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CAMP MEETING DATE

Oklahoma, General, August 19 to 29
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OFFICE NOTES

A few items from the office and its work may possibly be of some interest, so we pass some of them on to you.

Although a number of different causes have hindered our business somewhat during the first part of this year, we find that our sales for the first five months compare very favorably with the first five months of 1914. The months of March and May had a nice little gain over the sales for the corresponding months of last year. Some comparisons here might be of interest, but for lack of space, and inasmuch as these will be given at the coming camp meeting and conference session in August, we will not give them in this article.

There are many encouraging features about our sales. While our regular subscription books are still having a large sale through the faithful efforts of our colporteurs, new publications which are coming from the press from time to time are by no means neglected. Our sales for the "World's Crisis" have already run into the thousands, and even to this day it is a hard matter to keep them in stock. Its companion book, "The Shadow Of The Bottle," also promises to have a good sale in our state.

There seems to be a great demand for the Present Truth Series. A number of individuals have ordered in quantities of one thousand lots for personal use in missionary endeavors, and our tent companies and church missionary societies are also using them. Our periodicals and tract business is good. One individual has

recently ordered more than \$9.00 worth of tracts at one time.

We always keep a complete line of tracts on hand. It is our purpose to keep a liberal supply of other materials on hand to accommodate the trade, especially those which are of so much importance in missionary endeavor. At the present time we have a nice supply of the "Morning Watch Calendars" for this year. Send five cents in stamps for a copy, if you are not already supplied.

We earnestly solicit your orders. Up-to-date catalogs of publications may be had for the asking. We would also like to furnish you some attractive prices and special discounts on slightly damaged and shelf-worn stock. Write for particulars.

In this connection, we extend an invitation to each of you to come prepared to get some real genuine bargains at the book stand on the camp ground this summer. When we consider the times in which we are living, and realize the fact that people are hungry for the truth contained in our publications, it does seem that we would use more of them.

Up till the middle of June almost four million copies of the "Review" war extras and Present Truth Series had been used. What will we as colporteurs and home missionary workers do to further our sales and thus get our truth before the people? It has been suggested that a man's interest in the circulation of our literature, and progress of the message is measured by the size of his orders.

Think it over, and then show your interest by a continuous flow of good, big orders in to the office.

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

"A just man walketh in his integrity."

NOTICE

If any of the churches or isolated members have failed thus far to send in the report of the missionary work for quarter ending June 30, we will appreciate it very much if they will send it immediately to the tract society. We should have all these reports not later than the middle of July, so we can send them on to the missionary department at Washington for publication.

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

THE GUTHRIE CHURCH

The Guthrie church was organized about twenty-two years ago by Elders E. T. Russel, Elders Russel, Ascraft, Parmele, and Jenson having labored here some during the early history of the church. More recently Elders Isaac, Clausen and Coblenz have encouraged us by occasional visits. The membership has varied from one cause and another, during the past years, and at present is not so large as at some times in the past. Satan has tried hard to suppress the truth in Guthrie, yet there have always been those here who have been faithful in holding up the light of truth. The membership is increasing, and the church is in good condition spiritually, and is doing a part better financially, than for some years past. A missionary movement has been started in which every one who is able to do so takes an active part in systematic tract work.

We expect, if possible, to have a church school here this winter.

Mrs. O. M. HINDBAUGH.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Oklahoma City, August 19 to 29, with the camp meeting. Those who will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business that may properly come before the conference. The first meeting of the conference will be held Friday, August 19, at 9 a. m. All delegates are requested to be present at the opening session.

JOHN ISAAC,

WILLIAM VOTH, Sec.

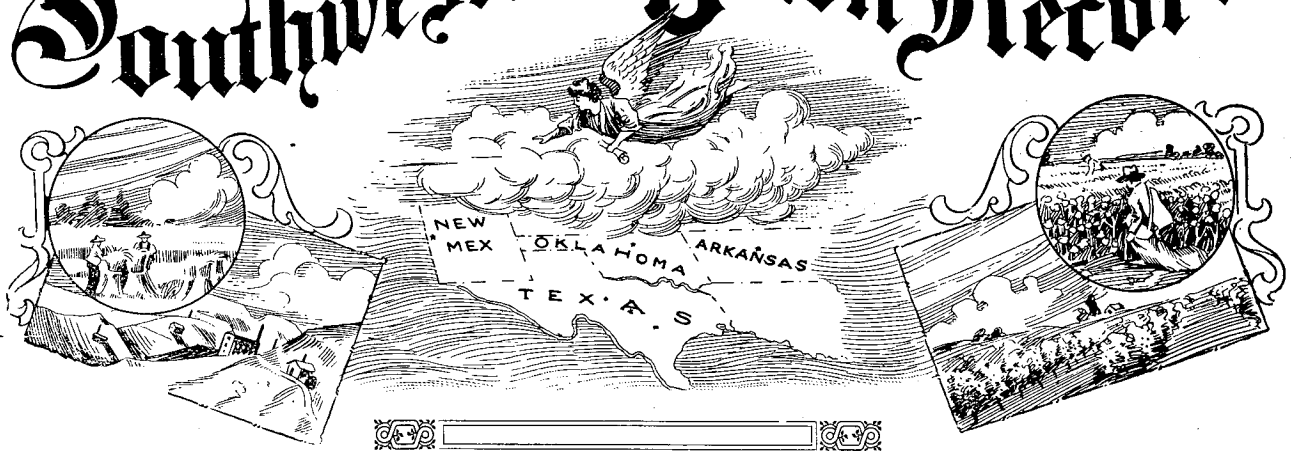
OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene August 26, 1915, at ten o'clock a. m., at the camp ground at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to elect a Board of Trustees, and to transact such other business as may properly come before its constituency.

JOHN ISAAC, Pres.

W. L. ADAMS, Sec.

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CAMP MEETING, OKLAHOMA CITY, AUG. 19-29, 13th. and LINCOLN

THE OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CAMP-MEETING

It is with great pleasure that we look forward to this meeting of special blessings and time of refreshing, when the Lord meets His people in a special manner to bless and to own. The camp meetings among us, as a people, are of the Lord's own choosing, just as the annual gatherings in Israel of old were, which served a special purpose. There the Lord met with His people, which rejoiced their hearts and encouraged them in His service. Today we may expect still greater blessings at our camp-meet-

ings if we heed His voice, for now we live in the closing days of probation and the last camp meeting will soon be a thing of the past. It means more to us to take an active part in these gatherings than we may realize.

In Vol. VI, p. 31, of the Testimonies, we read: "The camp meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement. Ambition and war, pleasure and money making, absorb the minds of men. Satan sees that his

time is short, and he has set all his agencies at work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced, until probation shall be ended and the door of mercy be forever shut." On page 32 this statement is made: "Our camp meetings have another object, preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people." This we all desire. We must hasten to get ready for the judgment day. On page 42 of Vol. VI, we read: "Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care." These things are given for our encouragement and

comfort. They also should lead us on to greater efforts in this closing work.

The camp meeting will be held in Oklahoma City, August 19 to 29. We have secured a very pleasant location. Taking all things into consideration, Oklahoma City a most convenient and desirable place. We are expecting good help from the General Conference for the full ten days of the meeting, and also expect as many of our people as possibly can to attend. Remember that one purpose of our camp meetings, as stated above, is "to promote spiritual life among our own people." Begin at once to plan and make arrangements to attend. Tents will be provided as usual.

The churches will elect delegates in due time as usual. Each church is entitled to one delegate at large, and one additional delegate for each fifteen of its membership.

We shall be glad to see as many of the isolated as can possibly come. The conference church will have a meeting and celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house. Last year we were not able to do this for lack of a place and needful things for that purpose, but here in the city we have our church building, which will make it very pleasant for the occasion.

JOHN ISAAC.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

In comparing the reports of the Oklahoma Young People's and Junior Missionary Volunteer societies for two quarters, I am very glad to note that our summary ending in March has gone beyond the previous quarter's record in most of the items, except in the offerings given. Some of the societies failed to report, and some other mistakes were made by those not understanding the plan, so a few of the reports were held over until necessary changes could be made.

The revised blanks simplify the matter of reporting considerably and I believe all understand the plan thoroughly by this time. The necessity of diligence and faithfulness in the matter of reporting regularly, promptly, and accurately has been urged strongly upon the societies and I trust all will regard this work as a matter of vital importance. A copy of the totals for the first three months

of this year has been sent to each society and the report ending in June will appear in a later issue of the RECORD.

I am glad to see the interest taken in the Standard of Attainment work. Twenty members of one church took the examination in Bible Doctrines, and some in other churches have finished in both subjects. All of our people are being encouraged to study for Attainment and many are responding. I believe that if all will do this, it will bring new life and power into our hearts, and increase our love for the truth.

Let us not forget our reading courses, but let us finish the work begun and attain our goal in this particular item. A few of our ambitious young people have determined to read all the books in the past courses, and they assure me they are being amply repaid for the effort put forth. Surely those who have enrolled in but one or two courses can complete the work before camp meeting. Review questions on any of the books will be sent for the asking.

It is pleasing indeed to note the effort put forth by some of our young people and children to reach the financial part of the goal. They have missionary gardens, missionary chickens, a share in the "acre fund," and in various ways plan and work to earn the amount. I am sure with the liberal arrangements we have of reporting everything they give to foreign missions except the Sabbath school offerings, we can reach a much higher standard than we did last year. Remember this money all applies on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. So let us all go to work in earnest to accomplish much, and great blessings will follow the effort.

FAYE EAGLE,
Y. P. M. V. Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF OKLAHOMA

The first church school of Oklahoma was taught in Oklahoma City by Mrs. Hattie Sorenson, in 1898-99. Since that time the schools have grown till they number twenty, with twenty-six teachers, besides student-teachers and three home teachers. The enrolment has reached over five hundred.

The length of the terms of the present year has been extended in a num-

ber of schools. The work has not only increased in numbers, but the thoroughness of the work has also been satisfactory. In comparing the work of other conferences with Oklahoma, we find it is not surpassed in number of teachers or enrolment.

Eighteen students completed the eighth grade and received their certificates. Students completing this grade are required to take the state examination questions, besides the Bible. By doing this, the work of the schools is accredited, not only by our Union Conference Academy, but also by the public schools. We endeavor, and have succeeded in reaching the required standard around. Fifteen students completed the ninth and tenth grade work in the intermediate schools.

We have two intermediate schools in the state. The first one organized was at Addington, during the winter of 1907. It was then a church school. Mrs. N. R. Hickman was the first teacher. The work developed and increased until it was decided in 1910 to raise the standard to that of an intermediate school. Successful work has been done. The year 1914-15 has been the banner year for the number completing the eighth and ninth grades. The first certificate for the completion of the tenth grade work was issued this year. The teachers for the past year were Prof. O. P. Wilson, Brother W. P. Seals and Mrs. Grace Wilson.

The financial prospects for the advancement of the work were never better. While the past year has been a successful one, yet the outlook for excellent work is still bright. At the last board meeting, Professor J. H. Ball was elected as principal, Brother W. P. Seals and Miss Jessie Casey as assistants.

The Ketchum Intermediate School is located at Ketchum, Oklahoma. This school started in 1906, with Mrs. Thos. Baker as teacher. The school made a healthy growth and in order to meet the increasing needs, it became necessary to provide an intermediate department. In the fall of 1911 school opened for an eight-months' term with two teachers in charge. Ketchum has the honor of the first tenth grade students receiving certificates for the completion of the intermediate work. Professor A. W. Peterson, as principal, and Miss



SHATTUCK SCHOOL, AND HOME FOR TEACHERS

Letha Taylor, with some student help, constituted the faculty for the past year. The same teachers were re-elected, also Miss Barthia Dunn, for the coming year. The work of the past has been satisfactory, yet the future promises much for the work here.

The German schools are another interesting feature of the work. The largest school is located at Shattuck. The work began there with Bernard Voth as teacher. As the work grew, a school building of two rooms was erected, and a cottage of six rooms for a family and the teachers' boarding place. The school is situated in the center of a rich German locality. Two teachers were employed last year, H. W. Schmidt and Miss Irene Couch. The work under the supervision of two teachers has helped to raise the standard of the school.

Time and space will not permit us to make special mention of any more English or German schools, but the outlook for the future prosperity of the educational work was never better. Teachers are being selected for next year. We have a state calendar, with regulations and courses of study. The grade work is systematized, and the aim is that the work may reach the standard in every respect. A spirit of co-operation exists throughout the conference.

A good class of young people is being trained for work in the master's vineyard,—trained to give the message in this generation,—“and they shall all be taught of God.”

ALMETTA GARRETT.

THE WORK IN GENERAL

Every member of the Oklahoma Conference is interested in the progress of the work, not only of some special line, but in general. It is a mistaken idea, however, that the responsibility for the advancement of the work rests wholly upon the conference workers. Every church is responsible for the place and vicinity in which it is located. Every isolated member has a definite mission to perform in the home town or place, for the Lord gave “to every man his work.”

There are different ways and means by which the work may be done by each believer, but we will only mention one or two here, which seem to be the most effective in witnessing for the truth. First, a quiet Christian life. Every believer is watched closely, and it is soon known whether the every-day life corresponds with the profession of the individual. People who love the Lord, but have not the light that we have, are watching to see if the Christ-life shines forth from us. In “Early Writings,” under “Subsequent Visions,” paragraph 5, is this statement: “I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. . . . And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they

came out and endured the persecution with us.” This is soon to be experienced by God's people, but now is the time to point the honest in heart to Christ by a consecrated, noble life. Then, in connection with this, we can use our truth-filled tracts and other literature, which will “expound unto them the way of God more perfectly.” We are glad that this is being done by the missionary societies and many isolated members with the result that many are accepting the truth and many calls come to us for ministerial help which we are not able to answer as soon as we would desire, but we are doing our very best, and hope to answer them all some time.

Our ministers and Bible workers are kept very busy day by day. We might give a report of their work, but space does not permit here. The Lord is blessing them in the work of soul-saving, and we are looking for a report from them, not only in this special, but also in the weekly RECORD. You will also find a report from the secretaries of the other departments in this number.

We are of good courage, and the reasons for this were never so great as they are now, and we work and pray and hope for still greater progress.

JOHN ISAAC.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The three goals kept before the schools are: “Daily Study of the Sabbath School Lessons,” “Personal Work for Every Pupil,” and “Fifteen Cents a Week Per Church Member Through the Medium of the Sabbath Schools.” These, with other topics, have been considered in conventions. I have been greatly encouraged to note that the members are enthused with the spirit of these aims and are united in their best efforts in reaching them.

All seem to realize, as never before, the need of giving attention to the admonition to us from the Spirit of the Lord with reference to the importance of a regular study of the Sabbath school lessons, and by determined effort many have set apart the appropriate hour of family worship for this daily study. It is impossible to estimate the good results of thus giving attention to the daily food nec-

essary to sustain spiritual life in the individual.

Teachers and officers have set about reaching the goal of seeing the unconverted in our Sabbath schools won to Christ. The Spirit of the Lord has worked with them and souls have been brought to a knowledge of Christ. Twenty-four pupils were baptized during the past quarter.

To reach the financial goal will require the united efforts of both old and young. A few of the schools are approaching the goal and I believe that these, with others, can fully reach it if we all put forth our best effort. The Mission Clock is being effectively used. Anything of this kind is of great value, for it lets us know all the time just what we are doing and what we ought to be doing. The first four months of this year the Sabbath schools averaged only a little over six cents a week per church member, but we expect to greatly increase these figures with the report ending in June. The summary, when made up, will appear in the RECORD.

Brother and Sister Collison and I were with the members at Crescent, Oklahoma, June 12, where we assisted in a Sabbath school and Young People's Missionary Volunteer convention. One pleasing and noticeable feature of the convention was that not one who had been assigned a part on the program was absent. It made our hearts thrill with joy and thanksgiving to hear their voices ring out in songs of praise to God. Many expressed themselves as having enjoyed a profitable occasion.

Sunday evening a temperance program was given under the direction of Miss Esther Knudson, which consisted of music, recitations, talks, etc. Regardless of the threatening weather a large number gathered for the program and we felt that it was good to have been there.

FAYE EAGLE.

THE GERMAN WORK IN OKLAHOMA

The German work is a very important part of the conference. We have sixteen German churches with a membership of six hundred and fifty, which is one-third of the conference constituency. The missionary societies are doing good work, through which several have been brought into the truth.

Active work has also been done in the churches and a number of the young people and relatives of our church members have been baptized from time to time.

Last year the German churches in general reached the twenty-cent-a-week goal. There were only five churches that did not quite reach that goal, but the rest gave from twenty to forty cents a week per member, which more than made up what the five were lacking. Two of these have started out well this year; so far they have averaged about thirty cents on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.

Over \$1100.00 has been paid in this year for the Clinton German Seminary, and pledges amounting to more than that are expected to be paid in after harvest. Practically all of our German people have wheat farms, and the prospects for a good harvest were never better. This will enable all to raise the funds for missions. These who are in business of some other kind are very prosperous and are contributing freely to the same good cause.

We fully believe that the German churches will reach their quota again this year. They all have a love for the cause of God, and have done nobly for the advancement of the same, besides giving liberally of their means. They are strong believers in the doctrine of the apostle James when he says: "Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. . . . By works faith is made perfect . . . and without works faith is dead."

JOHN ISAAC.

MISSIONARY WORK IN OKLAHOMA

About three years ago the church missionary work began to be agitated in Oklahoma. Some efforts had been made prior to that time, but little effort had been made to interest the people publicly along this line. This was long before the Department was organized by the General Conference, with secretaries for both the state and the North American Division. Some efforts had been made before that time by having heads of other departments look after this line along with other duties, but little progress resulted from such efforts.

The activities of the Oklahoma City

church were perhaps the first to be brought to the attention of the people. This was reported publicly at the camp meetings, and the results were so apparent that other churches soon took up the same line of effort. There was no spasmodic attempt to build up a temporary work, but there was a determination on the part of those at the head of the movement to give the truth to the people. Literature was distributed in every way possible. A plan of distributing tracts in a systematic way was perfected, and that work has gone on almost without a break since that time. Tracts have been systematically distributed in Oklahoma City to nearly all the town. More than a thousand blocks have been worked in that way, taking the tracts six times, covering the leading points of the truth.

The camp meetings have been a time of giving assistance to the delegates and members in attendance by practical suggestions for the church and home missionary work. Besides this, we have held a number of conventions, both among the English and the Germans. All have been well pleased with the results of these efforts. At some of these conventions much literature has been purchased by the people, and this has been used to great advantage. Usually two days have been used in these conventions, and this has given time to get the main points and plans for work before the people. In some of these we have had both the Missionary Volunteer work and the work of the regular church missionary society considered. This has brought a unity of effort that has been very satisfactory.

This work is all one. Our Missionary Volunteers have shown a willingness to assist in all the lines of work to be done. We recognize the officers of the church as the promoters of all the activities of the church, and the missionary society the parent of the Missionary Volunteers.

A number of other churches soon took up the work, and were organized for active work. Regular missionary societies sprang up in most of the larger churches and these, in connection with the Missionary Volunteer societies, have done a splendid work in the state.

What have been the results. Two very noticeable things have happened as a consequence of this activity,—a

spirituality not prevailing before, and the addition of members to the churches. Before any very great missionary work can be possible, there must be a putting away of differences, and placing of self on the altar for service. We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that inactivity is one of the prime causes for dissatisfaction and spiritual slumber. That being true, the way to remedy the situation is for all to assume the place of responsibility and usefulness that belongs to them, and cease to work contrary to divine principles.

In some churches especially, many additions have been made to the church without the aid of the minister. In others, the work has been done in such a way that, with the aid of the minister for a few days, additions have been made. I well remember of whole families who have been brought into the truth by this individual missionary work. Many useful persons have been brought into the truth in this way.

All over the land there are persons who are educated and who may, with but a short training in the message we bear, be convinced of our truth and become great factors for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God on earth.

Now that this work is being placed on a sure footing and secretaries are being selected for the purpose of training the churches for work, we expect much more to be done than before. We have long been looking for the mighty work to be accomplished during the "Loud Cry," and I firmly believe that this will come to us when all our people shall have entered this work in some way. This home missionary work is intended to bring into active service every true Seventh-day Adventist. May God hasten the day when not only Oklahoma, but every member of the church will have fully surrendered himself to the Lord for His service.

W. L. ADAMS.

OKLAHOMA CITY CHURCH

The Oklahoma City Seventh-day Adventist church was organized December 2, 1892, by Elder R. H. Brock. Sixteen persons entered the organization at that time. Since then the work has been going steadily forward. In 1900 the building shown by the cut on cover page, was erected by the

church and conference combined. The first floor is occupied by the conference and state tract society offices, and the church school, while the entire second floor is used for church and Sabbath school purposes.

Under the leadership of Sister G. J. Shields, the several home missionary bands are doing good work, constantly bringing new members into the church. Besides the regular Sabbath meetings, public services have been held every Sunday night during the winter, with fair attendance. At present the membership numbers two hundred and eighteen.

N. CLAUSEN.

OKLAHOMA CITY CHURCH MISSIONARY REPORT

Having been requested to give a report of the missionary work done by this church during the last three years, I submit the following:

When the writer returned to Oklahoma City, after a protracted stay in New Mexico, and found no organized missionary society, she prayed earnestly that the Lord would help her to organize the church into small companies, according to the instructions given in Volume VII of the "Testimonies." The instructions especially emphasize systematic missionary work. I talked with the members and found many willing and anxious to take up this work.

The first band was organized at my home, where we decided to select tracts that would contain the principal points of our faith, which were:

1. "How Esther Read Her Bible."
2. "The Coming of the Lord."
3. "The Signs of His Coming."
4. "Is Man Immortal?"
5. "Is Sunday the Sabbath? or Sunday in a Nutshell."
6. "Health and Temperance."

Each person was allotted territory and was to finish it by going over it six times, leaving one tract a week.

Seven bands were organized, with a total of forty-five members. Since then the membership has decreased. However, the Lord has wonderfully blessed His work, as the following report will show, and to Him we give praise:

Letters written, 776.
Letters received, 271.
Bible readings or cottage meetings held, 467.

Missionary visits, 3,163.

Number attending readings, 490.

Subscriptions taken for periodicals, 262.

Papers sold, 1366.

Papers mailed, lent, or given away, 5,324.

Books sold, 163.

Books lent or given away, 395.

Tracts sold, 128.

Tracts lent or given away, 11,111.

Hours of Christian help work, 3,690.

Articles of clothing given away, 983.

Number of meals provided, 744.

Treatments given, 164.

Signers obtained to temperance pledge, 68.

Offerings to home missions, \$100.94.

Offerings to foreign missions, \$57.46.

Value of literature sold, \$60.03.

Children brought to Sabbath school, 37.

Sick persons assisted, 168.

Miscellaneous gifts, 22.

Scripture cards given, 23.

Boquets given, 106.

Bible readers obtained, 73.

Relief books sold, 4.

Reading racks filled, 29.

Value of books sold, \$205.00.

Number of converts, 38.

Blocks worked in Oklahoma City, 704.

Mrs. GEO. J. SHIELDS, Leader.

OKLAHOMA CITY

When I made my last report to the RECORD, I was on my way to Achille, Oklahoma. At that place I spent several days and had some good meetings with the little company.

We had the privilege of baptizing five adults there, and left about ten obeying, with a nice little Sabbath school.

At the present, Elder Clausen and the writer are starting a series of tent meetings in Oklahoma City. We have a nice location for our tents in a large neighborhood of the middle class, our attendance seems to be growing, and we are trusting the Lord to help us do what we can to move the people and convert such as are honest in heart.

City work in these days is quite difficult, and is becoming more and more so with each passing year. As it was in the days of John's message, so it is today. The first part of the Elijah message, telling of the first coming of Jesus, met much opposition

among His people then. We cannot expect less now, when the second part of the Elijah message is going, telling of the second advent. Their message was reformatory—so is ours. They went to the lost sheep of the house of Israel—we are calling men out of Babylon. They were sent forth as “lambs in the midst of wolves”—are not we? And as we become more like lambs, they will become more like wolves. Let us also remember that as they were told that before they could reach all the cities of Israel the Son of Man would come, we may expect that before we reach all the cities the Lord will cut the work short and the kingdom will come.

Many people in church and state, who see evil ahead, are crying out an alarm, but their voices seem to be unheeded—sin has gone too far. The devil has the advantage, and the wickedness of our time seems like some huge stone rolling down a mountain-side. It can neither stop nor be stopped.

Strange inconsistencies are to be seen on every hand. Many are praying for peace and preparing for war, while it becomes more and more evident that such things only add confusion to fear. Everything seems to be out of gear—millions fighting through hatred and fear; hundreds trying to stop it and can't; thousands looking on and asking “what next?” while millions in the midst of the storm are rocked to sleep on the theological lap of the age.

The tempest seems to be gathering rapidly from all directions, and the growing indifference on the part of the masses to hear the Word of God sends forth an appeal to all true Christians that is truly pathetic.

C. M. McDONALD.

FIELD REPORT

Since my last report I have labored a few days at Ketchum, and then baptized eight and received one into the church. This was largely the result of church work and a meeting held by Brother Ezra Fillman near there.

As our tent had not yet arrived, I then went to Blue Jacket and held meetings a few days with them, and these meetings seemed to be very much appreciated. We then went to Bernice, and from there hauled our tent ten miles to Grove, and pitched

it on a hill in a very nice place, and then started meetings which have continued each evening since. There have been severe storms of wind and rain almost every day, yet we have kept our tent up all the time, which has given the people confidence, and our attendance has increased gradually until last night our tent was nearly full, our congregation being composed of some of the most influential people of the city.

Last night we had a terrible storm; lightning struck near our tent, but thanks be to the Lord, we were unharmed. We are trusting in Him for wisdom and to guide us in all things, that we may gain souls from the rubbish of sin and see them polished for the heavenly garner. Surely the Lord is using the elements to wake the people out of the death-stupor that has settled down upon them. Our courage is good.

J. R. BAGBY.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND CAMP MEETING

“It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our members are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

“Some will say, ‘It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.’ Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertions to attend the gathering of God’s people.

“Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

“Anciently the Lord instructed His

people to assemble three times a year for His worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God’s mercies, to make known His wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to His name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial service which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts, and through their associations together in this sacred service, they were to be bound close to God and to one another.

“In the days of Christ these feasts were attended by vast multitudes of people from all lands; and had they been kept as God intended, in the spirit of true worship, the light of truth might through them have been given to all the nations of the world.

“With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

“If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!

“This is the time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice

to do so. Go with a will to work, and make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments. Help those who are interested to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging. Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accompany you. God will do great things for His people. He will bless every effort to honor His cause and advance His work."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI.

SUNDAY INDICTMENTS IN OKLAHOMA

Four brethren, D. J. and I. G. Kreiger, and Otto Weitz and his brother, have been indicted for violating the Oklahoma State Sunday law. The Kreigers conduct a department store and an elevator. The Weitz brothers conduct a general repair shop. There are a large number of our people in the vicinity, all of them being members of the Hitchcock, Oklahoma, Seventh-day Adventist church. The Kreigers have been twice indicted. All are threatened with separate indictments for each offense. The trial is set for July 6, and bids fair to be the most complicated of any indictment made against our people. Their business is, of necessity, of a more public nature than is usually made an occasion against us. There are some things to indicate that leading men of the state have been studying these cases, and it is claimed by some that the exemption of Seventh-day Adventists has been set aside. This, however, is not true; and yet the court may be induced to rule to that effect. If, however, the exemption does stand the test, a new turn is to be taken, it seems. The exemption which heretofore has excused us from all phases of the law, in reality only exempts "servile labor." This the courts are expected to narrow down to the narrowest limit. In this case, we would not be allowed to work at any trade, business or occupation other than what the courts may decide is meant by the term "servile labor." It will be remembered that it has been said in answer to our protests against all Sunday laws that no one would ever dream of invoking the law against Seventh-day Adventists, and besides this, it could not be done, as

we were fully protected by the statute exempting us. Does it really look that way?

We trust all our people will earnestly petition the throne of grace that God will vindicate His law and exalt the truth at this trial. We trust that the agitation caused by this trial may lead many to know the truth. I would say this, however, that if a decision is had against us, it will mean much, and may mean that we are much nearer the time of trouble than we may think. Personally I do not think that the people of Oklahoma are ready to see the law invoked against us, as such a decision might indicate. Most people have been led to think that Sunday laws will never be used to persecute us, and evidently the majority would be far from using them in this way. May God lead us all to be faithful witnesses for Him.

We hope to have Elder Longacre with us at the trial.

I. A. CRANE.

BIBLE WORKER'S REPORT

I began doing Bible work in Elk City about March 1. Soon a number of interested people were gathering together for Bible study. One of this number has united with the church, two others are keeping the Sabbath, but have not yet joined the church. A growing interest is manifested by calls for our literature and for Bible readings.

About a year ago the women of Elk City, organized a union prayer meeting, which meets once each week to pray for the young people and to discuss plans for bettering the conditions of the city. A leader is appointed each week, who gives a short Bible study, after which the subject is opened for discussion. This gives our sisters opportunity to drop seeds of truth. We also meet each Sunday afternoon for Bible study. The first Sunday after the sinking of the Lucania the leader was not present, so I was asked to conduct the study. The fast-fulfilling of prophecy was talked of before the meeting, so we decided Matthew 24 would be a good chapter to study. The nearness of the end was clearly seen, which seemed to awaken a desire on the part of those present for a deeper consecration and a more thorough study of God's Word.

One very interesting feature of these meetings is the growing interest on the part of the children. Some illustrated Bible studies are given them each week, such as the "Two Gates," "The Fruits of the Spirit," "The Record Books in Heaven," etc.

I have joined the tent company at Okeene, and I hope that the sisters at Elk City will continue to attend these meetings and keep up the interest until the tent season is over and I can take up the work these again.

DORA HICKMAN.

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FIVE MONTHS IN THE PAST

The report from our office in Washington, D. C., of the first five months of 1915 respecting the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, is before us, and we will give it to you, dear people of the Southwestern Union Conference.

I am sorry that, month by month, our Union is running behind more and more, until as a Union we are behind \$10,440.55. The conferences are short as follows:

Arkansas	-	\$534.78
New Mexico	-	592.59
North Texas	-	3580.10
Oklahoma	-	4269.90
South Texas	-	683.79
West Texas	-	778.39

I hope you will take this to heart, dear people, for this is God's call to us, that His servants in the fields beyond may have a living, as well as we in the homeland.

In looking over this report, I find that there are but two conferences that have paid in more than they are behind, namely, Arkansas and South Texas. Arkansas has paid \$772.88, and they are behind \$534.78. South Texas has paid \$996.25, and is behind \$683.79.

My heart aches when I look over this report, and I pray God to give us a willing heart to give, that the cause of our God may not suffer loss.

G. F. WATSON.

AN INCIDENT

Several years ago the religious papers of the various denominations were publishing in their current issues an article entitled, "The Call of the Wild." The article told of an African native who had been educated splendidly, because it was seen that he was a proper child, and those seeing this had sacrificed freely of their means to develop his talents, which, when developed, could be put to the exchangers, and souls be won for Christ from among his benighted brethren. Like Caesar, he came, he saw, he conquered. On entering the school he was delighted with the prospects before him.

He resolved to do everything that would be required of him, and he conquered by fulfilling the resolution.

Straight as the dove that left the window of the ark, he started for his home of former years, and began work among his erstwhile associates. His success from the first was marked, and those who had groped in midnight darkness, soon began to rejoice in the light.

For years his record as a Christian worker was beyond reproach, and many heard the truth and turned to God. But after laboring zealously for years in the cause, one night, while speaking to an audience of his own people, he stopped suddenly and was silent for several minutes, then, rushing out of the room, was lost to his friends for several days. When he was found, he was very much changed, and upon being asked to explain his queer conduct said; "While I was speaking that night, I heard the voice of my ancestors calling me to the fold of my fathers, and to abide in the tents which they held."

I rehearse this story merely to illustrate a truth which is frequently brought to my attention in the work among the colored people. Hundreds of them have heard the truth in various parts of the state, and actually believe the truth for this time.

In the story of the native, the apparent reason for his relapse into the ways of sin, was because he had neglected to fulfil the truth taught in 2 Thess. 2:10-12. For had he loved the truth, the strong delusion of his dead ancestors would not have drawn his feet from the narrow way.

Once, in the Revolutionary days, a man was sent by Washington to secure some information for the Continental army from the British camps. The young man, Nathan Hale, was captured, and finally condemned to be hung as a spy. Upon the scaffold, when asked by his enemies if he had anything to say, replied; "My only regret is that I have but one life to give for my country."

The words of this young patriot can be slightly paraphrased and spoken from the heart of every one who loves to see the truth advance.

"Our only regret is that we are but

one person and can be in only one place at a time."

For over a month I have been helping our brethren in Texas, giving back the time which they gave to our Guthrie meeting last year.

We have had calls for meetings at the following places: Bartlesville, Grandfield, Idabel, Hitchcock, Goodnight, Langston and Homestead.

We expect to have a colored camp meeting at Guthrie this year, August 5 to 15, and trust that the brethren will remember this initial effort in their prayers.

CHARLES S. LIGHTNER.

RARE CAMP MEETING BARGAINS

The books listed below will be offered at camp meeting at special cut prices. But as there are many who cannot attend the meeting, we will

make the same offer to them if they will place their order before the close of July, and pay the postage. When you order, add 5 cents for each book you order that is listed at less than \$1.00, and 10 cents for all over \$1.00.

Name Of Book	Binding	Price	Spec.	Price
"Coming King"	Gilt	\$2.00	@	\$1.00
"Past, Present, and Future"	Cloth	1.50	@	.75
"Curse of Drink"	Cloth	1.75	@	.75
"Daniel and Revelation"	Cloth	1.25	@	.65
"Daniel and Revelation"	Library	4.00	@	1.50
"Desire of Ages"	Cloth	3.00	@	1.50
"Patriarchs and Prophets"	Cloth	3.00	@	1.50
"Home and Health"	Morocco	5 00	@	1.75
"Home and Health"	Cloth	3.00	@	1.25
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CAMP MEETING DATES

North Tex., General, July 22 to Aug. 1
Dalworth Park, Texas.

North Texas, Local, Aug. 12 to 22.
Linden, Texas

SACUL CAMP MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD

Dear brethren and sisters in East Texas:—Upon investigation I have found that only a very few of our people are planning to attend the camp meeting at Sacul, so we have decided to not hold it.

I am sorry that it has been necessary to call off this meeting, but it is the only practical thing to do under the circumstances. Our East Texas camp meeting had a light attendance last year, so it may have to be entirely discontinued.

I hope that those who would have attended this meeting will at once plan to attend the conference at Dalworth, July 22 to August 1.

J. I. TAYLOR.

FIELD REPORT

MARSHALL.—After a few weeks more of hard work here in Marshall we are sending you another report, for I know some are wondering about us. Prejudice and the wrath of the dragon has been strong against us, and the court served an injunction of restraint on us as we were just beginning on the prophecies. The object was to keep us from saying anything about the Catholics, as there are a number of them here, but we went on with our work just the same, presenting the prophecies in their fullest sense, and the interest has increased slowly all the time, and many are urging us to remain all summer. When we presented the subject of the change of the Sabbath, there

were about thirty held up their hands to express their opinion that we were right, and a few have taken their stand for the Sabbath.

We are still free to continue with our meetings, though we expect at any time to be arrested and called before the court to give an account for not noticing the injunction. We need your prayers that we may have God's grace to sustain us in whatever may come.

E. B. HOPKINS, Sr.,

E. B. HOPKINS, Jr.

ATTENTION OF CHURCH ELDERS

Will those who have not already done so, please, elect your delegates for the conference next Sabbath. Each church is entitled to one delegate for each fifteen members, or major portion thereof. I shall be glad to receive the lists of delegates from your church at once.

A. M. WOODALL,

Conference Sec'y.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

The thirty-eighth annual session of the North Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held July 22 to August 1, 1915, in connection with the annual camp meeting at Dalworth Park, Texas, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and of transacting such other business as may properly come before such a meeting. The first meeting of the session will convene at 9 a. m., Friday, July 23. A full attendance of delegates is urgently requested at the opening meeting of the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the church organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members, or the major portion thereof. The officers and executive committee, ordained ministers, and heads of recognized departments are delegates at large.

J. I. TAYLOR, President,

A. M. WOODALL, Secretary.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Texas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventist will be held at Dalworth Park, Texas, in connection with the North Texas Conference and camp meeting, July 22 to August 1, 1915.

The first meeting of the association will be called at 10 o'clock Tuesday forenoon, July 27. Officers for the coming year will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting. Accredited delegates to the conference are also delegates to the association.

J. I. TAYLOR, President,

C. E. SMITH, Secretary.

INTERESTING PROGRAM RENDERED AT THE KEENE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

July 3, 1915.

Forenoon Session.

"Object of The Convention"—Mrs. L. O. Corwin.

"How May the Missionary Spirit Be Developed in Our School?"—Mrs. E. M. Taylor, A. M. Woodall.

"The Greatest Need of Our School"—W. F. Field, Prof. H. H. Hamilton.

"How Parents May Co-operate With the Teacher."—Miss Flora Moffitt, Mrs. E. W. Carey.

Home Department Work.—Miss May, Belle Gage, Mrs. S. A. Brown, J. D. Matthews.

Special Music.—

"Training of Teachers."—Mrs. J. A. Tucker.

"How to Conduct Reviews."—H. L. Wilcox, W. J. Ward.

"A Modern Class."—Charles Schultz.

"A Model Class."—Miss Ellen Knudson

Afternoon Session

"Duty of Each Member."—Miss Grace Martin, Mrs. James Petty.

"Membership, Attendance, and Punctuality."—C. E. Smith, Prof. H. H. Hamilton.

"Value of Illustrations."—Mrs. T. B. Creager, Mrs. William Habne.

"Methods of Teaching."—J. G. Petty, A. E. Brown.

"The Kind of Pupil I Like."—Mrs. Denton.

"The Kind of Teacher I Like."—W. A. Darden, Marie Wilcox.

Special Music.—

Question Box.—W. J. Ward.

We are brought into existence because we are needed; and it is a sad thought that if we stand on the wrong side, in the ranks of the enemy, we are lost to the design of our creation. —Testimonies.

CAMP MEETING DELEGATES

The following persons were selected to represent the Keene church at the coming camp meeting:

Delegates—

H. H. Hamilton
L. N. Carter,
A. Prewitt,
J. D. Matthews,
J. A. Lankford,
W. J. Ward,
C. F. Kaupke,
G. W. Prater,
A. Korgan,
G. W. Winn,
J. B. McConnell, Sr.
C. Knudson,
J. J. Cochran,
Wm. Hahne,
H. L. Wilcox,
H. B. King,
J. F. Mattison
L. H. Huguley
C. A. Schultz
U. L. Kirkpatrick
J. G. Petty
O. W. Wolf,
A. M. Shulenberger
J. H. Guinn
O. Glass
Z. L. Davis
L. O. Corwin
J. R. Hudson
A. E. Brown
T. B. Creager
James W. Gage

Alternates—

C. W. Rogers
J. M. Seats
Lawrence F. Warren
D. C. Jackson
J. W. Winn
Monroe Winn
Roy Atchison
Byrd Bullard
John Atchley
B. F. Plunkett
Will Korgan
W. A. Peters
A. Gregory
K. C. Gage
Z. Rubottom

REST ROOM

The women of Johnson County now have provided for them by our County Commissioners a place of rest with all conveniences. This is in the northwest corner, on the first floor, of the court house.

The Commissioners pay Mrs. Wood Day to be there every day except Sunday, to make you welcome and comfortable.

When in Cleburne, take your children and friends to this rest room. It is free. It is yours.

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF
CLEBURNE CIVIC LEAGUESTATEMENT OF TWENTY-CENT-A-
WEEK FUND, FIVE MONTHS
ENDING MAY 31, 1915.

ARKANSAS—

Membership, 302.
At \$4.33 per member, \$1307.66.
Amount received, \$772.88.
Amount short, \$534.78.

NEW MEXICO—

Membership, 260.
At \$4.33 per member, \$1125.80.
Amount received, 532.21.
Amount short, 593.59.

NORTH TEXAS—

Membership, 1252.
At \$4.33 per member, 5421.16.
Amount received, 1841.06.
Amount short, 3580.10.

OKLAHOMA—

Membership, 1860.
At \$4.33 per member, \$8053.80.
Amount received, 3783.90.
Amount short, \$4269.90.

SOUTH TEXAS—

Membership, 388.
At \$4.33 per member, \$1069.51.
Amount received, \$291.12.
Amount short, \$683.79.

WEST TEXAS—

Membership, 247.
At \$4.33 per member, \$1069.52.
Amount received, \$291.12.
Amount short, 778.39.

TOTALS—

Membership, 4309.
At \$4.33 per member, \$18657.97.
Amount received, \$8217.42.
Amount short, \$10440.55.

C. E. SMITH, Treasurer.

THE MIDSUMMER OFFERING

July 24 is the time set by our leaders for the taking up of this offering. There are many reasons for taking it at this time. The first and only reason that we shall give is, the support of our dear fellow-laborers, who have left the homeland, and have gone to some field beyond the home conference lines, where they can't get a few dollars as readily as we,

and especially now in these troublous times.

Now, dear people, if all our people in the United States had paid a full twenty cents a week, there would be no need for this Midsummer Offering, but we fell behind \$122,499.84. This amount, though large as it is, when spread out over the United States, and Canada, is not so much for each one, and could be all gathered in if all would do their part.

Our union is behind at this writing, \$10,440.55. Would it not be pleasing to our Master if we would come up with our part as a union? Dear people let us each do our duty, and we will have it all. I will pledge to pay two shares for 1915, which will be \$20.80. Who will do likewise?

G. F. WATSON.

MRS. E. G. WHITE SLOWLY
SINKING

Sanitarium, California.

July 2, 1915.

Editor RECORD:—

There has been no decided change in mother's condition during the past two weeks. She gradually grows weaker. Today she said to me that she was thankful that the Lord continues His mercies; and a little later, in broken sentences, she expressed her confidence and trust.

After I had prayed with her, and spoken of the glad day when Christ will make all things new and we shall meet our dear ones around His throne, she expressed her hope that the time would not be long.

Last Sunday morning she was feeling a little better than for several days, and Elder and Mrs. G. B. Starr came in to bid her goodbye. When they expressed pleasure at finding her so bright, she said, "I am glad you find me thus. I have not had many mournful days." "No," Brother Starr remarked, "not in all your life," "No," she replied; "the Lord has arranged and led in all these things for me, and I am trusting Him. He knows when it will end."

At times she expresses a desire to rest, and seems to feel that the day of rest is near at hand.

W. C. WHITE.

"Some people never" succeed, because they are afraid of doing more than their share."

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Field reports, school reports, and any
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ed. Doctrinal and other articles which
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All copy must be in our office on Friday
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NOTICE TO COLPORTEURS

We wish to call the attention of all
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ports should be made to their tract so-
ciety, and not to the RECORD. The
tract society makes up the report of
the colporteur work, makes all the
footings, and if we were to attempt
to add various reports which might
be sent from the colporteurs to our
office, it would only create confusion.
So please remember that all colpor-
teur reports go to the tract society
office.

We are issuing this special number
of the RECORD to help our readers
to see something of the progress of
the work in the Oklahoma Conference
and to try to induce every family in
the Southwestern Union to subscribe.
This is the third special number,
and there are three more to follow.
Subscribe now so you will not miss
more of them.

OUR GOAL

We are endeavoring to increase our
subscription list to 2000 copies by
September 1, 1915. To reach this
goal it will be necessary for every
one of our readers to co-operate with
us, and if all will respond to this ap-
peal, we believe we will more than
reach the goal by the time appointed.

Every Seventh-day Adventist is
in sympathy with the canvassing
work. You should keep yourself in-
formed as to the whereabouts of ev-
ery worker in the field and as to the
progress he is making. By reading
the reports of the book work in the
RECORD you can see just where each
one is and what he or she is doing.
It is our duty to uphold them with our
prayers, but can we talk intelligently
to the Lord about them unless we
know what their needs are? Let us
read these reports, see what kind
of progress they are making, then
earnestly petition God to bless them
in their efforts to take the truth to
the people.

The ministers in the field, who are
preaching the Word of God to those
who are in darkness, need our ear-
nest prayers. The Lord is blessing
them, and many souls are being
brought into the truth; but if you
will read their reports you will see
that every one of them is earnestly
appealing to us to uphold them by
our prayers. Can we turn a deaf
ear to these petitions?

Are we interested in those from
our homeland who have gone to the
foreign fields to work for the Master
till He comes? Read the reports
we publish from them occasionally in
the RECORD, and do not forget them
when you are asking God to care for
his faithful workers.

Do you know how your conference
stands on the twenty-cent-a-week
plan? Read Brother C. E. Smith's re-
port in this issue, then ask yourself
if you are doing your part. Remem-

ber that if we will come up to the
full amount on our twenty-cent-a-week
fund that the burden of debt will soon
be lifted from our institutions.

What are our Sabbath schools and
Young People's Missionary Volunteer
Societies doing? Read the reports of
those at the head of these depart-
ments, then praise the Lord that He
is doing a mighty work in the earth.
Did you ever stop to think that, as
our young people read from week to
week of the experiences of their
friends and schoolmates who are do-
ing active service for the Master, it
is an inspiration to them to go and do
likewise? Can we afford to deny the
youth, who are dependent on us for
reading matter, this inspiration?

We want you to read all the good
reports and other articles in this
issue—in fact read everything in the
paper—then ask yourself and your
neighbor if you can afford to be with-
out the RECORD in your home. Re-
member that it only costs you one
cent each week, and that we are try-
ing to reach the 2000-mark by Septem-
ber 1, 1915. Z R.

SOMEBODY CARES

Somebody knows when your heart
aches,

And everything seems to go wrong;
Somebody knows when the shadows
Need chasing away with a song;
Somebody knows when you're lonely,
Tired, discouraged, and blue;
Somebody wants you to know Him,
And know that He dearly loves you.

Somebody cares when you're tempted,
And the world grows dizzy and
dim;

Somebody cares when you're weakest,
And farthest away from Him;
Somebody grieves when you've fallen;
Though you are not lost from His
sight;

Somebody waits for your coming,
Taking the gloom from your night.

Somebody loves you when weary;
Somebody loves you when strong;
Always is waiting to help you;
Watches you, one of the throng
Needing His friendship so holy,
Needing His watch-care so true,
His name?—We call His name Jesus.
His people?—Just I and just you.
—Fanny Edna Stafford.

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

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERED
SOUTH TEXAS, June 26								
Susie Boden, San Antonio		Mag	25		7 60		7 60	7 60
G. Courtney, Corpus Christi		Mag	12		6 40		6 40	6 40
C. H. Chenault, Wharton		PG	41	13	34 00	1 50	35 50	
U. M. Cooke, Beeville		PP	47	20	60 00	1 20	61 20	
A. W. Krueger, West Point		PG	28	3	10 50		10 50	
S. Klindt, Summerville		Mag	8		8 10		8 10	8 10
Mrs. Kelley, Summerville		Mag	14		22 35		22 35	22 35
C. P. Martin, Laredo		CK	35	33	49 50		49 50	10 50
Thelma Neal, Corpus Christi		Mag	12		4 60		4 60	4 60
C. F. Staben, Laredo		CK	31	25	37 50		37 50	1 50
E. G. Truitt, Lockhart		PG	49	73	247 00		247 00	
C. E. Votaw, McDade		BR	44	10	30 45		30 45	
G. R. West, Lockhart		PG	40	40	154 00		154 00	
G. Willhelm, Beeville		PP	37	8	24 00	35	24 35	
		Bibles			45		45	
Agents 14			423	225	696 46	3 05	699 50	61 05
OKLAHOMA, June 26								
T. W. Atchley, Crescent		PG	38	17	53 00	60	53 60	
L. C. Burwell, Hitchcock		BR	55	20	65 00	1 50	66 50	
Edgar Brigham, Lone Wolf		PG	40	17	61 00		61 00	
Addie Carroll, Afton		Misc		60	15 00	26 80	41 80	39 80
W. H. Christensen, Newkirk		BR	8	1	15 00	75	3 75	
Eunice Ellington, Chickasha		PPF	16	9	19 00	75	19 75	
W. R. Hixon, Cement		PG	52	29	95 50		95 50	
John Knudson, Blue Jacket		BR	46	23	76 00	75	76 75	
R. O. Laird, Lone Wolf		BR	8	5	18 00		18 00	
Mattie Lee, Altus		BR	33	5	15 00	35	15 35	
Robert Newman, Tangier		PG	50	14	44 00		44 00	
Albert Priest, Chickasha		PG	52	54	179 00		179 00	
C. L. Robinson, Pryor		BR	20	11	37 00		37 00	
Lizzie Schilt, Muskogee		BR	11		15 00		15 00	
Ethel Taylor, Chickasha		PPF	19	13	25 00	4 60	29 60	
H. Windhorst, Owasso		BR	14	12	44 00		44 00	
Misses Wilson, Coalgate		PPF	58	38	84 00		84 00	
		Bibles			21 90		21 90	
Agents 17			520	328	870 40	26 10	906 50	39 80
NORTH TEXAS, June 26								
C. F. Church, Dallas		GC	37	15	49 00	5 35	54 35	2 05
H. H. O'Harrow, Kerens		GC	40	17	59 00		59 00	
Z. L. Davis, Kerens		GC	40	22	69 00	3 05	72 05	
O. Glass, Denison		BR		6	12 00	20 00	32 00	
L. T. Pierce, Ft. Worth		CK	12	3	3 00		3 00	
Freda Peters, Paris		PPF	30	9	20 00	45	20 45	
Etta Hewgley, Paris		BFL	14	8	12 00	60	12 60	
Lenna Bennett, Corsicana		BFL	20	25	31 00		31 00	
		Mag			78 00		78 00	
		Bibles			5 85		5 85	
Agents 8			193	105	338 85	29 45	368 30	2 05

THE WONDERFUL SECRET

'Twas a night in June in the year 1896, I stood in the topmost gallery of Royal Albert Hall, the finest concert hall in England, and looked down upon the many thousands in the vast auditorium. What rare attraction had so filled the great hall that late-comers found only standing room?

Madame Adelina Patti, the most noted singer living, and in some respects the most wonderful singer of modern times, was to sing that night. She has sung before all the royal families of Europe, and after nearly a half century of public singing still draws the crowds as no other singer. What can be the secret of her marvelous success in her chosen life-work?

The singers are so far from me that I cannot, without a glass, distinguish Madame Patti from the other singers in her concert company. Now she sings difficult Italian music, and her voice is wonderfully flexible and bird-like, clear and marvelously penetrating. But this is not the secret. Listen! I hear the opening bars of "Home Sweet Home;" the piano is faint, so far is it away, but a death-like silence has fallen upon the vast throng. I fear I shall not hear the singer; I strain my ears, intently listening. Ah, yes, I can hear, so slow and soft, like a spirit voice—

"Mid pleasures and palaces, though
we may roam,
Be it ever so humble—"

The hall fades from sight, the brilliant lights vanish. I see no more the great fashionable crowd. I forget that I am listening to the greatest singer in the world. Only a dream whisper, silver clear, yet faint and sweet and far away: "Home, home, sweet, sweet home." I am borne swiftly across the wide sea that has for years separated me from the land of my birth. The years of manhood vanish. I am a child again. I see once more the dear old home—the old brown farmhouse in Iowa. The orchard is here. I am swinging careless and free with dear little brother under the old oak tree. I hear the sweet voices of my sisters; I see my father, so good and true; and O, I see my mother's dear face, full of tenderest, sweetest love. She is singing, and her voice comes to me as an angel's. Scarcely had I dared hope to see my home again. Yet now truly I see it

all clear and bright—the blessed innocence of childhood, the sweet, free country air—yes. I hear the sweet music of gentle breezes whispering through the trees and over the waving grain—the dreamy hum of nature. Ah it is too sweet to last. Almost with a shock I awake. I hear the last echo of the piano notes. The singer is retiring, and the crowd, awakening from the wondrous spell, is beginning to applaud.

The vision was mine, yet not mine alone. There are tears in the eyes of many whose faces are weary and hardened. They, too, have seen the dear old home, and lived over again the dear dead days of childhood; and to many has come the longing for the heavenly Father's home.

Truly Madame Patti is a singer. Now I know the secret of her magic power. What is it? She went out of sight and hearing, behind her great art, her subject. Though born, and through the early days of childhood living in poverty, she had been brought before the great, yea, even the crowned heads of the world through her wondrous talents of song. Truly she has dreamed "mid pleasures and palaces," yet tonight her true heart returns in memory to early days.

Forgetful of the years of fame, the tender visions of her childhood's home ("be it ever so humble") bring tears to her own eyes—eyes that see not the great throng of the wealthy and noble before her. Her heart sings, she sees her own childhood's humble home. We therefore behold our own, and forget the singer and all else. Our heart hears not the singer, but the song; we see not Madame Patti, but home, dear, sweet home.

This is true art. This is inspiration. This is divine talent. Keep self out of sight. Let your glorious work, your calling, however humble, appear; be unconscious of self and of selfish desire to be seen, to be applauded, to grasp, to seize for self, and you will succeed. Die to self. Let God be seen in you. Live to love, for the good you may do, the blessing you may be, and you shall have a home, a "sweet" and everlasting home, in the Father's house of many mansions.

J. S. WASHBURN.

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CHINA'S CALL

Nearer fields the reapers, toilers,
Gather in the golden grain;
Still the distant eastern borders
To the worker's skill remain.

Long the shadows there have tarried.
Late the precious seeds were sown;
Now the world's great Light is shining
On a harvest fully grown.

Lord of harvest, send forth reapers,
Hear us, Lord, to Thee we cry,
Send them China's sheaves to gather
Ere the harvest time pass by.

—Selected.

THE TEST

When the conference committee decides to put a young man into the ministry, they like to be sure of getting some one on whom they can depend all the year around, and not one who will stay with the work while there is a good interest and then, when some opposition comes, or the interest lags, or the fruit crop at home needs attention, will run off and leave the work that is appointed to him.

If the boy shirks his duty when he is young, the man is apt to shirk his duty as he gets older. If the prospective young minister runs when the weather gets hot, when times get hard, when there is an easy job offered, or an opportunity comes to go home, with the excuse of helping the home folks;—well, Peter was converted and afterwards made a good, staunch man; but wouldn't it have been better for Peter if he had never "Petered"?—

"A word to the wise is sufficient." The conference committee is looking for young men and young women also. What is more important is the fact that we may be able to deceive the state agent, and also the conference committee, but we cannot deceive the Lord. CHAS. L. COLLISON.

It is not what we earn, but what we save that makes us rich. It is not what we eat but what we digest, that makes us strong. It is not what we read, but what we remember, that makes us wise. It is not what we intend, but what we do, that makes us useful. It is not a few faint wishes, but a lifelong struggle, that makes us valiant.—Anon.

FIVE MONTHS' REPORT, ENDING MAY 31, 1915.

I hope that every member of the Oklahoma Conference will study this report carefully, especially the column that gives the average paid by each member per week on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. It is surprising how little some churches average per member a week. In some cases this may be due to the fact that they are carrying members on their church record who have moved away, and of whom they know nothing; or they may have still other names on their church records that should be dropped. Brethren, is it not about time that we clear up our church records? I hope that these reports will stimulate us to clear up our records and keep up our offerings a little better the first part of the year.

Another column of interest is the one that gives the amount of tithe that each church has averaged per member for the first five months. Study this carefully and notice how your church stands.

WHY ARE THERE BATTLES

You are trying to grow to the full stature in Christ Jesus. Do not let your daily struggles discourage you. Have you ever heard the story of the old judge and his Christian slave whom he took with him from one court to another over the circuit? One day the judge said: "Sambo, how is it that you are always talking about your fight with the devil—about the conflicts you have with the powers of darkness? I don't have any of these troubles—any of these fightings you have. How do you account for it?" And he flustered the poor old negro. Of course he could not read. But one day the judge, who was a sportsman, got out his gun and killed one duck and wounded another. Then he said: "Rush and get that wounded duck. Get that live duck." Sambo got the wounded duck, and he also got his illustration. He came back into the wagon, and said: "Jedge, I understand dat question we were discussin' befo'. De devil's after me; I'm wounded; but he's got you." When a man is dead in trespasses and sins, Satan lets him alone.—Selected.

OKLAHOMA TREASURER'S REPORT

Membership		Tithe Per Capita		Twenty-cent-a-week Fund	
		Tithe	Per Capita	Am't Paid	Average Short
198	Addington	\$475 93	\$2 40	\$153 68	\$0.03 \$717 52
9	Afton	104 00	11 55	39 19	19 41
6	Anvil	20 00	3 33	5 00	04 21 40
	Altona	45 20			
16	Avard	243 00	15 18	21 52	06 48 88
14	Bache	29 26	2 09		61 60
39	Bartlesville	98 89	2 53	86 72	10 84 88
19	Binger	54 80	2 88	15 73	04 67 87
14	Bluejacket	8 00	57	2 10	0½ 59 50
26	Buffalo	71 40	2 74	44 50	07 69 90
36	Butler	36 75	1 02	9 03	01 149 37
20	Capron	218 48	10 92	58 88	13 29 12
23	Carrier	150 00	6 52	52 10	10 49 10
5	Cashion	25 15	5 03	13 87	12 8 13
5	Cedardale	50 94	10 18	7 36	06 14 64
35	Cement	428 75	12 25	19 17	02 134 83
18	Clear Lake	412 48	22 91	11 03	02 68 17
37	Coody's Bluff	187 21	5 05	63 00	07 99 80
9	Coy	50 00	5 55	9 23	04 30 37
10	Crescent	18 67	1 86	22 99	10 21 01
20	Durham	175 85	8 79	30 01	06 57 99
54	East Cooper	170 00	3 14	71 85	06 165 75
54	Elk City	256 14	4 74	19 69	01 217 91
57	Enid	228 34	4 00	169 38	13 81 47
16	Gage	148 75	9 28	33 68	09 36 72
21	Guthrie	250 98	11 95	29 58	06 62 82
14	Grandfield	87 25	6 23	24 86	08 36 74
22	Guthrie (Col.)	82 80	3 76	23 59	04 73 21
25	Harper	14 40	57	9 72	01 100 28
65	Hitchcock	397 70	6 11	153 53	10 132 47
14	Homestead *	51 32	3 66	139 87	45
30	Hooker *	583 65	19 45	219 63	33
28	Isabella	158 37	5 65	62 25	10 60 95
21	Jennings	47 57	2 26	11 26	02 81 14
72	Ketchum	217 69	3 02	97 23	06 219 57
9	Lawton	103 22	11 46	16 50	08 23 10
22	Lone Wolf	11 43	51	19 21	04 77 59
9	Mowdy	46 61	5 17	6 40	03 33 20
19	Muskogee	48 05	2 52	20 72	04 62 88
	Newkirk	14 65		4 80	
34	Okeene	240 00	7 05	34 34	04 115 26
218	Oklahoma	923 87	4 23	265 90	05 693 30
64	Omega	231 55	3 61	166 14	11 115 46
19	Perkins	265 07	13 95	37 26	08 46 34
38	Perry	138 14	3 63	49 44	05 117 76
20	Provence	89 05	4 45	18 86	04 69 14
16	Quinlan	5 75	35	16 14	04 54 26
154	Shattuck, 1	359 11	2 33	22 03	06 455 57
50	Shattuck, 2	2687 77	53 75	144 02	13 75 98
27	Shattuck, Eng	80 97	2 99	20 39	03 98 41
24	Tulsa	46 81	1 95	40 19	07 65 41
37	Tangier	105 82	2 86	44 51	05 118 29
11	Tapley	66 00	6 00	5 76	02 38 24
16	Waynoka	89 39	5 58	25 71	07 44 69
29	Weatherford	180 43	6 22	59 69	09 67 91
6	Webb	122 47	20 41		
40	West Cooper	164 25	4 10	105 60	12 70 40
100	Wewoka	185 08	1 85	53 23	02 386 77
5	Windy Hill *	55 50	11 10	250 00	2.27

51	Woodward	99 43	1 94	33 84	03	190 56
	German General			43 61		
114	Conf Church	579 07	5 07	156 52	06	345 08
125	Isolated	863 95	6 91	191 91	07	358 09
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		\$13,402 98		\$3783 90		\$6725 61

WILLIAM VOTH, Treasurer.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR FRIENDS

Owing to the low subscription price of the RECORD—fifty cents per year, which, considering the cost of printing materials, labor and other items that enter into the cost of printing—the paper has been operated at an actual loss to the Southwestern Union Conference. The fact that our subscription list is less than half as large as it should be also increases the proportionate cost of issuing the paper. If the list could be increased to 2000 copies per week, this, we believe, would place the paper on a self-sustaining basis.

We are trying to do all in our power to make the paper what it should be—that is, a medium through which the constituency of the Southwestern Union can keep in touch with the progress of the work. The paper is intended to be a channel of communication between the leaders and the laity. Our efforts alone, however, cannot bring about the desired results; we must have the co-operation of both the workers and the laity if we attain to success.

For the purpose of arousing a special interest in the RECORD throughout the different conferences of our Union, we have decided to issue a special edition for each conference, these editions to be filled with reports of the progress of the work in the respective territories, special articles, pictures of the churches, institutions, etc., which would be of interest to our readers. No doubt you have received one ere this, and we invite you to become a regular reader. The RECORD is issued weekly and is only fifty cents a year—a price within the reach of all.

"It is not enough to walk in the light of God's Word at home; you must let its light guide you when you are at school, on the playground, or on the street. If you do as it says you will never stumble over selfishness, or fall into disobedience, or be turned aside into the public house or into any other of Satan's traps."

W. L. ADAMS.

"A Holy life has a voice; it speaks when the tongue is silent, and is either a constant attraction or a perpetual reproof."

CHRISTIAN HELP WORK

In the discussion of this subject, not only should we consider the blessing we give, but the blessing received as well. Some people speak of the "second blessing." The term, correctly understood and applied, is all right. Using it with the proper comprehension, we would say that the first blessing comes with the receipt of the benefaction, and the second when it is passed on to some other.

It is not always necessary for one to donate sums of money or other material things in order to be a benefactor. There are many things that go to make up life and happiness that money and material things cannot purchase. The wise man has said, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." All about us are men and women whose heads hang down in trouble of heart and anguish of soul. The world is full of sorrow; and too often the saying, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone," is true. We might not expect anything better of the worldling, but of the Christian something more is expected, because Christ said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." To one who is thus laden with distress, what can be done that will bring more relief than a smile, a kindly word, and under proper circumstances an earnest prayer with him. Surely kind words can never die.

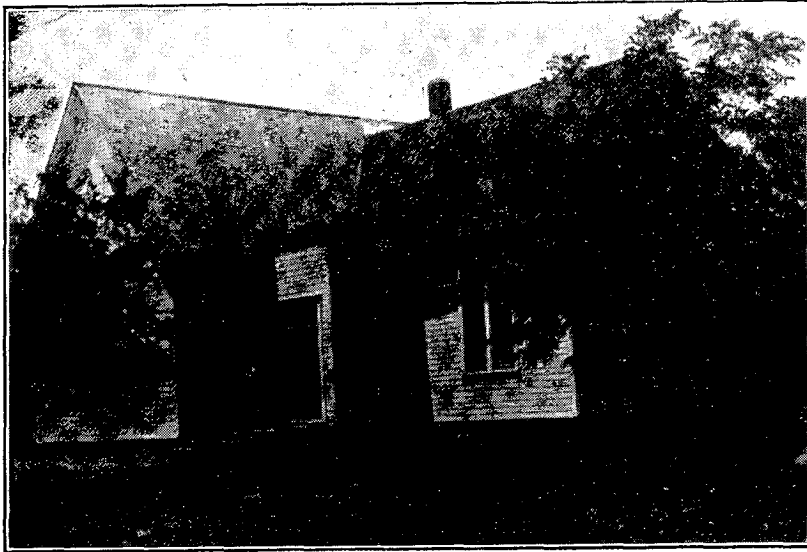
But sometimes, yea, many times, something more than the speaking of kind words must be done. Opportunities appear on every hand to help the sick and the poor and needy. There is no better way to cause one to highly regard the Christian than to come to their assistance at such a time. His religion will appear as the genuine article when it comes to them in the form of the Good Samaritan. There are plenty of the priest and Levite class. In many homes there are sick mothers whose children cannot be properly cared for; the house needs

to be cleaned and made tidy, and sewing for the family attended to. If you are skilled in the treatment of the sick, no greater work can be done than to offer your services, and do all that is possible for you to accomplish for those in need of your help. Kind words and pleasant smiles are good in their place, but they do not constitute bread for the hungry, clothes for the destitute, nor a soothing touch for the pillow.

Following a time when the Savior was very active in healing the sick and caring for those who came to Him for physical help, He gave one of the greatest discourses that He ever preached, and after He had finished His preaching service, which lasted throughout the day, He performed one of His most noted miracles—feeding the hungering multitude who had listened to His words. Thus a double impression was made upon the minds of the hearers. The sermon which He preached in words was more clearly expressed in the demonstration.

"It is not by preaching the truth only, not by distributing literature alone that we are witnesses for God. Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity, and that a cheap Christian character works more harm than the character of the worldling. Not all the books written can serve the purpose of a holy life. Men will believe, not what the minister preaches, but what the church lives. Too often the influence of the sermon preached from the pulpit is counteracted by the sermon preached in the lives of those who claim to be advocates of truth." "Testimonies", Vol. VII, p. 37.

In view of this statement, should we not give more attention to these practical things of life?



ENID CHURCH BUILDING

ENID, OKLAHOMA

Enid is a city of fifteen thousand inhabitants, located in the northern portion of Oklahoma, and is by many considered to be the most beautiful city in the state. All the principal streets are paved. Most of the houses and the surrounding premises are profusely decorated with appropriate flowers, vines, and foliage. Climbing roses seem to be the specialty. In the center of the business district we have nature's beauty concentrated, as there, in the midst of the trading shops, two blocks are set aside as a park and devoted to the joy, comfort, and pride of the citizens. It is filled with shrubbery and flowers of various kinds in manifold designs; large shade trees and grassy lawns make it the most charming municipal spot in Oklahoma. The map would indicate that Enid is the hub of the Southwest, as ten spokes of railroad branches enter the city.

West Randolph Street is the church street, and one block from the Catholic headquarters is an unpretentious and spireless white building, which is the church home of the Enid "remnant representatives." The main auditorium is 25x40 feet, and, as the accompanying cut shows, a schoolroom, 20x24, is added on the east side.

Our membership at present is about seventy, six having united with us lately, two of them by letter and four by baptism and profession of faith.

Besides engaging in other missionary activities, our members are taking one thousand copies of the Present Truth Series monthly, and in our house-to-house visits in their distribution we are beginning to notice considerable interest on the part of many of the readers, which warrants us in ultimately expecting satisfactory results and additions to the cause. The writer heartily endorses the following statement from the "Review" of June 17: "The Present Truth Series is a babe as yet in the family of periodicals, but its possibilities in the finishing of the work are limited only by the missionary efforts of our churches."

The pastor of the Enid Presbyterian church, about eight months ago, heard his first sermon on the second coming of Christ, and since then he has personally devoted considerable time to the subject in his sermons. I recently met an old member of that church, and when he ascertained my religious belief, he declared with pride, "Our pastor is an Adventist."

Our late pamphlet, "The World's Crisis," and other literature have materially aided in the preparation of the sermons of this pastor on this particular subject, and in the circulation of the Present Truth Series we find many of his members prepared for further investigation.

This is a time when people who know of our work will appeal to us for the meaning of current happenings, and many hours have I spent in

answering the questions of those who stopped me on the sidewalk to inquire regarding the predictions of Holy Writ concerning the present European struggle and its final outcome.

W. R. HANSON.

THE KETCHUM CHURCH

About eight years ago several families moved from Afton and located near Ketchum. This company was soon organized into a church. Later a church building was erected. Some work was done in its vicinity by Elders Watts and Rouse. Afterwards, Elder R. B. Coberly held meetings in the surrounding country and several new members were added to the church. Other families moved in and in the fall of 1911 three acres of land were purchased, the church building moved to this new site, and another room added. During the winter of 1914-15, the writer held a series of meetings in a schoolhouse about three miles northwest of the church. After the close of the meetings there were at least eight new Sabbath keepers. Five of that number, also several people of Sabbath-keeping parents, united with the church. On May 5 1915, eight candidates were baptized by Elder J. R. Bagby. Several others are keeping the Sabbath and expect to unite with the church in the near future. The writer has been associated with the Ketchum church since the spring of 1912. The spiritual condition of the church is good. Several of our members are out in the canvassing field. Practically all the rest are doing more or less home missionary work. Harmony prevails. A good influence is expected in the vicinity. The following statement, by one not of our faith illustrates the point: "I believe Seventh day Adventists are right." "What makes you think so?" "I have been watching their members and find they are not like ordinary Christians. They live out their religion." Our earnest desire is that we may be true and faithful to God, loyal to His truth, ever at our post of duty, doing the work the Lord would have us as individuals to do. Then when the work upon earth is finished we hope to be found worthy of the reward promised to the overcomer.

EZRA FILLMAN.

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ADDINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

THE ADDINGTON CHURCH

On December 13, 1902, the first step was taken toward the organization of the Addington Seventh-day Adventist church. The organization was conducted by Elder G. F. Haffner, who was then president of the Oklahoma Conference. The following names were unanimously voted into the church:

H. L. Wilcox,
Etta Wilcox,
Walter Manfull,
Myrtle Manfull,
Ezra Fillman,
Perdie Fillman.

The church services were held at the neighborhood schoolhouses and at the homes of the brethren for about four years. In the autumn of 1906 the brethren decided to build a house of worship, and accordingly a neat little house, 24x30 feet, was erected about six miles north-west of Addington. The first meeting revealed the fact that the house was too small. In September of 1907 the building was moved two miles south to the present site and a new building, 30x50 feet, was added. This building was divided into a commodious chapel and two school rooms, separated by folding doors which made it possible to use all the building as one room when necessary. Our building was dedicated January 24, 1909. The membership was less than one hundred.

During the year 1909 there were twenty-one added to the church. In 1910 there were fifteen. In 1911 there were twenty-eight. In 1912 there were fifty-four. In 1913, thirty-four, and in 1914, fifty were received into the church. After having reduced our membership about thirty, we still have two hundred members.

We are thankful to the Lord for the success of the Addington church and for having a part in the work. We take no honor to ourselves, but give all the praise and glory to Him who is worthy to be praised. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ."

W. P. SEALS.

EASTERN PART OF OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

When we speak of the Oklahoma Conference, we speak of one of the strongest state conferences in the world. Geographically it is composed of seventy-seven counties, since Comanche County was divided, in all of which there are no doubt representatives of Present Truth.

The western half of our conference is developed much in advance of the eastern half. This, perhaps, is mainly due to the fact that, until 1907, the eastern half was the Indian Territory, and the unsettled, uncertain state of

affairs made it more difficult to raise up churches than in the western half, where men could own homes.

There has been some more attention given to this part of our conference since statehood, however, and it is the aim of the conference to work more in this direction in the future.

Wewoka, Ketchum, Provence, Bartlesville, and Bache are the only churches in east Oklahoma Conference which have erected houses in which to worship. There are organized churches, however, at Tulsa, Coody's Bluff, Muskogee, and Coalgate; also some smaller companies here and there.

We have whole counties in this part of our field which the living preacher has scarcely seen, but the forerunners of the ministers, the co-porteurs, have been through much of this territory, scattering hundreds of our good books, which are preparing many minds for evangelistic efforts and, we trust, opening the way for the organization of churches.

We are anxious to see this end of our conference grow, and we believe the time has come for us to put forth greater effort for its development. Surely many precious souls can be found here, who will yield to the truth and walk in the commandments of God.

C. M. McDONALD.

"It is well to think well; it is divine to act well."



Chas. L. Collison, Oklahoma State Agent, And Family

OKLAHOMA COLPORTEUR WORK

The Oklahoma colporteur work is comparing very favorably with the same month of previous years, in spite of the excessive rains that we have had in some parts of the State. The reports for the first two weeks in June have been from \$1200 to \$1300 a week.

In letters just received from two of our sisters, who are new student colporteurs, the reason for the good success is so well expressed that I am going to quote them.

One says: "I do enjoy the colporteur work better every day. I am glad that success does not lie within our own power. If we will only let the Holy Spirit have free intercourse in our lives, and let the Lord work through us, we are certain to have success."

Another says: "The longer I am in the field, the clearer I can see the hand of the Lord in this work and the influence of His Holy Spirit upon the hearts of the people. By the aid of the Holy Spirit I have been able to place a 'Past, Present and Future,' in four different homes whose inmates had vowed never to allow another Seventh-day Adventist book to enter their homes. The only homes that were missed this week were those who were almost destitute of anything to live on, or who absolutely would not put their names on any-

thing unless they could see their way clear. I have been accused of mesmerism, of 'talking the head off a person,' and of being one who would 'deceive even the very elect, if it were possible,' but in all this I praise the heavenly Father that He helped me to place a book in each of these homes. Many are the good experiences of the colporteur."

While out in the field last week, I went to a "Practical Guide" colporteur, who was not having very good success. Not being used to handling the health book, I found that I was out of my element, and it was harder for me to interest the people than it was for him to do so, and we could easily see that we could not take any orders while we were in this condition. We sought the Lord to help us lose sight of the monetary value of the orders and to see the need of getting the message of health and temperance, which the books contained, into the homes of the people. We found that the next house was the home of a physician who had a wide practice throughout the country. We hoped to get this man's recommendation, but hardly expected an order. After introducing ourselves and following our usual plan of getting the man to leave the barn and to go to the house and be seated, we talked of the good work that was being done by the sanitariums which were following the Battle Creek methods, and

also of the good they were doing in turning out trained nurses who were able to be a great help to the physicians in cases of serious illness. He said that he liked to get a trained nurse whenever it was possible, and expressed regret that many people were too poor to afford this help.

He had previously mentioned several lines of business and asked if we were engaged in them, but we had pleasantly told him that we had called on more important business than these, and had not told him our business until the opportune moment. We now told him that the tract and Bible societies had co-operated with the sanitariums, in putting the instruction given to the trained nurses into the homes of the people and that we had a few sample pages here for his inspection, (pulling the prospectus from under our coat.) We also mentioned that the leading surgeon of the State preferred to have nurses with Battle Creek training when he could get them, and that we had placed a copy of this work in this surgeon's hands just a few day before. Well to make a long story short, the doctor was already so much interested that he said, "I will take a copy of the book and help you out that much." And as he was writing his name in the prospectus, he remarked: "When I was a young man, and first started to practice, I thought that I was a pretty good doctor and knew about

all there was to know, but I have decided that a man is never too old to learn. I used to think that the more ignorant the people were about my business the better it was for me, but I have decided that the more the people know about taking care of their bodies and of the sick, the better it is for the doctor, and I wish each family could have a copy of this work." I asked him if he would care to write that below his name, and he took the pen and wrote, "I heartily recommend this work as an excellent help in both the prevention and treatment of disease, and believe it should be in every family."

This gave us so much enthusiasm that we felt that every one should have the book, and it is hard for people to keep from catching this kind of enthusiasm and ordering the book. We received \$22.00 worth of orders that day, and who can say that the Lord did not answer our prayer and influence that doctor to give the order and recommendation?

CHAS. L. COLLISON.

DELIVERANCE FROM A CYCLONE

Very heavy rains have made it almost impossible for our Oklahoma colporteurs to put in full time. One of our student colporteurs from the Ketchum Intermediate School is having her first experience in the canvassing work, and in her letter she says:—

"Brother Collison, I certainly thank the Lord for His protecting care during the past week. Last Thursday evening, when that storm came up, I was canvassing a family just three-quarters of a mile away from another home that was blown away by a cyclone. The father of the family and the eldest son, were seriously injured and all of the family were hurt more or less. Things were scattered for almost a mile.

"Another family living about 300 yards from where I was, saw it coming and went into a cellar but we (the family I was canvassing and myself) knew nothing of it until the storm was over. I sold a \$3.00 book and had a nice missionary visit with the family and they were very much pleased to find that it was an Adventist book."

Can we not see the great controversy between Christ and Satan in this sister's experience? It was stormy

weather and the evil one tried to make her believe that she should not be out a week like this. When she went out in the fear of the Lord and asked Him to send His angels to prepare the way for her to put the books into the homes of the people, the prince of the power of the air knew where she was going and also that there were interested souls that she would meet. The evil one, no doubt, did all in his power to intimidate the people in that home and to distract their attention from the truths that our colporteur was telling them; but the Lord cared for His own and His promise was made sure. The wrath of the evil one was made to redound to the glory of God, and the remainder of wrath was restrained so that our sister's work was not hindered and she was protected.

This young sister has already received \$165.00 worth of orders for the good book, "Past, Present and Future," during 78 hours work that she has been able to put in. Her sister has received \$148.00 worth of orders for the same book in 76 hours work. Her brother has worked 96 hours since the institute and has received \$260.00 worth of orders. Another colporteur from that institute reports 71 hours work and \$102.00 in orders. This is good work for new student colporteurs and we thank the Lord for the blessings given. Pray that Satan may not hinder these colporteurs from putting in good time, and remember the request that you pray for them each Monday at noon, wherever you may be.

CHAS. L. COLLISON.

THE OUTLOOK

Doubtless many have read with intense interest the reports of the recent floods and hailstorms, especially in North and West Texas and Oklahoma, damaging crops, it is claimed, to over a million dollars. Of course this, from a human standpoint, seems to be a financial drawback to our work. According to recent investigations made by the heads of finance, the United States is about to enter upon a period of the greatest prosperity that American people have ever experienced.

Mr. William Huttig, president of the National Reserve Bank, declares that nothing from a human standpoint can prevent this "boom". As evidence he cites the following:—"The Euro-

pean, war, first of all, called for United States gold by offering United States securities for sale. We sent all of that out, and Europe began buying war munitions and they sent our gold back. Now they have begun to borrow. Germany is borrowing \$1,000,000.00. France last week borrowed \$50,000,000.00. Great Britain is about to borrow \$250,000,000.00.

This at once looks as though it will be a great drain upon the nation, but it is offset by a hard-fast agreement that every dollar of it shall be spent in this country. Over 90,000 horses and mules have been secured from the Southwest and shipped to the war, so it really does look as though the time of prosperity is upon us. What should this mean to us as a people? Does it mean that we should gather this gold into bags that wax old; that we buy farms and build houses? Or does it mean that we should make preparation as well as begin getting an experience that will enable us to enter into the work and meet the people in the most favorable time to give them this message?

If an era of prosperity is opened, it not only means money to the people, but with such conditions before us, war, famine, floods, and disease, it seems that they will be prepared to accept of this message for the world at this time. Instead of running from these conditions that we see on every hand I think that we should be making a special stand against the foe that is trying to discourage us. If we are going to run from them now I fear that when the many trials and persecutions that are just ahead of us come upon the land, we will be in danger of joining their ranks.

Our general has been putting forth every effort possible to get recruits this year, but not many are responding to the call. His captains, who are located in each conference of our Union, will gladly welcome you, and we hope soon to see many more entering the work. Those who are staying in the field are doing just about as well as ever and all are delivering a large per cent of their books,—better deliveries than we have made for some time. They are making a success. I saw a sign in a shop the other day, it read thus: "Recipe for success—GLUE." True this is, to make a success, glue to your work. We are looking for such workers.

J. H. WILCOX.

HOW MAY THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT BE DEVELOPED IN OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS?

How may the missionary spirit be developed in our Sabbath schools? or, in other words, how may the Sabbath school be conducted that it may be one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth, and develop missionaries to carry this third angel's message? is the question we wish to consider in this article.

We have been told that, "Young men and women are to come forth from our Sabbath schools and colleges to become missionaries for God." It is, then, the purpose of God that in our Sabbath schools the Word of God be actually taught and actually learned, and that would-be workers shall receive a training that will fit them for service. But, do we see these results? Is not the lack of faithful study of the Sabbath school lessons one reason why we do not? Despite the fact that its influence has been a strong factor for good, we all realize that there is much weakness resulting from a failure to really study the Sabbath school lessons. Many earnest appeals have been made to parents, teachers, and pupils to study the Sabbath school lessons daily and thoroughly yet how many of our members do not have an intelligent knowledge of those portions of Scripture that have formed the Sabbath school lessons. Is it because they could not learn the lesson, or is it because they neglected to thoroughly study it?

The Bible says, "Search the Scriptures." The Spirit of Prophecy speaks to us, "Study your Bible as you have never studied it before. Unless you arise to a higher, holier state in your religious life, you will not be ready for the appearing of our Lord."

Many times teachers do not understand the importance of this branch of the Lord's work. Every teacher should have his plans distinctly laid out in his mind as to what to do for that day, and on that occasion. Good teaching is not preaching. The best teacher will not tell his class all he knows of the lesson, but by a series of intelligent, but simply framed questions, will seek to draw from the class all they know of the lesson. This labor for the youth in our Sab-

bath school borders should be regarded as the highest kind of missionary work. The Savior left heaven and came down to this earth that He might labor for those for whom He gave His life, so we must come close to those for whom we labor. There should be much personal work done in the Sabbath school. We must become interested in our youth. Let them know that we have a care for their souls, a desire for their salvation. There is altogether too little sympathy brought into our labor for souls. There is not that beseeching, wooing, drawing power that God requires us to exert that souls may be reconciled to Him.

Jesus, when a child, gained knowledge as we may do. His intimate knowledge of the Scriptures shows how faithfully He must have studied in His early years. In His conflict with Satan, He said repeatedly, "It is written." The Scriptures must have been very familiar to Him, for they rose to His lips in every trial, and in the hour of His greatest need. He rested on them as the bare truths of God,—promises given which could not be broken, prophecies spoken which must be fulfilled.

The true teacher can do much to interest His pupils in faithful Bible study. But while it is essential that wise, patient, efforts be made by the teacher, the work for the children and youth must not be left altogether to the Sabbath school teacher and church worker, but must find its foundation and support in the home. In ancient Israel the parents were to teach their own children as Christ taught the twelve disciples, and if such personal instructions were necessary in the time of ancient Israel, how much more are they necessary in these last days.

The Sabbath school work is so old and so well established that there is danger that it may fail to be progressive. The problem of giving our Sabbath school workers a training that will enable them to do more effective work is a serious one. We are convinced that workers should have additional qualifications besides goodness, yet this quality is essential in every worker.

It should be our purpose to develop Sabbath school workers, who are not only willing to work, but competent. prepared in Christian character, and in scholarship and skill for the work to which they are called. It has been

expressed by one writer, "He who does as well as he knows how is apt to think he is doing as well as he can", but he who acts upon that idea makes a great mistake. He who is truly doing as well as he can is all the time seeking for better ways of doing things. Ignorance of the best methods of teaching is no excuse for second-rate work, for no one who is willing to learn need be ignorant. However, it must constantly be remembered that there is not strength enough in methods, nor power enough in argument, nor force enough in the most eloquent appeals, to bring one soul into the fold of Christ. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." It is only when we have done our utmost to work in harmony with the Lord's plan, that we may confidently expect His spirit to make our work effective. No one can labor faithfully in the Sabbath school work without reaping a bountiful harvest, not only in the end of the world, but in the present life.

A large per cent of those who have been reared in the truth, and still love it, date their first awakening from Sabbath school experiences. Many who today are in the foreign fields, surrounded by people of strange languages and customs, look back across the broad expanse of ocean to the quiet Sabbath hours of childhood spent in the Sabbath school class, as the time when they caught the first inspiration, which later took them to the far away fields.

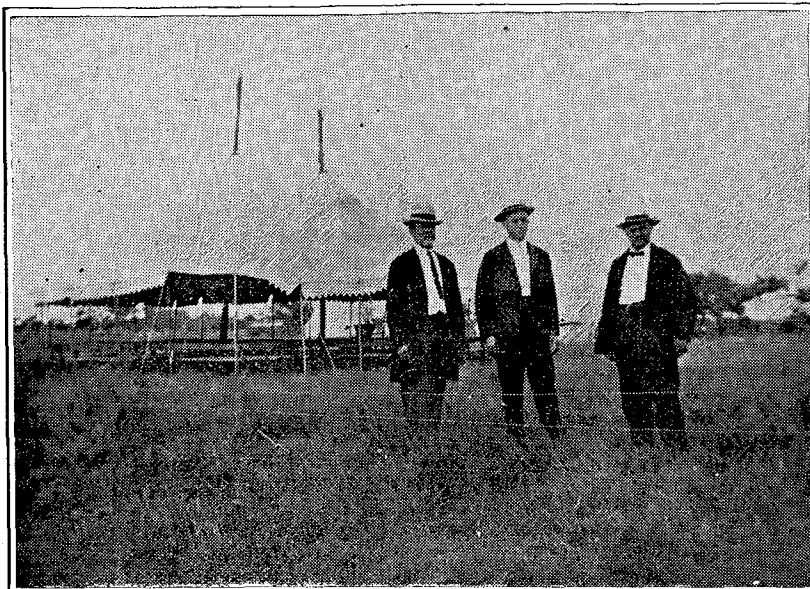
The Sabbath school is an important branch of missionary work, not only because it gives to the young and old a knowledge of God's word, but because it awakens in them a love for its sacred truths, and a desire to study them for themselves. Above all it teaches them to regulate their lives by its holy teachings.

And now, in conclusion, let us exhort all who make up the rank and file of our Sabbath school workers to quicken their energies, to help by their praying, planning, and careful execution of duty to make the Sabbath school truly a place of interest and spiritual profit, thus increasing missionaries for God's great harvest field—the world.

A. M. WOODALL.

"What are you doing for Jesus?"

As in geometry, so in morals—the straight line is the shortest.—Rahel.



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WEST TEXAS CAMP MEETING

Doubtless some of the readers of the RECORD will be glad to know something of the results of the camp meeting held at Hamby, West Texas. During the first part of the meeting there were quite a few camped on the ground, but Tuesday most of them went away. Thursday evening, however, many of these returned, and still others came in to enjoy the meetings.

On the first Sabbath thirteen came forward desiring to do the service of God more completely. It was a good day for all who were there. As it was a very busy season, but few meetings could be held during the day. A small meeting was held at 9:00 a. m., and then a service was held at 5:00 p. m., and a regular preaching service at 8:30 p. m. At the afternoon and evening services those who live in the immediate vicinity attended regularly. The afternoon services were largely devoted to the educational

and young peoples' work, as well as to give some other instructions, such as the book work, and the missionary work. These were seemingly much appreciated. The regular preaching services were held in the evenings, as well as on Sabbaths and Sundays.

Much interest was manifested in the educational work, especially that of the Academy, for the coming year. Professor Isaac came to the camp on Monday, and he soon became acquainted with many of the young people who had been thinking of the school for the coming year. A list of about sixteen was secured by Professor Isaac of those who were expecting to be in the Academy for the coming year. As the crop conditions are excellent in the West, the prospects are very good for a full school this fall, and West Texas will surely furnish its share of the students.

On the last Sabbath of the meeting another movement was made for those who desired to lead a better life. About twenty came forward, and quite a number of them made a confession of failures in the past and a determination to do more for God in the future. On Sunday forenoon three were baptized. These, with others, presented themselves for membership with the church.

We believe that there is a better future for the West Texas Conference, and for the Hamby church in particular. They have a good com-

pany of children and youth, and they are planning to strengthen the school there. Last year they had an enrolment of about forty-five, and they are expecting to have about that number again this coming term.

The weather throughout the meeting was good. There was rain the first night and quite a heavy wind, but otherwise it was very pleasant throughout. We are hoping and trusting that the good Spirit of God may attend each successive camp meeting. Seeing the times in which we live, ought we not seek the Lord as never before that we may so relate ourselves to His cause that we may be of much use to Him and His service?

W. L. ADAMS.

FIELD REPORT

SIDNEY.—We have had successful meetings near Sidney during the past spring and summer. Several have accepted the truth, and some of them are manifesting a great zeal in giving the truth to others. We have a small church organization here and a splendid Sabbath school. We are also planning to have a six-months' school next winter.

Brother C. W. Davis, who accepted the third angel's message two months ago and united with the Sidney church, in company with the writer attended the Hamby camp meeting, where we spent last Sabbath, Sunday, and Monday with great pleasure, associating with the dear brethren and sisters there.

Tuesday morning we started back to our field of labor near Sidney, and after driving eighty miles through the hot sun, we arrived at the home of Brother J. H. Janes. We found them of splendid courage in the Lord. We are planning to bind off the work here as soon as possible, then move the tent to Cross Plains, to answer a call from that place. Pray for us and the work in West Texas.

J. L. PARNELL.

One of the simplest and yet one of the mightiest secrets of abiding joy and victory is to never lose sight of Jesus.—Torrey.

"There is no spiritual arithmetic by which you can bring together any number of half-Christians and make a whole one."

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HAVE DOUBTLESS ENJOYED READING THIS NUMBER OF THE **RECORD**. WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO FILL IT WITH GOOD READING MATTER THAT YOU MAY SEE SOMETHING OF THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK IN THE VARIOUS CONFERENCES OF OUR UNION. WE WANT THE **RECORD** IN EVERY ADVENTIST HOME IN THE UNION, AND IF YOU ARE NOT A SUBSCRIBER, THIS MEANS YOU. IF YOU ARE ALREADY A SUBSCRIBER, WE WANT YOU TO ASSIST US IN OUR CAMPAIGN TO RAISE OUR LIST TO THE 2,000-MARK. THE PAPER COSTS ONLY ONE CENT A WEEK. WILL YOU NOT GIVE US YOUR HEARTY CO-OPERATION?

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