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## HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

F. W. Paap.

We feel so greatly encouraged over the improved conditions throughout the field that we must pass on the good word to all the toilers in the vineyard of the Lord. We are actually seeing today what the servant of the Lord saw years ago in visions of the night: "A great reformatory movement among God's people. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifested. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth." Vol. 9, p. 126.

From day to day we are receiving most encouraging reports from the various conferences, and one by one they are pursuing a more progressive policy. Home Missionary secretaries are being appointed, and almost without exception where they have Conference Home Missionary secretaries the growth and prosperity is the greatest. Our "Signs of the Times" circulation list has increased by over 17,000 and shows no idea of halting.

This great awakening is going to noticeably increase our offerings to missions. The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is going strong. We are looking for a large increase. The

writer has noticed with great pleasure the determination evidenced by so many to reach the \$6.00 per member goal. A full consecration with earnest endeavor, stickability, stick-to-it-iveness, if you please, accomplishes wonders. We trust that every believer in this great movement will get under the load, take up his cross and follow Him who said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4. We must do the will of Him that hath sent us and "finish the work."

We know that it is hard for some to break away from inborn inclinations. It costs us something to put on the armor and go forth to take up the cross and follow Christ. This is a science that must be mastered by all who stand the test of the judgment. "It is a science as much deeper, broader, higher than any human science as the heavens are higher than the earth." We are rejoiced in what God is doing in all the earth and feel to urge all who are still halting to give themselves wholly to Christ that He may possess them with His Holy Spirit and send them into the camp of the enemy to proclaim His boundless mercy. Yes, to rescue the perishing, to bring the wanderers to Jesus. This is a blessed ministry, and we are every one called to bear a part. None are excused; none who know Him want to be excused. If we are faithful, "in a little while we are going home."

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The daily reports of the great European war bring many thoughts to our minds in connection with the still greater war being waged between Christ and Satan. This war is reaching its great crisis, in the final struggle that takes place just before Christ's world. To meet this crisis, the Lord has sent forth a great cry all over the land for volunteers to enlist in active service for Him. This call is made through the home missionary movement, for the interest that is being taken in it, and the attention that has been turned to it, in so many parts of the world, shows that the movement is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The question is, how many will respond to the Lord's call to service? Many are doing so, and it is inspiring to read the good missionary reports in the union conference papers. But not all are yet working, and perhaps some who are working can do more.

There is one very important thing about this call to service, and that is that the Lord tests the love of His followers by the work they do for Him. "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me". Matt. 25:45. He said to this class, "Depart from me." Are we really followers of Christ? If we are, every call to service will be to us another opportunity to show more of our love to Jesus. We will welcome

it as giving us another outlet for the warm love we have in our hearts. Just as Christ has poured out His love for us, so we will want to pour out our love for Him. As we do this, it will come back to us in fresh evidences of the Savior's love for us.

One call to service is the plan to circulate an average of two weekly "Signs" for every church member each week. The first eight weeks of the campaign brought in additional subscriptions to the number of 17,605, but while we are very thankful for this increase through the efforts of some loyal disciples, it does not seem a very great work for 71,000 believers. We feel sure you can do better than that, for of this number one sister alone sent in 137 subscriptions.

Here is the situation: On one side is the Lord, looking longingly, yearningly, at the souls He died to save, who do not know Him. He has only one plan for reaching them and that is through the work of those who do know Him. He is depending on them to do it, but they are so slow, and time goes fast. On the other side are honest hearted people longing and groping for something, they know not what. They are unsatisfied, craving that alone which will help them,—the saving power of Christ.

Who will bring these together? Every Sabbath-keeper may have a part in doing this, and there is no better way than by circulating our literature. Just now special efforts are being made to build up the circulation of the "Signs" because it has proved again and again to be a very effective instrument for soul-saving. Are there not more who will take at least two copies of this paper each week? They cost only five cents a week, or \$1.20 for the two copies for six months, if ordered with the church club. They will sell readily, as they are full of the very things the people are interested in just now. Those who do not care to sell them can give them away, or mail them to friends and neighbors. The method of circulating them is not so important, as it is to get them into the hands of the people in some way, that the Holy Spirit may have channels through which to work.

The Lord is depending on you, and He has no other plan. You will not disappoint Him will you?

E. M. GRAHAM.

## OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

### CHURCH SCHOOL NOTES

#### Omega.—

While I was at Hitchcock I visited two church schools. The Omega school was the first one. Miss Mary Voth is teaching the school there. There has been no school at that place for several years, and when the schools were taught, they were very short lived. Miss Voth has the prospect of a successful year. The school has been in session for two months, and I trust it will continue the length of time that it was intended that it should. The work in this school is like beginning where there has never been a school. It will take some time before the grades are what they should be. This work takes time and patience. The pupils have an opportunity that we do not have in the English schools, and that is the privilege of studying German under a competent teacher.

Another advantage is having a teacher who has been a Bible worker for some time in the large cities in the State of New York. As the closing part of the message is upon us, it is important that the parents bend every energy to place the children in the schools where they will receive instruction that will fit them for service in this work. My visit to this school was a pleasant one.

#### West Cooper.—

My mind went back several years as I entered the school room where D. D. Voth is teaching. I first met him in his work at Tangier. Since then he has been connected with the work in California. I was glad to see that Mr. Voth has the school well graded. Not only is German and Bible being taught, but also the grade work of the schools is right in touch with the Course of Study. I have earnestly urged the teachers in the German schools to bring the work up to the required standard of the public schools, and it is very gratifying to see what is being done in this school. We must have our students as well qualified in the common branches as those in the public schools, and have in addition the Bible study and the German. I am sure the work of this

school will be thorough in every respect. Another special feature worth mentioning was the study of music in the opening exercises.

The industrial work and the Junior band work were discussed and an effort will be made to make a success of each. I am sure the schools will both be interested in these two lines of work and will endeavor to bring about the missionary spirit and the "home industrial work," for which credit will be given.

During Sabbath and Sunday a Home Missionary convention was held that will no doubt prove beneficial in getting the members started to work in the home missionary work. Brother W. L. Adams was in charge of the convention. Elders Shultz, Meyer and Bernard Voth rendered efficient help in the convention. Sunday afternoon a part of the time was devoted to the educational work. It came in very well, as the missionary work of the Junior Societies of the church schools was brought in connection with the other work of the church schools.

The work in various lines was planned for the different churches that are near Hitchcock. I look upon the educational work at these places as very encouraging. Two schools are in operation and another would be if the teacher could be secured. May we all be made to realize that the true object of education is to prepare the children and youth for the work of life.

ALMETTA GARRETT.

### THE BOOK WORK

A brother who worked last year with "Coming King" for a short time, writes: "I used to be afraid to show the 'Desire of Ages' because I thought it was so high priced that the people would not buy it; but I see that they will buy a big book as quick as they will a little one.

"I met a book agent who was selling a book on the European war and he was disgusted. He said he had not taken an order,—and I sold a book to his partner. I worked only a few hours but the Lord blessed me in my little effort." The report shows twenty-seven hours' work and a total of a little over \$39.00 worth of books. This is his first work for this season. He owns two fine wheat farms but expects to let others do the farming from now on until the Lord comes, and he will devote his time and en-

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**OBITUARY**  
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**HERRALD**

Travetta Herralld was born at Needmore, Oklahoma, November 23, 1900. At the age of ten she was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Oswego, Kansas. About the first of October of the present year, she was stricken with typhoid fever. Towards the close of the month she seemed to rally and there were hopes of her recovery: but her fever returned and she died the night of October 30, 1914. The

ergy to giving the Third Angel's Message through the printed page.

The Lord is calling the successful farmer, mechanic, and salesman. Have you heard His call? If you have, write to me and plan to attend our colporteurs' institute. We expect those who are coming, to arrive Sunday, January 10, 1915. Elder Watson and Brother Harrison both expect to be with us this time and we want every one to be on hand at the first meeting on Monday morning, January 11. We will follow our usual plan and rent two houses to accommodate those who attend. The meetings will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church building at 217 W. 7th Street, next door to the Oklahoma City High School.

Free board will be furnished to those who expect to engage in the colporteur work during the coming season. We expect to have an abundance of room for all who wish to attend and will furnish cots and straw free. Bring a straw tick and what bedding you will need, as the weather may be cold. The railroad fare to the Institute and back to the field of labor will be paid to those who expect to work the coming year and have delivered \$200.00 worth of books during the last year's time. The fare will be refunded to new workers when they have delivered the above amount. Bring your Bible, hymn book, prospectus, account book, and a note book. If you expect to come, write to me, so we will know how many to prepare for.

CHAS. L. COLLISON,  
 717 W. 6th St., Oklahoma, Okla.

funeral service was conducted by the write, assisted by Brother Enoch Baker. A double quartette of young people from the Ketchum church rendered very efficient help in the singing. We laid her away to rest, awaiting the call of the Lifegiver.

EZRA FILLMAN.

**FINDLEY**

Died at Roswell, Texas, November 11, 1914. Madie Findley, nee Smith. The deceased was born at Nolenville, Texas, November 18, 1877, and was at the time of her death, 36 years, 11 months, and 23 days old.

Most of her girlhood days were spent in western Texas. On March 10, 1901, she was married to H. D. Findley, at Hubbard City.

In 1902, Elder T. W. Field held a series of meetings at Roswell, at which time she heard and accepted the Third Angel's Message and her faith never wavered and she lived an earnest, consecrated life. She was a true wife and mother and endeared herself to all by her kindness and unselfishness.

She was a charter member of the Roswell church and remained faithful till her death.

A husband and five children are left to mourn their loss, but they sorrow not as those which have no hope, for truly she "sleeps in Jesus."

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Jones (Baptist), 1 Corinthians 15 being used as the basis of the remarks.

The remains were interred in the Smith Bend Cemetery to await the coming of the Lifegiver.

TRESSA A. SMITH.

**A GOOD NUMBER TO CIRCULATE**

Can the diet be healthful and attractive, and yet moderate in expense? A number of experienced cooks believe that it may be. Their message is given in the January "Life and Health." A good way to spread the gospel of health is to circulate this issue among your neighbors. Five to forty copies, 5 cents each; fifty or more copies, 4 cents each. Order of your tract society.

"Each one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness."

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**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE**  
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**AXTELL AND WACO**

Since my last report I have put forth a continuous effort at Axtell and Waco. Our regular series of meetings have been at Axtell, but we have at the same time tried to keep in touch with the work in Waco by being with the church there on Sabbaths. We are glad to report success at both places. There have been three more baptized and added to the Waco church, and twelve have taken a stand for present truth and are keeping the Bible Sabbath, at Axtell.

The town and surrounding country are thoroughly stirred, and we hope that through the further efforts of Brother and Sister Everett Hopkins, who have assisted in the past meetings, the work there will be placed on a firm basis, and that others who are deeply interested may be gently led to where they, too, will obey.

Two lots are offered us on which to erect a house of worship. Many calls have come for meetings at nearby places, but we feel that it is a safer policy for Brother and Sister Hopkins to stay close to what we have at Axtell for a while yet. We had no public opposition during the whole six weeks of our meetings, but we expect it to come soon, as our public efforts have closed. We are never sure as to what we have accomplished until the opposition comes and our work is put to a test.

We rejoice and are glad for the success the dear Lord has given in our summer and fall campaign, and now, as the winter months are here, we hope to do faithful work in holding together and seeking a better preparation and greater power for future work. From the present outlook, there remains but little time in which to finish the gospel work in the earth. But thank the Lord, we are surrounded with visible evidences that our understanding and teachings of the prophecies concerning the way this world's history is to close up, is correct, and that many who only a few years ago laughed at us and at our teachings are now coming to us for a correct understanding of the Word of God.

W. M. CUBLEY.

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All copy must be in our office on Friday before the date of publication. Copy arriving later will be held over until a subsequent issue.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

Our space is limited, and we do not solicit general advertisements. We are glad, however, to accommodate our friends who wish to advertise places for sale, or other notices considered proper to admit to the columns of this paper. We reserve the right to reject any or all advertisements. Approved advertisements will be inserted in the RECORD, reading notice style, at the following rates: Forty words or less, 50 cents for each insertion, and one cent per word for each additional word. Cash must accompany copy for all advertisements.

### "LIKE THE LEAVES OF AUTUMN"

The Turkey War Extra of "The Watchman" has been off the press just three weeks and our presses are now running on the fourth hundred thousand, with orders coming in every day calling for thousands of these papers. One very striking feature about the "Watchman" Extra is that it seems the more there are printed the faster the orders come in. We are indeed glad to see the spirit with which our people are taking hold of the "Review" and "Watchman" Extras which are being put out so cheap to enable all, both young and old, to engage vigorously and enthusiastically in the Home Missionary campaign.

Truly, the third angel's message, in printed form, is being scattered like the leaves of autumn and eternity alone will reveal the results.

The December "Watchman" is also having a ready sale. Many have said that the December issue is the best number of the "Watchman" this year. The article, "Turkey Enters the Conflict," which was written immediately after Turkey declared war on Russia, is short and to the point and has been appreciated by all who have read it.

It is becoming more and more recognized and appreciated by our people as a strong missionary magazine.

If you have friends and loved ones whom you are anxious to see interested in the truth, you could make no better present to them than to send "The Watchman" to them for a year. You can send "The Watchman" to five friends for a year for only three dollars. With an earnest prayer with the gift, who knows but that it will mean five additional souls for the kingdom? You can depend upon "The Watchman" for it never fails to sound its warnings clearly, plainly, and fearlessly.

J. L. McCONAUGHEY.

## THE WAR

"The cry is up, the strife begun,

The struggle of the mighty ones;  
And Armageddon's day draws on,

The carnival of Slaughter's sons:  
War lifts his helmet to his brow—  
O, God, protect Thy children now!"

The justification of war is the glorification of ignorance.—T. H. Nelson.

The kaiser, who last week was reported suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is reported to be recovering.

Advantages for the German armies in both the west and the east are reported in an official statement given out this week.

Four hundred thousand youths of 19 and 20, forming the class of 1915, went into training last week in military camps throughout France, to be in readiness for the spring campaign.

No good move can be made but Satan is present to try to offset it with

some evil thing. The same ship that recently carried hospital supplies and clothing for women and children in the war stricken countries, also carried 5,000,000 cigarettes for France.

Twenty cars, carrying about 1,000,000 pounds of Colorado-milled flour, the gift of the people of Colorado to Belgian war sufferers, will start from Denver this week for New York. Free transportation has been furnished by the railroads. Another train will be sent east in a few days.

Russian accounts say that more than 750,000 German and Austrian soldiers have been captured by the armies of the tsar, and are being held at various posts in the empire. It is proposed to put them to making roads and other public improvements in order that the Russian government may have some return for the expense of their maintenance.

The proposal of Pope Benedict for a truce among the warring nations during the holidays, is said by the official press bureau of Germany to have been refused by Russia. From the same source of information we learn that Shiek Kiazim, chief of the Shi-ites, who is influential in Persia, Beluchistan and Afghanistan, has proclaimed a holy war.

A dispatch from Petrograd states that a Turkish steamer loaded with wheat bound for Constantinople has been captured near the mouth of the Danube by Russian Black Sea cruisers. It is also reported that a large Turkish division has attempted in vain to enter Russia through Persian territory. The Turks have been repulsed in spite of assistance rendered by the Kurds.

Officers of the International Sunday School Association and the World's Sunday School Association stated last week that plans had been perfected to send a Bible to each soldier in the warring armies of Europe. John Wanamaker and others have guaranteed the distribution of the Bibles without expense to the contributors. Truly the Lord is preparing the way for a quick work in the earth.

"The right kind of a man always learns something worth knowing from a mistake."

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**LOCAL NEWS**  
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Miss Eula Scarborough has returned from a visit with relatives in South Texas.

Mrs. Belle Casey and children, of Fort Worth, are visiting L. H. Hewgley and family.

J. D. Casey this week received the appointment as postmaster for the Keene post office.

The New "Morning Watch Calendar" is out, and can be obtained from your tract society.

Wilson Hill, of Coalgate, Oklahoma, arrived last Wednesday and will take up work in the Academy.

J. W. Shidler, who has been visiting for some time with his daughter in North Dakota, returned to Keene last week.

Mrs. Hattie Casey and daughter, Winona, left last Thursday for Dallas, to join Mr. Casey, who is engaged in business at that place.

L. D. Leslie and family came in Tuesday from West Texas. They will make Keene their home for the remainder of the school year.

Mrs. Gertrude Bownds, of Cameron, Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Scarborough.

Arthur King, of San Antonio, arrived in Keene last Wednesday. He has taken up school work in the Academy.

Albert Priest and family arrived in Keene last Friday from Oklahoma, where Brother Priest has been engaged in the canvassing work during the past summer.

Elder W. M. Cubley spent a few days last week with his family in Keene. He left for Fort Worth to be with the church there during the Week of Prayer.

The Bookmen's Convention will convene at Nashville, Tennessee, next week. A number of representatives from this place expect to be in attendance.

Mrs. W. R. Hixon and children, of Boswell, Oklahoma, arrived in Keene this week to reside for the remainder of the school year. Brother Hixon will join his family here later.

The Week of Prayer readings are being held at the church each evening. The attendance is good and a marked interest is manifest. The Readings are also being given at the Academy chapel in the forenoons, for the benefit of the pupils who cannot attend the evening meetings.

W. T. Johnson, who has been in very poor health for some time, died at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. C. C. Cooke, Tuesday at 3 a. m. Funeral services were conducted at the church at 3 p. m. Tuesday by Elder W. A. McCutchen, after which the remains were interred in the Keene cemetery. Obituary will appear later.

**FOR SALE**

- 1 \$10.00 Dresser - - - \$5.00
  - 1 Iron Bedstead and Springs 3.50
  - 1 Nice Heater - - - 5.00
  - 1 Stand Table - - - .75
  - 1 Good Violin - - - 5.00
- Inquire at RECORD OFFICE.

**TO THOSE WHO NEED HELP**

I am pleased to announce to our people in and around Keene, that we have secured the services of Mrs. Eva Shively, M. D., who will spend a week or ten days in our school, giving lectures on healthful living, not only in what we eat and drink, but especially in what we wear.

I have been acquainted with Dr. Shively for many years, and have received great benefits from her treatments, both for my eyes and ears, as she is a specialist on the eye, ear, and throat. While she is here, those needing attention may secure it at a reduced rate.

Besides her specializing, she understands the human body and its needs. We recommend her as a true Christian physician.

G. F. WATSON.

**THE COMING OF DR. EVA M. SHIVELY**

As previously announced, Dr. Shively will arrive in Keene January 1. We had hoped to secure her much earlier, our board having voted for

her to come at the beginning of school, but it was impossible for her to do so.

She finally wrote under date of November 24: "It will be possible for me to come any time after December 20, and stay what time you think profitable. I am very sorry to put it off so long."

"I will come prepared to test eyes, make general examinations, simple laboratory tests, consultations, etc."

The Doctor has had an experience of many years in our sanitariums. Our sisters will have an unusual opportunity in being able to consult a lady physician of our faith and of such wide experience.

Doctor Shively is a public speaker and a camp meeting laborer. She is also recognized by the W. C. T. U. as a speaker on health and temperance topics.

The Doctor will have an office on the first floor of the ladies' dormitory during her stay with us. All charges for her services will be retained by the Academy to help defray the expenses of her stay with us.

C. B. HUGHES.

**DOES IT PAY?**

Our publications are often sent to individuals without any word of explanation. As a result the senders are often deprived of many encouraging letters which of necessity are addressed to the publishers. Here is one from Ireland.

"Some unknown friend has been sending me for some time, copies of the 'Signs of the Times' addressed as per inclosed. Do you know as to who sent these? They have discontinued sending them for some time, and as I am very fond of your paper and derive great help therefrom, I desire to become a direct annual subscriber. Please say if subscription must be paid in advance. If so, please say if you could supply me with back numbers from August 1 to November 1, and for how much. How shall I send the money? Please enter me as a subscriber from November 1."

This is another of the multiplying evidence that it pays to use the "Signs" in our missionary endeavors.

"The humblest worker in co-operation with Christ, may touch chords whose vibrations shall ring to the ends of the earth and make melody through the eternal ages."

## CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS CAMPAIGN

In harmony with the instruction of the Academy Board, Brother A. F. Harrison and I started about the first of last month on a tour of visiting the churches in the interest of Keene Academy, especially to interest the people in paying off the debts of that institution.

We presented the twenty-cent-a-week plan, the self-denial week, the loaning of money to the school at a low rate of interest, or depositing it without interest, but especially the selling of "Christ's Object Lessons."

We visited Dallas and Fort Worth, and then went to Oklahoma and presented the message to a number of churches there. We would have continued the work longer, but these churches took all the books we could get, so we returned to wait until arrangements could be made for more.

Everywhere we met a hearty response from the people, and with one exception, every church gave donations of money for the relief of the school, and took from twenty to one hundred books each. We trust the Lord will bless in the disposing of them, and we know He will if we go out in faith, for this is His plan for relieving the schools and there is always a blessing in carrying out His plans.

God has said through His servant, in Vol. 9, p. 248: "He has made His plans known, and all who would cooperate with Him must carry out this plan, instead of daring to attempt an improvement on it." And again on page 83: "God will be glorified by every one who takes an active interest in the work of placing these books in the hands of the multitudes who are in need of the saving truths of the gospel." We also read on page 80 of the same volume: "God desires that the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons' shall be received by all our people as his method of relieving our schools of debt." Now, brethren, let us take hold of His plans and work according to His instructions, and He will surely bless us in our efforts.

We found schools in progress at Provençe, Oklahoma City, Addington, Grandfield, Woodward, and Shattuck, and visited most of them. The teachers, who were nearly all graduates of Keene Academy, were enthusiastic in their work, and the students and par-

ents seemed to appreciate the advantages of having a school taught by God-fearing teachers. We spoke to the church at Oklahoma City on educational matters, and were with Miss Garrett in an educational convention at Addington. The people of both places seemed to appreciate the efforts in their behalf and to be encouraged to take hold of the school work with a greater zeal and earnestness than ever before.

It seems to me that we as a people are not awake to the importance of the church school work as we should be. God has given us an educational system, which, if carried out and supported and patronized as it should be, will save our boys and girls as they come to maturity, from going off with the world, and will soon furnish laborers enough to finish the work.

"There are two classes of educators in the world. One class is made up of those whom God makes channels of light, the other of those whom Satan uses as his agents." Counsels to Teachers, p. 25.

Now, if we place our children under the influence of the second class, what can we expect but to lose them in the end? However, the danger is not altogether in the teachers, but the system of education is also largely to blame. There are two systems of education in the world—the wisdom of this world, and the wisdom of God, as brought to view in 1 Cor. 2:6, 7. We read also in the first chapter and twenty-first verse of the same book: "For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God." Therefore the wisdom of the world leads away from God and is directly responsible for the widespread infidelity and skepticism of these days. It is based entirely on the researches and discoveries of man, regardless of the direct revelation of God, and tends to develop a spirit of self-exaltation. The vital difference between the two systems is this: The one leads us to work solely for ourselves, the other to labor only for the good of others.

Which system are we patronizing today? From which class of teachers are our children receiving their instruction? Are we receiving our knowledge from the God of heaven, or are we "seeking to the god of Ekron?" Let us heed the admonition of Revelation 18:4: "Come out of her my people," and for the sake of the children

## JANUARY WORKER

The January "Worker" is just from the press. The following are features in it that are especially nice:—

An attractive New Year's motto which may be reproduced on a chart and used during the quarter.

The first of the five-minute exercises on the commandments, to be used in connection with the new Ten Commandment Cards.

The words and music of a song especially appropriate for the children.

The new feature of the Lesson Helps to be used in connection with the study of Matthew, are the "Eye-gate" pictures, one for each lesson; a table scene showing the use of blocks and sticks in illustrating. A wealth of information, pictures and drawings, is given in connection with each lesson, which will be helpful to the teachers of all divisions.

Full information concerning the plans for the Training Course beginning in February.

The last page is worthy of careful reading. When you have read it, you will know exactly what to do next.

Every teacher not having access to the "Sabbath School Worker" during 1915, will miss that which is of vast importance. It may be just what you need to win your pupils to Christ. The price is only thirty-five cents each, for a club of two or more.

The salt beds of Chile alone could supply the world with salt for ages to come, the mineral being found in large deposits ninety-nine per cent pure.

Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have, all they have had, and all they expect to have.—Hale.

who are yet with us, do not lead any of them into the cage of devils and foul spirits, and unclean and hateful birds, brought to view in the first three verses of that chapter.

The question comes to us today as it did to ancient Israel, when assembled before the prophet of God upon the summit of Mount Carmel: "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him."

H. L. WILCOX.

## REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK, INCLUDING MAGAZINE SALES, IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 5

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERED
<b>ARKANSAS</b>								
C. W. Cutter, Rison		BR	49	12		11 80	11 80	41 00
G. C. Jenks, Hot Springs		BR	18	11	31 00		31 00	
J. F. Adams, Conway		PP	224	111				396 00
W. F. Nance, Helena		CK		1	1 50		1 50	
J. E. Mitchell, Pine Bluff		BFL	16					7 50
		Bibles			11 25		11 25	
		Mag						2 00
Agents 5			307	135	43 75	11 80	55 55	446 50
<b>SOUTH TEXAS</b>								
Z. S. Arey, Brenham		DR	28	1	3 00	50	3 50	6 00
C. H. Chenault, Wharton		DR	66	23	40 50	2 55	43 05	
J. R. Douglas, Corpus Christi		DR	45	46	60 65		60 65	
Mrs. Kelley, Houston		Mag	56		89 10		89 10	89 10
A. Williman, Bellville		PG	51	1	43 50		43 50	25 00
H. W. Barto, Provident Co.		PG	30	9	30 00	3 50	33 50	
Agents 6			276	80	266 75	6 55	273 30	120 10
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>								
F. G. Montoya,		PP	60	61	183 00		183 00	115 00
J. D. Leslie, El Paso		PG	30	10	26 00		26 00	23 00
Mrs. J. D. Leslie, El Paso		Mag	4		19 50		19 50	19 50
E. G. Truitt, W. Mound		PG						379 00
		Misc						298 00
Agents 4			94	71	228 50		228 50	834 50
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>								
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		DR	3			75	75	28 00
A. Drew, Perry		BR	52	6	18 00	2 75	20 75	
Mrs. Drew, Perry		PG	7	4	12 00		12 00	
R. B. Dyer, Waurika		DR	12	3	11 00	25	11 25	
J. G. Gaede, Weatherford		DA	27	16	36 00	1 25	39 25	
Mrs. Haddock, Yale		PG	12			10 25	10 25	9 00
Etta Hewgley, Omega		PPF	6					13 50
K. A. Haffner, Carrier		PP	3					9 50
T. J. Hooper, Ketchum		DR	39					240 75
M. W. Harrold, Ketchum		PPF	30					128 00
O. Hawkins, Ames		PP	28					107 00
Geo. Hauf, Grandfield		PPF	43					256 00
Mrs. Korn, Newkirk		PPF	6					38 50
I. N. Long, Ketchum		BR	5					29 50
C. Lockridge, Ketchum		BR	3					33 00
R. V. Lockridge, Ketchum		DR	2					11 50
J. C. Larson, Kaw		DR	10					57 00
Mrs. McCurdy, Walter		PPF	20					100 00
C. G. Ortner, Perry		GC	34					144 00
E. J. Kraft, Fairview		PG	45	20	65 00		65 00	
Mrs. Oldson, Bartlesville		HW	30	35	20 00		20 00	
Mrs. Schilt, Copan		Mag	6		4 50		4 50	4 50
J. D. Vincent, Buffalo		BR	27					110 00
		Bibles			3 80		3 80	15 05
Agents 23			250	84	183 30	15 25	195 55	1334 00

## "THE UNITED STATES IN PROPHECY"

In view of the tremendous events now transpiring in the Old World with such sudden and startling rapidity, there is a deep interest being manifested on the part of thinking men and women everywhere in regard to the future of the United States.

Many are therefore being led to inquire as to whether or not this country, which has so marvelously risen to preeminence as a world power in only a century of time, is noticed in the prophecies of the Bible. Other great nations have been mentioned and their careers foretold by the Bible seers. Is it therefore not reasonable to believe that so great a nation as ours and one that has had so much to do with the political and religious welfare of mankind, has received notice in the Word of God? If so, will the United States, like the nations of Europe at the present time, ever become involved in a general war? What part is this nation destined to act in the great drama which the nations are playing today, as well as in the closing scenes of this world's history?

The Southern Publishing Association has just issued a book entitled, "United States in Prophecy, or Our Country, Its Past, Present, and Future, and What the Scriptures Say of It", which answers these and many other similar questions beyond the shadow of a shade. It was written by L. A. Smith, Editor of the "Watchman" magazine, and it seems very opportune that he should have it completed at this time when there is such a deep interest in regard to the future of this nation.

The publishers are most agreeably surprised at the hearty reception this book is receiving. It was thought that some little time would be required for our people to become acquainted with its exceptional value, but contrary to all expectations, it seems to fill such a long felt want in our literature that it is having a splendid sale from the very start, as orders for both books and prospectuses are being received from all parts of the United States. It contains that part of the message which is greatly needed at present.

"United States in Prophecy" is a subscription book of 512 pages and over 200 illustrations. It is bound in two styles as follows, Leather \$3.00;

cloth \$2.00. The price of prospectus is 75 cents postpaid. All orders should be addressed to your tract society.

## ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS

Discipline: How often people tell us "I know better than I am doing." Does it not strike a responsive chord in our hearts? Do we not know to do things and then drift because it is easier? Some of these cold mornings we do not rise on time; it looks rainy and we do not start to our territory; we have some hard studying to do, but it is so much easier to simply read; we have a report to prepare but we can do that tomorrow; we wish to buy something but do not have the money just now, but some tract society money is handy and we use that, thinking "we can replace it next week", and drifting, drifting, drifting, we go over the falls into oblivion.

It was the Lord's plan that Adam should have dominion, he should be a ruler, and of course should rule himself. The wise man said, "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

"God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and not allow one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected. Let no one say "I cannot remedy my defects of character". If you come to that decision you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. The impossibility lies in your own will." C. O. L., p. 331.

"The importance of little things is often underrated because they are small, but they supply much of the actual discipline of life. The defects cherished in dealing with life's minor details pass into more important affairs. He acts on the principle to which he has accustomed himself. Thus actions repeated form habits, habits form character, and by our character our destiny for time and eternity is decided." p. 356.

"This is as true in forming good habits as it is of evil. We can accustom ourselves to do our work the best way, to do faithful work, to be faithful in every way, and may acquire ability to do the very best of service. By faithfulness in little duties, we are

to work on the plan of addition, and God will work for us on the plan of multiplication. Through the right use of our talents we may link ourselves by a golden chain to the higher world." p. 360.

"Self-discipline must be practiced by every one who would be a worker for God. This will accomplish more than eloquence or the most brilliant talents. An ordinary mind, well disciplined, will accomplish more and higher work than will the most highly educated mind and the greatest talents without self-control." p.365.

C. J. DART.

## SIGNS WEEKLY

Every lover of this great cause, and especially those who have taken hold with a new grip in connection with the call for advance moves all along the line, will appreciate the success that is attending our united efforts in increasing the circulation of the "Signs of the Times" weekly. When the campaign opened the subscription list stood at about 15,000. It has now passed the 30,000 mark, and the orders are rolling in.

Brother Hoskin, who has been with the "Signs" for years as circulating manager, says, "that they have never before seen anything like the flood of orders that is pouring in". Praise the Lord for this.

Have you, dear reader, ordered your two copies? Is this great increase due to your sympathy? If every believer in the North American Division Conference were doing as well as you are, where would our list stand? By the way, we would like to suggest that you make an effort to secure subscriptions from your friends and neighbors. This is a good time. We want to see the list rise till we reach the 100,000 mark. Will you help us? We would be glad to hear from you regarding your efforts with this soul-winning agency. F. W. PAAP.

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"Some temptations come to the industrious," said Spurgeon once, 'but all temptations come to the idle.' The old and good remedy against a besetting sin is to leave neither time nor room for it anywhere in life, and so crowd it out steadily and surely from its old place of power."