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REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA COLPORTEUR WORK FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1915.

The contents of this report represent the combined efforts of about seventy-five consecrated Christian men and women. They have put in 24,374 hours and the Lord has blessed with a total of \$26,212.45 worth of orders, and the delivery of \$20,158.03 worth of books and magazines which contain the bread of life. This, we understand, is about double the amount delivered in any other conference in the Southern Publishing Association territory during the same time. The average wage was about \$5.00 for every twelve-hour day put in.

Some one will ask the question: Why does the report of a year ago show a delivery of \$26,000.00, and this report only \$200,000.00? This was

mainly due to the fact that most of our deliveries last fall were in the cotton districts, and the war prices of cotton hurt the deliveries. The deliveries so far during 1915 have been extra good. But there are several reasons why we have not made up that which was lost during the 1914 delivery. More than one-third of the seventy-five colporteurs who helped with the work during the past year were students who spent nine months of the time in school. Quite a number of these have put in very faithful time, and a number of others would have put in more time but for the fact that the wheat crop was extra good and the parents and friends used this as an excuse to persuade some of these young people to work in the wheat harvest instead of in the seed-sowing which will be harvested in eternity. Others own farms; some have large families; some have a little garden of an acre or two; while still others have a few head of cattle; and there are a few others who are married. We are thankful for the efficient help of these brethren and sisters in this line of work, and some of them put in all the time they could spare from their families and other work. Some of the best talent that we have is among this class of workers, and the devil is making many believe that because they cannot spend all of their time in the work, they should not spend any. You can easily see where we would be if it were not

for these brethren and sisters who have homes and farm work to attend to, when I tell you that there were only four colporteurs in the Oklahoma Conference who did not have some other line of work in which they spent a large share of their time. Just think of it! There must be quite a number who are allowing the things of this world to bury the talents which the Lord has entrusted to them! Two more Oklahoma colporteurs have left the ranks to become leaders during the past year, and there are two others ready as soon as the call comes for them.

What are our needs? Do we ask you for money with which to pay the wages of these self-supporting missionaries? No. The Lord has provided a good wage for all those who will put in faithful time—about \$5 for every twelve-hour day put in. It also helps to advance the church school work and the Bible ministry. What we have need of is more faithful Christians, who will rightly represent this message, to go to the homes of the people and carry the life-giving food contained in our good literature.

One of our colporteurs persuaded a man who had two wheat farms to come to the institute last January. This brother was not a young man by any means, but he was a good, solid Christian and felt the burden for the souls of his fellow-men. The first full day that this brother worked, he went

to twenty of his neighbors and received orders for a copy of one of our subscription books from seventeen of them. Did the Lord bless this brother? Will He do the same for you? Do you think this brother can stay on the farm all of the time this coming year and feel that he is doing what is right? No.

One of our sisters, who has a family to care for, gets out at least two days each week and carries a health book to the homes of the people in the town in which she lives, and the Lord is giving her success in putting this important phase of the message into the homes of the people. She also carries the Home Workers' Books during the months of November and December. Still others work with the "Watchman" and other magazines, and besides doing much good, they are able to provide means for their own living, or where this is not necessary, have means with which to buy tracts and to make donations to different branches of the work.

This is our fifth and last report to read before you. This report makes a total of \$114,000.00 worth of literature delivered by the Oklahoma colporteurs during the past five years. We thank the Lord from the depths of our heart for the blessings He has bestowed on our labors; for the pleasant companionship of fellow-laborers and brethren, and for His forbearance with our weakness and frailty. We also thank you for your kindness and help in the work, and it is with feelings of regret that we think of leaving such pleasant surroundings. But if it is the Lord's will for us to go to fields which need us more, we feel to say, "Thy will, not mine, be done."

We feel sure that the work of the Lord will not suffer in the hands of Brother Priest, with whom you are all so well acquainted; and it is with feelings of pleasure that we see him willing to make the sacrifice that is necessary for one to make who takes a place of this kind. We hope to see you hold up his hands as you have ours in the past.

CHAS. L. COLLISON.

"When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient and loving silence—that is victory.

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

The work in Austin is slowly building up, largely through the circulation of literature.

Since the beginning of the year, I have been handling the Present Truth Series and find it an excellent plan for working up the interest. I am now using a club of 250 copies. One hundred of these I deliver to regular subscribers, and the others I loan to those who, while not especially interested, are yet willing to investigate the line of study they contain. Many of these quit after reading a few copies, and the papers they return, if fresh and clean, are passed on to others, always with the understanding that they will be asked for a subscription later, unless for some good reason it seems best to continue them free of charge. I like this plan because it enables me to do a more thorough work, and at the same time to cover the cost of the literature.

Several of my readers are taking small clubs of papers to distribute among their friends. One lady who is using a club of fifteen each month, said to me the other day, "Some of my friends do not like to have their minds disturbed over these things, and I find that I must be very careful. I remember that when you first came to me there were some points on which I could not, at first, agree with you; but the seed was sown, and so I mean to sow the seed, and I trust that some, at least, will bring forth fruit."

This same lady had previously ordered several copies of the "Family Bible Teacher" for missionary work, one copy of which she gave to her pastor. She is now a reader of the weekly "Signs".

Another lady said: "My pastor does not think we can know anything about the close of time. He doesn't think we need to study the prophe-

cies. He is a very scholarly man, too—has been around the world." I said to her: "The world is full of scholars, and they disagree on many things. We must know for ourselves what the Bible teaches." Then, with her permission, I picked up her Bible from the center table and read to her some pointed scriptures, showing the importance of our understanding the prophecies for our times. She decided to take God's Word for it, and subscribed for the little paper.

Another lady, with whom I had left some tracts some months before, said: "I have been wanting to take up this line of study." And so I meet from day to day those who seem open to conviction, and who are glad to find something that will enlighten them.

One of my older readers has taken her stand for the truth, and is working to interest others. Several others have acknowledged the truth, but on account of conditions in the home, hesitate to step out. One of these, who has commenced in a way to observe the Sabbath, is troubled with doubts and fears, lest, after all, she may be taking a wrong step. All of these need our sympathy and prayers. So, also, do the workers, who have such constant need of strength and wisdom.

Surely we should all do our utmost to enlighten the people, now while they are still kind and friendly, and are willing to give us a hearing.

MARGARET WARNOCK.

CANVASSING ON THE BORDER

Canvassing in the wilds of the Rio Grande Valley requires courage similar to that of the foreign missionary whose life is continually endangered.

The situation here is one of intense excitement. The whole country is being terrorized by bands of lawless Mexicans who have risen up in revolt with the purpose of regaining this extreme southern portion of Texas. They leave only death and destruction in their trail.

Men, women, and children for miles around collect in the towns at night for protection. Nearly everyone carries a gun of some kind.

Friday, August 6, a band of mounted bandits rode into the town of Sebastian and robbed the post office and several stores, then took a Mr. Austin, who was president of the "Law and Order League," and his son, out a lit-

tle way from town and shot them down in cold blood. They have burned several railroad bridges, cut the telegraph wires and tied them across the road to trap the officers.

The citizens, in great posses, have turned out in search of the bandits. Since the soldiers have come there have been several battles with the bandits, and some soldiers and several bandits have been killed.

Yet amid all this the Lord's work has steadily been carried forward. We have trusted Him for protection and have received it.

Our work has been among Mexican ranchers, some eighteen or twenty miles from an American town, the very headquarters of the bandits; yet we have not been molested. Some have said: "How you boys could have traveled all over that bandit country and not been killed is a mystery." Ps. 34:7 solves the mystery.

The valley is a rich region, and produces almost everything in abundance. The vegetation is tropical, banana groves, palms, date trees, lemons and oranges all grow in abundance. Corn grows from 12 to 14 feet high.

The dense underbrush is full of wild game, such as deer, wolves, wildcats, and an occasional mountain lion. There are also snakes of many kinds.

Many exciting experiences could be told of our work down here, but space will not permit. So in closing we would ask that you pray for our continued protection during our deliveries, which will be extremely dangerous.

Yours in the work,
 JOE CHESNUTT.
 LaFeria, Tex.

THE STORM IN SOUTH TEXAS

Perhaps there would be no better way to answer the letters of inquiry coming to us concerning the hurricane and tidal wave that recently visited Galveston and vicinity than through the columns of the RECORD.

First indications of the approaching storm were felt Monday morning about two o'clock, when a strong breeze blew up from the north and increased in velocity during the day. The full fury of the storm was felt shortly after midnight. The force of the storm did not abate until four o'clock Tuesday morning, and by daylight we felt that the worst had passed.

The storm did not take Danbury un-awares, or find the people unprepared. We knew it was coming, but it was a sleepless, anxious night for the people of our little village. Lights shone from almost every window; one family tied themselves together by two's; others stood on the porches for hours, prepared to flee to some place of safety if the worst came; still others sat calmly in their rooms waiting for results.

Three houses were blown down, and others were badly damaged. Windows were blown in, floors flooded, clothing and bedding water-soaked, shrubbery flattened to the ground, and the trees almost stripped of leaves. Tuesday morning the town presented a picture of desolation.

The storm did but little damage at Angleton. With the exception of a few barns, out-houses, and awnings, the town went through the storm unscathed.

At Alvin, business houses were damaged, and a large number of residences, both in town and in the country, are total wrecks. Two deaths and a number seriously injured are reported, but our people and friends who reside there are all safe.

Personally we suffered no loss. No lives were lost, and the damage to the town was small as compared to other localities.

As we read of the fearful storm, of the awful death toll, of the injured and their stories of suffering and narrow escapes from death, our hearts are full of gratitude and praise to the One Who stilled the tempest on the stormy sea of Galilee, for His preserving care over us and our loved ones during this terrible storm.

Mrs. W. W. STONER.
 Danbury, Texas, August 20.

HARVEST INGATHERING "SIGNS" IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Practically the entire subject matter of the Harvest Ingathering "Signs" is being translated into the German, Danish and Swedish languages and will be printed and sent out from the College View Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

These foreign papers will have the three-color cover and illustrations the same as the English paper. Orders for the Ingathering paper in these languages should be sent direct to your tract society.

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CLYDE

For some time I have been unable to report to the RECORD. It has not been because I have had nothing to report. I have been very busy out in the field with the workers. The work is still climbing up. For the past three weeks I have been out with ten workers. The Lord gave me many rich experiences during this time.

I have just been on a trip in Fisher County, where Brethren Ernest and Claud Truitt are at work. I never saw the crop prospects better, and peaches and watermelons were certainly in great abundance. These two brethren are doing splendid work and the Lord is blessing them.

I then went to Sweetwater, where two lady workers were making preparations to deliver their books. I secured a horse and buggy from Brother Early, and one of them delivered the most of her books while I was there. We found the people more than glad to get their books.

The two workers at San Angelo are sending in some good reports, and they say that people are ready to buy the good book they are handling.

Sisters Wilson and Hansen have made a good delivery in Wichita Falls. They only lost four or five orders out of ninety or a hundred apiece.

Brethren Clouse and Birdsong are still hammering away in Hall County. Brother Clouse writes me that his throat has been giving him some trouble, but he was not going to let the devil stop him, and he would keep going. That is the way to do things, Brother Clouse. If we had ten or twelve more such workers, West Tex would compare favorably with some of her sister conferences.

We have had some good rains in a large part of our territory, and farmers are certainly encouraged over the crop prospects. Everything looks bright for the future. I believe that

the Lord is helping us to finish the work in various ways. So let us "Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good." 2 Sam. 10:12. T. J. HOOPER.

EL PASO, TEXAS

The past several months have been busy ones for this church. We began work on our church building the first part of June. Elder Coberly came and helped us two weeks and directed the work, which was much appreciated. The building is frame, 22x38 feet. We had difficulties at the start, but since we really started the building, the Lord has greatly blessed the work. We held our first meeting in it on July 17. It is free from debt, but it is not finished on the inside, though we hope to complete it this fall.

The lady we mentioned in our last report, who had tried to get help from the other ministers, is now keeping the Sabbath and paying her tithe, and through her influence others are studying the truth.

In one part of the city quite a stir and interest is being manifested over the truth. At our Monday night studies, from 16 to 20 attend. One young man who had studied the truth for some time, gave up his position as railway postal clerk and was baptized and united with the church on June 26. So God's work is steadily making advancement in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. PROCTOR.

SEED THOUGHTS

Of Daniel it was said that "he did as he did aforetime" when he was in the king's palace. This is true of all. When we leave our place of training and go out into the work, the same characteristics will be found to be in us that we had while in training. Whether we go abroad or stay at home to work, we ought to do our best.

Had you ever stopped to think of it there are no foreign missionaries? Yes that is true. When you get to a foreign field you will have to do home missionary work. You will live the same life that you lived at home. You will have the same habits, same besetting sins—unless you have overcome them by the blood of the Lamb. Are you willing for this to be so, or do you long for a holier life in Christ Jesus?

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FIELD AGENT'S LETTER

Another year is in the past and another record has been made. This record is not just what we should have liked for it to have been, yet there are many things for which we are very thankful. First, we wish to say that we are grateful to our heavenly Father for the health of the colporteurs during the past year. Health is a blessing for which each one should be very thankful. We are also thankful for the degree of success that has attended each worker in the field.

During the past year, thirty have entered the work. Some, of course, have put in more time than others. Some have worked only a few days, while others have worked two or three months; but none of those entering the work have put in full time. These thirty have put in 12679 hours and have taken 5819 orders, which amounted to \$14,200.00. Helps to the amount of \$606.40, and Bibles at \$1177.05, bring the total value up to \$15,983.45. The deliveries for the past year are as follows: Bibles, \$266.40; other books \$5332.10. These make a total value of books delivered of \$5598.50.

This report shows a gain over 1913 of 1892 hours, 1609 orders, total value \$3527.00, but only \$742.85 in books delivered.

Our agents have made an average of \$1.26 per hour in taking orders, but only made a 33% delivery. We are very sorry for the poor delivery made last year, yet some say that there is an excuse for this small delivery. We hope, however, that we will make better deliveries this year. I do not believe that there is any need of us not making good deliveries, for God has given the orders, and if we are faithful in making our deliveries, God will help us to help the people get their books.

It is very interesting to me to notice what might have been done if all had

been faithful. If they had put in 40 hours per week for 40 weeks, there would have been 48,000 hours' work done; and if they had made the same average in taking orders—\$1.26 per hour—the value of orders taken would be \$60,480.00; and if the same delivery had been made, our total delivery would amount to \$20,160.00, or \$672.00 to each person. This gives us an idea of what would have been accomplished if each one had put in full time. From this we can see that the state of Arkansas would soon be warned if all who start in would stay with the work. It also shows each one would be financially able to stay with the work if they would stay at the post of duty, even though they made poor deliveries. Now, when we start in this work, I do not believe the Lord expects any of us to look back—in other words, to quit and go home. We are studying the life of Christ in our Sabbath school lessons, and we find that when He entered the work that He was found continually at the post of duty. I wish that this could be said of each one who enters the work at this time.

Since our last camp meeting, many nations have been plunged into war. Prophecy is fast being fulfilled, and we are told through the Spirit of Prophecy that "A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all ages is just before us." Vol. V, p. 711. Knowing these things, and having in our possession so many good books which explain the times in which we live, should it not behoove us to arouse as one man for the giving of this message to the people of this state? We have in this state seventy-six counties, and most of these have had some work done in them, but many have had so few books placed in them, and that so long ago, that it is practically new territory for any of our books. I believe that God has entrusted to us who live in this state the great responsibility of taking the last warning message to these people. Then comes to us the question, Are we doing all that we should do to give this message? Are each of us who are here doing all that we might do to get our message-filled books into the hands of the people? We have been praying for years for the work to be finished and that we might be gathered home; but are we

doing all that we should to hasten that day? Dear people, we can not all preach, neither can we all teach; but here is a line of work that we can all have a part in, so I trust that when you hear that still small voice saying, "Go work today," you will answer, "Lord, here am I!"

Yours for the speedy finishing of the work.

E. H. WILCOX.

THE ARKANSAS CAMP MEETING

For the second time we held our annual encampment at Hot Springs, the "City of Vapors," in a pleasant grove. During the entire meeting, the weather was unusually good, and for ten days we had a most profitable time together seeking the Lord.

Hot Springs is a very beautiful little city nestling in the mountains, about sixty miles from Little Rock, the center of the state. It is famed for its springs of very hot water, which have very marked medicinal properties. These springs are under the control of the government, and are annually visited by more than 150,000 health seekers.

Most excellent services were conducted by the local and Union Conference workers, and by Elder Paap, representing the General Conference.

About two hundred and fifty were encamped on the ground and in nearby rooms, while we had an average nightly attendance of about five hundred. We leave workers here to take care of a very good interest.

After Elder Paap's home missionary talks, many books and tracts were sold at the book tent. More than 1040 copies of "World's Crisis" and many dollars worth of tracts were disposed of at one meeting. A very interesting feature of the meeting was a practical demonstration of the home missionary work by organizing the campers into bands to visit the people in their homes, which they did, leaving a personal invitation to attend the meetings, and also tracts and periodicals in great numbers.

Just as I write this, we are having a little free advertising in the form of a fire in our dining tent, which burned the top and side out, and which was extinguished just as the entire fire-fighting apparatus of the city had thundered up to help us out. The

newspapers have been very liberal with space.

At the close of the meeting twelve were baptized.

H. H. HAMILTON.

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SHERMAN AND DENISON

After camp meeting I returned to Sherman, and on the following Sabbath morning I went to Denison, where some of Sister Combs' converts were baptized. Another sister who was awaiting baptism was away from home at the bedside of a sick relative, and could not be baptized.

At Sherman, although eight had recently been baptized, two more united with the church and were buried with their Lord in baptism on Sunday morning. There are others who are expected to unite with the church soon.

A committee was appointed to nominate a church school board for the coming year. The church is now meeting in a hall down town, near the corner of Walnut and Houston streets.

ROBERT W. LEACH.

AN APPEAL FOR OUR CITIES

Providence has kept me in the city of Fort Worth for five and one-half months, and as I leave this morning, it is with an almost overwhelming sense of the need for personal workers here. While the Spirit of Prophecy warns all with little children to get out of the cities, yet I feel like saying, Oh, that every family and every individual who is not held at some church school, or larger school center, by the necessity of keeping their children in these schools, might see the importance of moving into these cities and spending their time and energies distributing our truth-filled literature.

I know for a fact that many souls are hungering for it.

On my arrival here, I was asked to nurse a serious case of pneumonia in a family where the head of the house was not even a Christian, though the wife and mother were Adventists. This gave me an opportunity of demonstrating the value of water treatment, for that was all I used, and recovery was speedy. I then went out to help finish canvassing the business district with the magazines, meeting with only fair success financially. The largest number sold in one day was 30, though Sister Ball came along later and sold 90 in one day. While I felt that every magazine placed was one or more sermons preached, still I had little chance for personal work.

I then turned my attention to the residence district with "World's Crisis" and a few magazines. It was then that my heart was stirred, as I was invited into the homes, had heart-to-heart talks with the people, mostly women, and found so many anxious to understand the Bible, but who could not. Over and over they have said to me, "I just cannot understand the Bible!" "Oh, if I just could understand the Scriptures, I would enjoy reading them." Then would come to my mind Ps. 111:11, "A good understanding have all they that do his commandments." I always took the name and address of such persons, promising to send them the Present Truth Series, with the hope that some good brother or sister would be willing to send this little paper to them regularly.

On my first day's work in the neighborhood of my room, I met one intelligent lady, who soon began keeping the Sabbath, and fully expects her husband to join her. She now has a friend visiting her from a distance, who is becoming interested. On the same day I called on another lady who later took Bible studies from Elder Cubley and will surely step out; also a man and his wife who began taking studies, but were interrupted by the arrival of their daughter-in-law who was prejudiced; and quite a number who were anxious to get the Present Truth Series. Do please remember the above mentioned couple in your prayers, as Satan is working especially hard with them.

While here I came across one dear young woman whose parents were Adventists, but who had married and

drifted entirely out of the truth. I visited and studied with her. She attended Elder Cubley's meetings and I had the pleasure of seeing her renounce the world, be rebaptized, and join the church, and she is determined to put their little boy in the church school.

I have been visiting one wealthy woman, a member of one of the leading churches, who seems to hunger for the truth, always taking a magazine, and who bought "World's Crisis." She has partly read "Daniel and the Revelation," but is opposed by her husband so that the work necessarily goes slow. Another lady belonging to the same class, welcomes my visits, encourages me in my work, has subscribed for "Sign of the Times," has bought other magazines, "World's Crisis," "United States in Prophecy," and loans all her literature to her pastor. He reads it, too. She also subscribed for "Life Sketches of Mrs. E. G. White," "Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," and "Helps to Bible Study," when she found I intended leaving. Although she has asked me to give her Bible studies, it has not been possible thus far. This same woman accompanied me to a Bible study which I held with two other ladies near her home, and she was really a help to me, as she encouraged them to believe in a soon-coming Savior.

After camp meeting my heart turned once more to Fort Worth, so the children and I came. On our way I asked the Lord to direct us to just the place He would have us find rooms. The family with whom I had roomed asked me to come back, and I phoned to see if my room was still vacant, but it had been rented the night before I said, "I am needed elsewhere," and called up a lady who, with her husband, had attended Elder Cubley's meeting almost every night. She was so anxious for me to come that she would set no price on the rooms, but said, "Come right over and I'll make the price right." I went. She has been taking Bible studies during my stay here and opposes my leaving to the extent that she offers me a room free for awhile. I gave her and her husband a study on the 2300 days on Friday afternoon, one on the sanctuary Tuesday night, a reading Wednesday morning, another in the afternoon, one that night, and she wanted another this morning. She has prac-

tically promised to keep the next Sabbath.

The first morning I started to canvass after my return, I found a lady two doors from my room who cordially invited me to visit and talk with her about the Bible. She said she enjoyed reading, but there were so many things she could not understand. As I must leave, I took her a bundle of tracts on most points of the faith. Other experiences could be given, ad infinitum.

During the last week we have distributed 375 papers and tracts.

Following are some of the urgent needs of this city:

A good, self-sacrificing church school teacher, who will not permit forbidding circumstances to overcome her or him. Most of the parents are anxious for a school.

A consecrated hydropathic physician to open treatment rooms in harmony with the instructions of Testimonies, Vol. VII.

A man and wife to open a hygienic cafe, after the plans outlined in Vol. VII.

Women Bible workers.

Also vegetable venders, carpenters, anybody and everybody with a missionary spirit whose business brings them in contact with the people.

Mrs. Z. B. THWEATT.

Keene, Texas.

OBITUARY

CAPPS.—Effie Pendley Capps was born near Avinger, Texas, October 25, 1894. She was married to Audrey Capps in 1913, who with their infant child, her father, two brothers, and six sisters, is left to mourn their loss.

Sister Capps accepted the third angel's message in 1906, and remained faithful until her death.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, after which the body was interred in the Avinger cemetery.—Sullivan Wareham, in "Review and Herald."

FOR SALE—Four-room house, with pantry and closet, outbuildings, and a well of good water. Five acres of rich land, ¼ mile south of Academy. A bargain. Part cash, balance on easy terms. See or write, 31-2tc.

A. KORGAN,
Keene, Texas.

"Denying a fault doubles it."

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STATEMENT OF TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1915.

ARKANSAS—

Membership, 302.
At \$5.20 per member, \$1570.40.
Received, \$870.65.
Short, \$699.75.

NEW MEXICO—

Membership, 260.
At \$5.20 per member, \$1352.00.
Received, \$716.10.
Short, 635.90.

NORTH TEXAS

Membership, 1252.
At \$5.20, \$6510.40.
Received, \$2319.60.
Short, 4190.80.

OKLAHOMA—

Membership, 1860.
At \$5.20 per member, \$9672.00.
Received, \$4393.12.
Short, \$5278.88.

SOUTH TEXAS—

Membership, 388.
At \$5.20 per member, 2017.60.
Received, \$1228.92.
Short, \$788.68.

WEST TEXAS—

Membership, 247.
At \$5.20 per member, 1284.40.
Received, \$409.11.
Short, \$875.29.

TOTAL—

Membership, 4309.
At \$5.20 per member, \$22406.80.
Received, \$9937.50.
Short, \$12469.30.

C. E. SMITH, Treasurer.

THE JULY REPORT

Once more the time has arrived for another report. The report for July is small, as compared with that of the same month of last year; but all hands are hard at work striving to raise the standard.

Yet, when we consider that last July

we had sixty more colporteurs than we have this year, the report does not look so bad. You will notice that our deliveries are good and the magazine sales are increasing each month.

I am now at the Arkansas camp ground. Our night services are well attended. We have two tents pitched side by side, and yet many have to stand up on the outside. The crop prospects in Arkansas are good, and all who are selling books are doing well. One brother canvassed 400 houses and has over \$700.00 worth of books to deliver.

Surely all our people can see that now is the golden moment to sell our books and papers. When this war is over or subsides, our people will have to face many difficulties that they do not now dream of. Why not enter the work now, and prepare to stand when trials come upon us? We have over four months yet in this year, and the crops are good, so the people will be ready to invest a few dimes and dollars in good books if our agents will only take them the literature. Let us do it! What do you say?

A. F. HARRISON.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Once more the time has come for preparations to be made for the opening of another school year.

Last year the Lord, through the help of our dear brethren, enabled us not only to make the necessary preparations and operate the school within our income, but also to reduce our indebtedness some three thousand dollars. We give Him all the glory and look to Him, to turn the hearts of our loyal brethren and sisters of this Union to this institution of His planting, through the coming year, so that even a better record can be made than has been made during the year just closing.

We have canned already about 5,000 quarts of fruit and vegetables, put up 30 tons of hay and 60 tons of silage, and will put up much more before vacation ends. So you see the Lord has greatly blessed us in the preparations for another year.

Last year the Academy Board donated enough money to paper the boys' dormitory and to paint the furniture and woodwork so the young men could have respectable quarters for the winter.

This year we are working on the girls' home, which is a much greater task. The materials alone will cost something over \$150. It has been neglected so long that there is much more to be done and it is also a much larger building than the boys' home. We have plastered ten rooms and part of the halls and stairways, and will paper the first three floors and paint the entire building. We can get most of the work done on old accounts, but will have to look to our brethren for money to pay for the material. Come, now, my brethren, and help make the home respectable for your daughters to live in, as you know proper surroundings will have a great influence for good and will aid materially in proper advancement in right lines.

We will publish a list from week to week of the names of those whose hearts stir them up to help at this time; and let others send in their donations, great or small, until this work is finished.

H. L. WILCOX.

- E. M. Davis \$1.00
- R. Van Darnell 1.00
- F. R. Isaac 1.00
- R. L. Blackwelder 1.00
- C. J. Buhalts 1.00
- A. E. Gober 1.00
- J. S. McMullen 5.00
- A. F. Harrison 15.00
- J. H. Dortch 1.00
- T. W. Field 1.00
- J. A. Lankford 1.00
- L. F. Brand 25
- Mrs. M. C. Duncan 50
- E. S. Graves 1.00
- J. G. Petty 50
- J. I. Taylor 1.00
- J. F. Jago 50
- L. O. Corwin 25
- W. A. Sweany 1.00
- W. M. Miller 1.00

"It is those who perform faithfully their appointed work day by day, who in God's own time will hear His call, 'Come up higher.'"

"Time well spent is Satan's deadliest foe; it leaves no opening for the lurking fiend."

PRAY FOR THE COLPORTEURS EVERY MONDAY NOON

"I AM STEPPING IN YOUR STEPS"

Climbing the mountain wild and high,
 Bold was the glance of his eagle eye,
 Proud was the spirit that knew no fear
 Reckless the tread of the mountaineer:
 Up and through the fields of snow,
 Down and down o'er the pathway steep
 On o'er the chasms wide and deep.

Hark! o'er the mountain bleak and wild

Echoed the voice of a little child:
 "Papa, look out! I am coming too,
 Stepping in your steps, just like you!
 Papa, O papa! just see me!

Walking like papa—don't you see?
 Pale was the face of the mountaineer,
 Pale with the thrill of an awful fear;
 Paused he quick, and with eager face,
 Clasped the child in his strong embrace;

Backward glanced, with his eye so dim
 Back o'er the path see had followed him.

Fathers, pause in the path of life,
 Rough with the chasms of sin and strife

When you walk with a step so free
 'Mong the rocks where the dangers be,
 List! to the voice that is sounding sweet,

List! they are coming— the little feet,
 Walk with care; they are coming too,
 "Stepping in your steps, just like you."
 —Selected.

BOOKS CAN BE SOLD SINCE THE WAR

Comparative Statement—Cash Sales Only

	Before The War	During The War
July	\$ 76.47	\$ 149.60
August	199.65	181.37
September	123.75	194.11
October	209.85	361.30
November	233.70	247.90
December	362.33	299.98
January	243.95	205.65
February	181.28	266.85
March	159.50	169.09
April	234.78	197.26
May	110.54	125.97
June	145.36	196.82
Totals—	\$2281.16	\$2595.90

A gain since the war began of \$314.81.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD

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
NORTH TEXAS, August 14								
H. Williams, Nacona		BR	19	2	6 00	60	6 60	
L. T. Pierce, Ft Worth		BR	25	6	18 00	35	18 35	
C. F. Church, Dallas		GC	43	10	30 00	7 40	37 40	3 55
J. W. Spiva, Seogaville		BR	31	20	64 00		64 00
W. W. Chatton, Dallas		BFL	50	15	27 50		27 50	27 50
		Mag			114 50		114 50	
Agents 5			168	53	260 00	8 35	268 35	31 05
WEST TEXAS, August 14								
T. N. Birdsong, Lake View		BR	11	2	6 00	60	6 60	
Bertha Chesnut, Merkel		PPF	13			1 75	1 75	51 35
Lillian Chitty, San Angelo		BF	37	8	13 50	95	14 45	
Ruth Chitty, San Angelo		BF	36	14	18 00	2 50	20 50	
C. P. Clouse, Lake View		BR	30	11	33 00	3 70	36 70	
T. J. Fortner, Crowell		BR	20	6	20 00	3 00	23 00
Olga Hansen, Wichita Falls		BF	65	36	53 50	3 50	57 00	84 00
Ethel Hooper, Clyde		BF	36	32	49 50	3 40	52 90	
C. H. McColrey, Amarillo		BF	17	4	4 00	35	4 35	3 00
D. C. Sims, Vernon		BF & BR	33	3	8 00		8 00	3 00
W. F. Simmons, Vernon		DR	14				30 00
C. C. Truitt, Rotan		DR	42	16	61 00	1 05	62 05	
E. G. Truitt, Rotan		DR	35	25	86 00		86 00	
		Bibles		2	6 50		6 50	4 10
Agents 13			389	159	359 00	20 80	379 80	175 45
NEW MEXICO, July 17 to August 1								
F. G. Montoya, Taos Co.			180	43	236 00		239 00	
Zoral Coberly, Chavers			30	27	6 75		6 75	
Keld Reynolds, El Paso			15	9	27 00		27 00	
Scottie Pearce, Hagerman			56	13	14 00		14 00	
C. M. Church, Portales			33	4	14 00	35	14 35	
Agents 5			314	96	300 75	35	301 10	
OKLAHOMA, August 7								
T. W. Atchley, Crescent		PG	39	13	38 00		38 00	
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		USP	18	9	21 00	50	21 50	
L. C. Burwell, Elk City		BR	40	10	31 00		31 00	
Ruth Baker, Ketchum		PPF	35		75 00		75 00	
Edgar Brigham, Lone Wolf		PG	50				363 00
Norman Dunn, Ketchum		PPF	35			1 50	1 50	179 50
J. G. Gaede, Weatherford		PG	14					135 00
Vesta Haddock, Yale		PG	2	1	3 00		3 00	3 00
W. R. Hixon, Carnegie		PG	84					333 50
James H. Harris, Mannford		USP	5					7 50
C. E. Johnson, Waurika		DR	36			1 50	1 50	69 00
E. J. Kraft, Fairview		PG	47	13	49 00		49 00	
John Knudson, Blue Jacket		BR	10	2	6 00		6 00	13 00
R. O. Laird, Lone Wolf		BR	10				42 00
Robert Neuman, Leedy		PG	55	27	82 00		82 00	
O. S. Owen, Meeker		PG	43					145 00
Lizzie Schilt, Muskogee		BR	12			4 50	4 50	3 00
Hulda Windhorst, Owasso		BR	36			1 00	1 00	123 00
A. E. Weidenkeller, Buffalo		BR	35	17	57 00		57 00	
		Bibles			3 50		3 50	89 00
Agents 19			606	92	365 50	9 00	374 50	1505 00

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SOUTH TEXAS, August 7

C. H. Chenault, Wharton	PG	38	11	24 00		24 00	6 00
G. Courtney, Houston	Mag	7		3 70		3 70	3 70
U. M. Cooke, Corpus Christi	PP	33	26	86 00	1 90	87 90	
Joe Chesnutt, La Feria	PP	37	26	93 00	1 35	94 35	
R. N. Jensen, Dayton	HM	30	5	10 00	2 85	12 85	
Mrs. Kelley, Beaumont	Mag	78		122 90		122 90	122 90
J. M. Lopez, Alice	HH	35	29	79 00	7 25	86 25	
S. P. Lopez, Alice	PP	14	8	29 00	3 05	32 05	
B. R. Laureano, Stockdale	PG	6	4	16 00		16 00	6 00
H. G. Leland, La Feria	PP	37	30	104 00		104 00	
Thelma Neal, Houston	Mag	7		5 10		5 10	
Carl Staben, Falfurias	CK	26	38	57 00	85	57 85	
Elijah Taylor, Austin	BR	35	4	15 00		15 00	
C. E. Votaw, McDade	HM	32	10	22 00	75	22 75	
J. W. Wilson, Elgin	HM	37	20	43 00	2 20	45 20	
Anton Williman, Aldine	PG	27	12	39 00		39 00	14 45
	Bibles			13 35		13 35	
Agents 16		479	223	762 05	20 20	782 25	153 05

SOUTH TEXAS, August 14

Irene Adams, San Antonio	DR	65	22	68 00	4 05	72 05	
Joe Chesnutt, La Feria	PP	36	20	71 00	95	71 95	
G. Courtney, Houston	Mag	18		18 40		18 40	18 40
U. M. Cooke, Corpus Christi	PP	13	2	6 00	2 90	8 90	
J. R. Douglass, McDade	CK	13	22	35 05		35 05	
R. N. Jensen, Dayton	HM	7	1	2 00		2 00	
A. W. Kruger, West Point	PG	39	3	9 50		9 50	
Mrs. Kelley, Galveston	Mag	73		111 30	49 25	160 55	160 55
Sadie Klindt, Galveston	Mag			29 80		29 80	29 80
B. R. Laureano, Stockdale	PG	12	30	124 00	1 40	125 40	
H. G. Leland, LaFeria	PP	37	28	98 00		98 00	
Thelma Neal, Houston	Mag	18		17 60		17 60	
C. P. Martin, San Diego	CK	30	60	90 00		90 00	1 50
Carl Staben, Falfurias	PG	38	37	116 00	90	116 90	
Elijah Taylor, Austin	BR	32	4	12 00		12 00	
C. E. Votaw, McDade	HM	38	4	6 25	75	7 00	
J. W. Wilson, Elgin	HM	33	32	68 00	60	68 60	
Agents 17		502	265	882 90	60 80	943 70	210 25

TOTALS—Agents 75

2458 888 2930 20 119 50 3049 70 2074 80

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE, FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1915

	Agents	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Bibles	Totals	No. Books	Val. Del.
Oklahoma	36	2087	1479	4272 80	12695	149 08	4548 83	422	1284 95
South Texas	22	2023	881	3019 00	64 75	28 35	3112 10	151	383 25
Arkansas	15	1217	444	1332 50	57 15	180 80	1570 45	27	101 15
West Texas	16	1163	573	1213 95	80 15	17 30	1311 40	80	208 55
North Texas	11	870	340	1035 75	44 60		1080 35	155	744 10
New Mexico	2	200	100	225 00	5 00		230 00	40	100 00
	102	7560	2917	11099 00	378 60	375 53	11853 13	875	2821 80
							Bibles	-	109 65
							Magazines	-	359 10
							Total—	-	3290 55

SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE
NORTH TEXAS TRACT SOCI-
ETY, YEAR ENDING
Dec 31, 1914**

<u>Assets</u>	
Cash on hand	\$758 83
Notes Receivable	908 03
Accounts Receivable	2484 77
Interest Receivable	42 24
Canvasser's, Stock	771 85
Merchandise Inventory	3974 98
Furniture Inventory	911 60
Expense Inventory	39 05
Postage Inventory	8 00
"Ministry of Healing"	128 73
	\$10028 08
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Deposits	\$829 53
Accounts Payable	708 72
	1538.25
Present Worth	8489.83
<u>Gains</u>	
Old Accounts	38 90
Interest	117 92
Merchandise	1666 42
	1823.24
<u>Losses</u>	
Bad Accounts	149 20
Transportation	56 42
Postage	44 94
Wages	836 79
Sustentation	3 37
Scholarship	11 99
Insurance	27 40
Canvasser's Stock	125 00
Canvasser's Fare	239 51
Canvassers' Institute	57 14
Expense	131 67
Property	47 87
Notes Receivable	91 49
	1822.79
Net Gain	45
Stock Account, Jan 1, 1914,	\$9592 23
Less Appropriation	1102 85
	Gain
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1914,	8489.83

W. F. FIELD, Secretary.

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE REVENUE STATEMENT FOR YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.**

<u>Expense</u>		
Laborers' Salary	\$10281 22	
Laborers' Traveling Expense	1163 87	
General Expense	769 45	
General Conference %	1144 00	
Union Conference %	1198 02	
Sustentation Fund	718 82	
Interest	29 50	
Tithe to West Texas	20 02	
Insurance	48 00	
Aged and Orphans	356 10	
Religious Liberty	43 71	
Tent Fund	8 81	
Free Literature	150 00	
	Total—	\$15931 53
<u>Income</u>		
Tithe		\$12002 71
Avinger	\$170 02	
Adhall	44 10	
Berea	66 00	
Conference Church	391 68	
Cedar Grove	120 95	
Cleburne	384 15	
Clifton	98 66	
Cussetta	59 30	
Corsicana	200 23	
Chireno	20 00	
Dallas	1156 12	
Dalworth	556 20	
Denison	81 94	
Douglass	230 40	
Edgewood	57 71	
Ft. Worth	709 54	
Hurnville	232 76	
Hale	36 00	
Jefferson	119 40	
Keene	3655 25	
Lassater	115 00	
Levi	55 90	
Lone Star	135 27	
Lufkin	9 50	
New Hope	675 32	
Roswell	17 13	
Sherman	550 24	
Selma	3 05	
Valley View	1031 65	
Waco	433 43	
Waco Colored	118 80	
Scattered	290 72	
Sacul	7 58	
Peoria	7 50	
Troupe	64 52	
Hearne	3 25	
Salmon	93 44	
Appropriation, North Texas Tract Society		\$1102 85
Collections		298 05
Emergency Fund		235 25
	Total—	\$13638 86
	Operating Loss	2292 66
		15931 52

The following item, which has not been previously considered, produces a gain to the Surplus Account:

Tithe on hand January 1, 1915, \$1271 61

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.**

ASSETS:—

Cash	\$56 37	
Accounts Receivable	157 79	
Bills Receivable	70 00	
Furniture and Fixtures	287 00	
Property	1053 80	
Real Estate	1200 00	
Reading Course	8 25	
		\$2833 21

LIABILITIES:—

Camp Meeting Fund	49 93	
Corsicana Colored Work	51 17	
Deposits	1074 77	
Free Literature	1 12	
Temperance Fund	77 75	
Credit Checks	320 65	
Surplus Accounts (Stock)	1257 82	
		2833 21

A. M. WOODALL, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have made full and careful examination of the books of the North Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and the receipts, vouchers, and correspondence on file for the last fiscal year, and find the Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet submitted to be a correct report of the condition of the business at the close of December 31, 1914, as disclosed by the books of account.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SMITH,
Auditor Southwestern Union Conference.

Miss Ruby Brown, who has been spending the summer in Dallas, has returned to Keene. She expects to attend the Academy this winter.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor and daughters, Letha and Mabel, are attending the Oklahoma camp meeting. Miss Letha will teach this winter in the Ketchum Intermediate School.

During the recent storm three windmills were blown down in Keene and vicinity, a number of trees were blown down or otherwise injured, but no other serious damage is reported.

Through an oversight the name of W. F. Field as Secretary and Treasurer of the North Texas Tract Society was omitted from the Conference Proceedings, which were published in last week's issue.

H. H. Luccock is receiving materials this week, and expects to begin immediately the construction of a brick building to be occupied by his drug store. The new building will be on the corner east of the Academy Store.

Miss Mary Pressley, who has been visiting her home in Georgia during the vacation, is at Keene again. She expects to remain here until school opens, after which she will go to St. Helena to complete the nurses' course.

We have just completed the printing of calendars for the Ketchum Intermediate School, which opens September 6, 1915. The school will be under the management of Prof. Alfred W. Peterson, and Misses Letha Taylor and Bertha Dunn will be his assistants.

* LOCAL NEWS *

L. T. Leslie returned last week from the Oklahoma harvest fields.

Martin Smith, of Burleson, Texas, is visiting the family of J. A. Coleman.

A car of broom corn arrived this week for the Academy broom factory.

W. M. Flowers, of Sherman, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. I. Taylor.

H. J. White, who has been very low for several weeks, is reported to be improving.

Miss Freda Peters, who has been canvassing at Paris, Texas, is at home this week.

Mrs. G. W. Prater and children visited W. G. Prater and family east of Cleburne last week.

Elder L. W. Felter returned this

week from Cuba, where he has been harvesting his crop.

Prof. E. M. Teel and wife, of Dallas, are visiting relatives, the family of H. H. Luccock, here this week.

Bert Moore and family, of Cisco, who have been visiting the family of O. O. Moore, returned home this week.

Mrs. L. B. Wallen, who has been visiting J. K. Woodall and family, at McCaulley, Texas, returned home last week.

Elder G. A. LaGrone is in Bell County this week assisting his father, whose home was destroyed by the recent storm.

The New Mexico Conference and Tract Society office has been moved to Clovis, New Mexico. Their post office box is 727.

Mrs. Alma French is visiting in Wichita, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, and is making a study of modern sanitarium methods.

FOR SALE—Fifty-three acres of land. Five-room house, good pasture. Twenty-five minute walk from the Academy.

For further particulars address,
Mrs. ANNIE SMITH,
Keene, Texas.

FOR SALE—A modern house of five rooms, hall and pantry, in good condition. Well and cistern at back door. Barn and cellar. The house was painted two coats in May. Half acre of land. Is located 3 blocks from Keene Academy, and one and one-half blocks from church.

31-2tc. ALBERT PRIEST,
Box 644, Oklahoma City, Okla.

“What is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.”

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Field reports, school reports, and any
items of general interest concerning the
work and workers in the Southwestern
Union Conference, will be gladly received.
Doctrinal and other articles which
do not require immediate attention will
be published as space permits. All such
articles should be carefully edited and,
when possible, written with a typewriter
and double spaced.

All copy must be in our office on Friday
before the date of publication. Copy ar-
riving later will be held over until a sub-
sequent issue.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Our space is limited, and we do not
solicit general advertisements. We are
glad, however, to accommodate our
friends who wish to advertise places for
sale, or other notices considered proper
to admit to the columns of this paper.
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ments will be inserted in the RECORD,
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NOTICE

For sale, conference laborers'
monthly report blanks, 40 cents per
hundred; laborers' monthly audit
blanks in duplicate, 40 cents per hun-
dred; annual summary sheets, fifty
cents per hundred; duplicate receipt
books in pads of fifty each, 10 cents,
postage added.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONF.,
Keene, Texas.

"The wrong will end in loss."

LETTER FROM R. J. BROWN

The following letter was written
by Robert Brown to his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. T. W. Brown of this place.

"Makanshaw, China, July 3, 1915.

Dear Homefolks:—

"The Sabbath is almost past and I
thought to write to you. We are at
Makanshaw now—have been here a
week. It is much cooler here, and we
can sleep well at night. We had rain
almost every day since being here.
During five days we did not see the
sun.

"We have a little church here—19
Americans and several Chinese Sab-
bath-keepers. We brought several
Chinese teachers along so that we
can study the language.

"I arise at five o'clock in the morn-
ing and study till six-thirty with the
teacher, and after breakfast have pri-
vate study until eleven, then have the
teacher from eleven until twelve-thir-
ty. After dinner I have him from two
until three-thirty, the rest of the day
we have for playing tennis or going
swimming. We have a nice pool, the
water coming down from the moun-
tain stream.

"We will go to Nanking to begin
school work October one.

"It would amuse you to hear Baby
say some of the Chinese words. He
hears the teacher drilling us on them
so much. He began to say them 'in
church today and had them all laugh-
ing at him.

"Makanshaw is in the mountains,
which are very beautiful indeed.
Ferns and large red lilies grow all
over them. Some of America's house
plants grow wild here. The holly is
very plentiful here too.

"We have so much rain here that
everything molds. Our clothes and
shoes are covered with it when left
unused a little while. Last night we
went down the mountain a short dis-
tance to have some Chinese shoes
made. They are of grass and are very
cool for summer wear.

"We live in the treatment rooms
with water running around on three
sides of us, almost against the house.
It comes down from the springs over-
head and runs over great rocks, which
makes a lot of noise.

"The air is so good here and the
place is so much cleaner than Shang-
hai, that I dread to leave. There are
not many Chinese in the mountains.

"ROBERT BROWN."

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

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New Mexico.

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Goss; Tract Society Secretary and
Treasurer, W. R. Goss; Sabbath
School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary,
Pearl A. Weeks; Educational
Superintendent, R. B. Coberly.

CAMP MEETING DATE

New Mexico, September 2 to 12
Clovis, New Mexico

**NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE ASSO-
CIATION**

The New Mexico Conference Asso-
ciation of Seventh-day Adventists will
be held in Clovis, New Mexico, in con-
nection with the New Mexico Confer-
ence and camp meeting, September
2 to 12, for the purpose of electing
officers for the ensuing term, and to
transact any other business that may
properly come before that body, the
first meeting to convene Wednesday,
September 8, at 9 o'clock a. m.

All accredited delegates to the Con-
ference are also delegates to the As-
sociation.

Let all the churches be sure that
they are represented. Each church
is allowed one delegate for the organ-
ization, and one delegate for every
15 members, or the major portion
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NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

The seventh annual conference will
be held in connection with the annu-
al camp meeting, September 2 to 12,
in Clovis, New Mexico, for the pur-
pose of electing officers for the ensu-
ing term, and transacting any other
business that may properly come be-
fore such a meeting. Each church
should elect delegates for the confer-
ence. Churches are allowed one dele-
gate for the church organization and
one for each 15 members, or the ma-
jor portion thereof.

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"All things do not agree mathemat-
ically. God's blessings come only and
increase as they are imparted."