, therefore,

RESOLVED, That Keene Academy be known as an academy only, and do only academic work, or twelve grades.

It was voted to leave the final decision upon **resolution No. 17**, with the West Texas Conference Committee, and the North Texas Conference Committee, and the Union Conference President. The resolution is as follows:

Resolution No. 17—INASMUCH, As West Texas has had the book work in Clay county, and the addition of the same would be a strength to the West Texas Conference, and would make the division line straight, and as West Texas now has a man who can handle the German people in this county,

WE RECOMMEND, That this county be added to the West Texas Conference.

The entire delegation expressed a vote of thanks to the people of Keene for their entertainment during the session.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved and the meeting adjourned sine die.

Elder G. F. WATSON, President.
C. E. SMITH, Secretary.

WANTED—A young or middle aged man, a Seventh-day Adventist, who is not able to do heavy work, but is able to do chores and assist in general, inside and outside work around a place in a small country town. May find a good home with Doctors Fred and Edith Harrison, Stonewall, Oklahoma. Reference required.

9, p. 49. Let us all, then, strike the keynote with no uncertain sound. "Let all our people arise and see what they can do. Let them show that there is unity and strength among Seventh-day Adventists."—Ibid. Vol. 9, page 133.

"The Lord's institutions are in peril. Because of the terrible burden of debt under which our schools are struggling, the work is hindered on every side."—Ibid. Vol 6, page 469. "If Christ's words were obeyed there would be sufficient means in His treasury for the needs of His cause."—Ibid., Vol. 9, page 53.

Brethren, let us as faithful stewards return to the Lord His own; let us make a large deposit in the bank of heaven; let us show by self sacrifice that we appreciate, to some extent at least, the great sacrifice that the Lord has made for us; let us do our part in helping to finish this work, for surely it can never be finished while the Lord's institutions are so heavily burdened with debt.

May it be said now as of old, "And they came every one whose heart stirred him up, and every man whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle." Ex. 35:21. May the Lord stir us up so that with a perfect heart and a willing mind we may arise as one man and start a work which will not stop until every debt shall be wiped out, and our institutions, free from all incumbrance, will be able to send out laborers sufficient to finish the work, for the Lord will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness.

H. L. WILCOX.

STILL GROWING

The mailing list of our pioneer missionary paper continues to grow. It has had a steady increase now for several months. The present series closes in a couple of weeks, then there will be a large number of names coming out, but it ought not to mean a decrease. Let us resolve that it shall not. These clubs and singles should be continued in every case and new ones should be added so that it would mean a continual growth in the circulation of the "Signs." There are many new articles from our leading people, now in the hands of the editor. Some of these are from our mission fields. They are all good and right up to the high standard set for the "Signs." They are real missionary articles and will reach your friends. They will tell them of the progress of this great movement and the providences of God in our mission work; of this great message of truth, and in an unoffending way, leading them to a decision. They are written with this very thing in mind. Our workers are appreciating this.

One minister writes: "I know of nothing better to find open doors for the truth, and I feel crippled in my work without them. Will you try to secure me a club of fifty, if possible? I know that I can use them to good advantage."

Another minister writes I realize more and more that the third angel's

message reaches more people, and I would almost dare say, brings more to a knowledge of present truth, through the living preacher and Bible worker, though the preacher and Bible worker we must have. It was through the 'Signs' that the writer became a Sabbath-keeper. The 'Signs of the Times' was the first Advent paper I read 'Synopsis of Present Truth,' the first book."

So we see again that the "Signs" does bring people into the truth.

As we are entering upon this soul-winning campaign, let us plan good, steady, systematic work, and bring the "Signs" our pioneer missionary paper, into our confidence. It will not disappoint you. You should examine your list of friends and send the paper to several of them for at least six months. In doing this they will have the opportunity of studying the main points of the message with you. The plan is, you know, to cover the message twice a year in the "Signs." You should have a few copies for your personal use to hand out to your neighbors. If you are not already on the list and also have copies going to your friends, now is the proper time to commence. If you are a subscriber, you should examine the wrapper of your paper, and if it is soon to expire send your renewal in to your tract society at once.

LOCAL NEWS

Elder J. I. Taylor spent Sabbath with the church at Waco, Texas.

Elder G. F. Watson is spending the week at Addington, Oklahoma.

Miss Gladys Shoemaker, of Fort Worth, is attending the Colporteurs' Institute at this place.

Elder E. W. Carey will begin a tent meeting at Alvarado, Texas, the latter part of the present week.

B. B. Woodward, one of the North Texas colporteurs, is attending the institute at this place this week.

L. T. Pierce, who has been canvassing near Blum, Texas, is attending the Colporteurs' Institute at this place this week.

J. H. Monk, of Ft. Worth, Texas, spent Monday with his wife and child, who have been visiting relatives in

Keene for several days. They left for Ft. Worth Monday evening.

Lawrence Martin, of Nacogdoches, Texas, is in Keene, this week, visiting relatives and attending the Colporteurs Institute.

E. M. Davis, South Texas' Field Missionary Agent, is in Keene this week, assisting in conducting the Colporteurs Institute.

E. H. Wilcox, of Abilene, Texas, is here in the interest of the West Texas canvassing field, and is assisting in conducting the Institute.

A Missionary convention will be held in Keene next Sabbath, commencing at 11 a.m. The Convention will be concluded at the regular Missionary meeting night after Sabbath.

W. F. Field conducted a Missionary Convention at Dalworth, Texas, last Sabbath. He reports that the company at that place are interested in missionary work and are taking hold heartily to do aggressive work.

Claude Dortch, Clarence Dortch, and Miss Ethel Knight spent Sabbath in Ft. Worth, Texas, and assisted Mrs. G. F. Watson and Miss Olga Albersworth in the Sabbath School Convention at that place by rendering special music. They returned home Sunday.

L. O. Corwin and family left Keene last week for Utiila, Honduras, Bay Island, Central America. They have gone to take up the educational work in the same locality where they taught several years ago. Their many friends in this Union join in praying that the Lord may bless and prosper them in their work.

The Colporteurs' Institute being conducted at this place, is well attended, and the interest and enthusiasm of those who are planning to enter the canvassing field this summer is being increased by the good instruction given by those in charge of the Institute. Quite a large number are planning to enter the work this summer.

S. E. Splawn, who has been in feeble health for some time, died at his home in Keene last Friday. The funeral services were held in the Keene church Sabbath, at 11 a.m., followed by interment in the Keene cemetery. The following relatives were in attendance at the funeral: W. J. Splawn and wife, of Ennis, Texas; J. R. Splawn, wife and two children, Ennis, Texas; F. J. Splawn, wife and two children, Bardwell, Texas; J. W. Foster, wife and child, Bardwell; J. T. Lewis, Bardwell; J. W. Davis, Reagor Springs, Texas. All of the children, save one, Mrs. W. R. Hixon, of Pirtle, Oklahoma, were present. Obituary will be published later.

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SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

NOTICE TO ALL CHURCH MEM- BERS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

At the last meeting of the General and North American Division Conference Committees, the matter of providing some relief for our schools and institutions that are burdened with debt, was seriously considered.

It was unanimously voted to set

apart the last week in May, 1914, as "Self Denial Week," and to ask all laborers in the United States and Canada to donate to our institutions their earnings for this week. This matter was also considered at our recent Union Conference in Keene, Texas, and the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The last week in May has been set apart by the North American Division Conference as "Self Denial Week," when all of our laborers are requested to give one week's wages for the relief of our institutions, and

WHEREAS, We believe the time has come when this terrible reproach of debt should be rolled away, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That every laborer in the Southwestern Union Conference cheerfully join in this plan, and further, that we encourage the laity to unite with us in giving, in money or pledges, the value of their time, the last week in May, 1914, to apply on the indebtedness of our institutions.

This resolution passed, and almost the entire congregation at the meeting, workers and lay members, voted to give as suggested in the resolution. Perhaps you were present when the resolution was adopted, and if you were, you will remember the hearty response when the vote was taken. We sincerely hope that every church member will stand by the vote.

All money given in the Southwestern Union Conference will be applied on the indebtedness of the Keene Academy. We have the assurance of the business manager and treasurer, that not one dollar of it will be used to make improvements, but that the entire amount will be used to pay interest bearing debts.

Send money and pledges not later than May 31, to your local conference treasurer, and he will mail you a receipt for the amount and will forward the same to the Union Conference Treasurer.

C. E. SMITH.

Treas. Southwestern Union Conf.

NORTH TEXAS COLORED CAMP- MEETING

The colored camp-meeting will be held in the city of Waco, beginning July 16, and closing ten days later. Let all our colored people of North and South Texas plan to be at this

meeting. We plan on making it a spirit-filled meeting.

Let all come with well laid plans to win a soul before the meeting closes. We must seek the Lord as never before that power might be ours to prevail with men.

Those who plan on boarding themselves must bring cooking and eating vessels. Meals will be served at a low cost to all who wish to board at our dining tent. Bring bedding, sheets, etc. We will have tents on the grounds for all wishing to tent out during the meeting. Also bring an offering for the Lord, thanking Him for keeping you since the last camp-meeting; and above all bring a heart prepared to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and prepare to partake of a spiritual feast.

Let all be on the camp grounds by Wednesday, July 15, so the meeting can open on Thursday, with all present. Come praying, not to pray.

M. G. NUNES.

CAMP-MEETING DATES

The following dates have been set for camp-meetings in the various Conferences of the Southwestern Union. As soon as the places for holding the meetings have been decided upon, the same will be published.

SOUTH TEXAS:—

July 23 to August 2

NORTH TEXAS:—

July 30 to August 9

WEST TEXAS:—

August 6 to 16

ARKANSAS:—

August 13 to 23

OKLAHOMA:—

August 20 to 30

NEW MEXICO:—

August 27 to September 6

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