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ENCOURAGING REPORTS IN THE MIDST OF OUR HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

In a recent communication published in this paper regarding the Harvest Ingathering work, a mistake was made in stating the highest amount yet raised in our efforts to reach the \$100,000 goal. The statement read: "The nearest we have come to it yet is \$56,282.99." It should have read: "The nearest we have come to it yet is \$57,598.73."

We are glad to make this correction, for these figures reveal the difference between our work for 1913 and that for 1914. I am sure we are all becoming very much interested as to the difference, in our upward climb, between what we shall harvest this year and the \$57,598.73 gathered last year. In other words, our gain last year over the preceding year was \$1,315.74. What shall be the gain this year over \$57,598.73? Our earnest work from now to the close of December will tell.

There is one important matter we should not overlook, and that is, not to have papers left over. One brother who came into our office the other day stated that in two or three churches in a certain conference which he recently visited, he found large quantities of Ingathering "Reviews" down in the basement, left over from two or three campaigns. Every such bundle represents a direct loss to the cause of missions, to the amount of

the cost of the papers. It is sufficient, no doubt, simply to mention this in order to make sure that these good papers are all judiciously used and not allowed to accumulate in our churches, our conference offices or our homes, but instead are distributed in such a way as to prove an asset to God's cause.

Most encouraging reports are coming in, a few of which we pass on.

The secretary of the Virginia Conference, Brother F. N. Johnson, writes of his joy in receiving a check for \$25 from their bank president.

Another brother, in business, called on his banker, who had given an offering last year, of \$25, we judge. The brother told him that last year we gathered \$57,000 for missions, but were attempting this year to raise \$100,000.00, and suggested that he would have to double his offering this year. The banker entered into our enthusiasm to reach the goal, and wrote his check for \$50.

South Lancaster Academy set out to harvest \$1000. The principal, Prof. B. F. Machlan, set for himself one tenth of the school goal, and on October 24 had secured half of his portion.

Brother William Covert, in Michigan, is at work systematically again this year. One day his records showed twenty-eight contributions, amounting to \$24. Another day, forty-six people visited gave \$18; and on another, forty-two gave \$22. Up to No-

vember 5 he had gathered \$142.90.

The Swedish Seminary, as a result of two days' work, reaped \$170, or about \$100 more than in any previous effort.

The Battle Creek church is alive and determined to do its share. Elder McVagh, the president of that conference, had \$24.70 in hand when last heard from.

Last year the following conferences reached, or passed, in the order named, their portion of the \$100,000 goal: Newfoundland, Maritime, Quebec, Ontario, Mississippi, Nevada, Mission, Northern California, Utah, Maine, Saskatchewan, Iowa, District of Columbia.

So far this year (November 11) Maritime and Maine are out.

T. E. BOWEN.

SHE COULD GO WITHOUT A MEAL OR TWO

A lady in writing concerning her subscription to the "Sabbath School Worker" says: "Times are hard, but I could go without a meal or two in order to have the 'Worker'. I should certainly not try to teach without it if it were possible to get it. I always take it in a club when I can, and when I can not, I subscribe personally."

If you are not a subscriber to the RECORD, why not begin now?

"He who does his best, does well."

THE HOLY SPIRIT AN AID TO BIBLE STUDY

The Holy Spirit has been given as an aid in the study of God's word. Jesus promised, "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Those who are under the training of the Holy Spirit, will be able to teach the Word intelligently. When the Bible is made the book of study, with earnest supplication for the Spirit's guidance, and a full surrender of the heart to be sanctified through the truth, it will accomplish all that Christ has promised.

The result of such study will be well-balanced minds. The understanding will be quickened; the sensibilities will be aroused; the conscience will become sensitive; the sympathies and sentiments will be purified; a better moral atmosphere will be created; and a new power to resist temptation will be imparted.

The knowledge of God is not to be gained without mental effort, without prayer for wisdom. We should search diligently for its hidden treasure, and seek wisdom from heaven that we may be able to distinguish between human inventions and the divine commands. The Holy Spirit will aid the seeker for great and precious truths which relate to the plan of redemption. A casual reading of the Scriptures is not enough. We must search, and this implies a doing of all the Word implies. As the miner eagerly explores the earth to discover its veins of gold, so we are to explore the Word of God for the hidden treasure that Satan has so long sought to hide from man. The Lord says, "If any man willet to do his will, he shall know of the teaching."

The great error of the Romish Church is found in the fact that the Bible is interpreted in the light of the opinions of the "fathers." Their opinions are regarded as infallible, and the dignitaries of the church assume that it is their prerogative to make others believe as they do. Those who do not agree with them are pronounced heretics. But the Word of God is not thus to be interpreted. It is to stand on its own eternal merits, to be read as the Word

of God, which declares His will to the people.

The blessed Bible gives us a knowledge of the great plan of salvation, and shows us how every individual may have eternal life. Who is the Author of the Book?—Jesus Christ. He is the True Witness, and He says to His own, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." The Bible shows us the way to Christ, and in Christ eternal life is revealed. Jesus said to the Jews, and to those who gathered about him in multitudes, "search the Scriptures." The Jews had the Scriptures which testified of Christ, but they were not able to discern Christ in the Scriptures. The truths of the Old Testament they had so mingled with human opinions that its teachings were mystified, and the will of God to man covered up. Christ's sermon on the mount virtually contradicted the doctrines of the self-righteous scribes and pharisees. They had so misrepresented God that He was looked upon as a stern judge, incapable of compassion, mercy, and love. They presented to the people endless maxims and traditions that had no "Thus saith the Lord" for their authority. Though they professed to know and to worship the true and living God, they wholly misrepresented Him and the character of God as revealed in His Son. Christ labored constantly to sweep away these misrepresentations, that the confidence of men in the love of God might be restored. He taught man to address the Supreme Ruler by the new name, "Our Father." This name signifies His relation to us, and when spoken in sincerity by human lips, it is music in the ears of God. Christ leads us to the throne of God by a new and living way.

Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages, we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given. When Nathaniel came to Jesus, the Savior exclaimed, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." Nathaniel said, "Whence knowest thou me?" Jesus answered, "Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." And Jesus will see us also in the secret place of prayer, if we will seek Him for light, that we may know what is truth. Angels from the world

of light will be with those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance.

The Holy Spirit exalts and glorifies the Savior. It is His office to present Christ, the purity of His righteousness, and the great salvation that we have through Him. Jesus says, "He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." The Spirit of truth is the only effectual teacher of divine truth.—Mrs. E. G. White.

"Unselfish acts today are the only promise of sweet memories tomorrow."

"We have warned of danger as God has presented before us the perils of His people. Our work has been given us of God. What, then, will be the condition of those who refuse to hear the words which God has sent them, because they cross their track or reprove their wrong? God is either teaching His church, reproofing their wrongs and strengthening their faith, or He is not. This work is of God, or it is not. God does nothing in partnership with Satan. My work, for the past thirty years, bears the stamp of God, or the stamp of the enemy. There is no half-way work in the matter. The Testimonies are of the Spirit of God, or of the devil." Vol. IV, pp. 229, 230.

NEVER READ A BAD BOOK

Never, under any circumstances, read a bad book; and never spend a serious hour in reading a second-rate book. No words can overstate the mischief of bad reading.

A bad book will often haunt a man his whole life long. It is often remembered when much that is better is forgotten; it intrudes itself at the most solemn moments, and contaminates the best feelings and emotions. Reading trashy, second-rate books is a grievous waste of time also.

In the first place there are a great many more first-rate books than ever you can master; and in the second place, you cannot read an inferior book without giving up an opportunity of reading a good one.

Books, remember, are friends; books affect character; and you can as little neglect your duty in respect of this as you can safely neglect any other moral duty that is cast upon you.—Selected.

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OBITUARY

McCOLERY.—Mrs. Parizetta McColery was born in Coakville, Tennessee, November 8, 1888, and died at the home of her mother near Hamby, Texas, October 18, 1915.

She accepted the truth in 1909, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Mississippi a year later.

She was married to C. H. McColery May 12, 1913. They moved to Texas in 1914.

She suffered with a dreadful disease for ten months or more, but bore her sickness patiently. She had a great desire to live, but was reconciled to die. She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her death.

C. J. BUHALTS.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND CARRANZA

Perhaps more bitter language has not been printed for a long time than the Catholic Church has just issued in its periodicals throughout the country against President Wilson on account of his recognition of Carranza in Mexico. Threats are made that sixteen million Catholics will make President Wilson "suffer" at the next election for "his insult" to the Catholic Church.

To demonstrate its regard for American principles the Catholic press generally are opposing the idea of recommending Catholics for political offices because they are Catholics; and yet "The Protestant Magazine" for December furnishes a photograph of a letter sent out by Catholic politicians of Baltimore, Md., recommending a certain man for chief justice because of "his long service in the interests of Catholics in the city." What inconsistency!

These two articles furnish valuable information that every Protestant

should have. Let your friends know how Catholicism keeps out (?) of politics. The December "Protestant" will do this and also furnish much valuable information with reference to Protestantism and Catholicism, and the outlook for the future.

The December issue is ready November 5. How many will you circulate? 100 copies \$4.00; 50 copies \$2.00 20 copies \$1.00. Address your tract society.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

This month breaks our usual November sales by several thousand, and it looks now as though our large edition will be entirely sold out. With increased troublous times and perplexity of nations and "men's hearts failing them for fear" and added inquiry for our good magazine, surely we have reached as never before, the time for ceaseless work.

What a picture! But how interesting and encouraging the outlook to the messenger of light with the "printed page!" How it ought to appeal to us! How it ought to urge us on and ever on, surmounting every difficulty, and regardless of apparent discouragement. And now we come to the long winter evenings when people read and think—the time when they are inclined to listen to and welcome the Christian caller. Can we appreciate these opportunities?

A few days ago, one agent sent in through her tract society, a list of thirty-six subscriptions to the "Signs Magazine" and all but two were for one year. What does that mean? Simply this, that she has been spending a few minutes more with each of her customers than you have. She has sold for a whole year, or twelve copies, where you have sold only one. True, she does not use but one hundred copies a month, but each one of these counts for many more. Her commissions for those few days' work were almost \$15.00. She does not return and cover the same territory month after month, and still these same good lists keep coming in week after week.

It is the possibilities in soliciting subscriptions for the "Signs Magazine" that we want you to see. This sister demonstrates that it can be done, and on a paying basis, too. We believe others can do it. We believe you can do it. Why not? Suppose you

secured ten subscriptions in a day. That would be equivalent to selling about seventy copies, or a commission of \$4.00.

But we are going to help you. That valuable and much appreciated book, "Questions and Answers" is to be a premium to the "Magazine" with yearly subscriptions, and the agent secures the regular commission. Then be sure and ask for one of the books and a supply of subscription blanks with your next order to your tract society office.

The December number will be out on time, and ready to mail long before your order can get back to us. We cannot speak too highly of it. Better than usual for contents, and a particularly striking cover. We are confident of continued big sales and are looking for your order.

CO-OPERATION SOUGHT

Do you know of church members, sisters especially, who are engaged in worldly occupations, or who, having no regular employment, might be induced to give part or all of their time to work for the Master?

Scores who at first gave but little promise of making a success, are earning their living by selling our attractive magazines. They choose their own hours, do a cash business, and find the work healthful and intensely interesting. And it is so satisfying for them to be thus building for eternity.

Sales of twenty-five to forty copies a day are common. This means a profit to the agent of \$1.50 on twenty-five copies at 5 cents a copy, or \$3.00 on fifty copies at 6 cents a copy. In addition they realize a commission of 40 cents on each yearly subscription taken. A "Signs Magazine" agent in Texas secured forty yearly subscriptions in just a few days time recently. We heard of another in Iowa who obtained eighty.

The co-operation of conference workers, church elders, missionary secretaries and others of influence in our churches is solicited by the publishers of the "Signs of the Times Magazine" to secure additional recruits for the wider circulation of this message bearer. Speak to those whom you think should be in the work, or send their names to the "Signs" office at Mountain View.

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SABBATH SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Sabbath, November 6, Brother and Sister Woodall, Brother Adams, and the writer had the privilege of meeting with the Dallas church in a Sabbath School and Missionary Convention.

At the eleven o'clock hour some very interesting papers were read and a number of talks were made along the lines of Sabbath school work. We were very glad indeed to see the inter-season, by word and work, she ple generally, and they expressed appreciation of the good thoughts that were brought out.

After the close of the morning service, quite a company of us went out to the park where a nice lunch was served in regular picnic style, and I feel safe in saying that all enjoyed that equally as well as any other part of the program.

At 2:30 we again gathered at the church and spent more than two hours discussing the different phases of missionary work, both for the church missionary societies and the young people's societies as well.

It was unanimously voted to organize a young people's society to work in harmony with the church missionary society. Accordingly a committee was appointed to select officers for same. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Sunday evening at six o'clock to hear the report of the committee.

At that meeting officers were elected and plans were studied whereby the young people might co-operate with the older people in their work, and the meeting closed with a splendid spirit prevailing.

Who wishes to be the next to enjoy a good, lively convention?

C. U. TAYLOR.

A VISIT FROM ELDER W. W. EASTMAN TO SEVERAL NORTH TEXAS CHURCHES

This will probably be a fact during the latter part of November and lasting through to December 28, if Brother Eastman's present plans materialize. I am sure that all of us would be glad to see him and feel his hearty handshake again. If you will read carefully the remainder of this article you may be able to spend several days at the place where he expects to make his longest stop.

There are just sixty-seven counties in the North Texas Conference, and forty of these counties have never been worked with the health books. But you ask what that has to do with Elder Eastman's visit? Well, read the names of the counties and see if you cannot guess. We are told that the principles of health which these books contain are the right arm of the message, and the servant of the Lord was shown that "the relation of the religious books and the health books should be as the warp and the woof in a piece of goods, thus forming a beautiful pattern and a perfect piece of work." You can see by this that the giving of the third angel's message through our large subscription books is unfinished in at least about two-thirds of the North Texas territory.

Do I know what churches Brother Eastman expects to visit? Yes, I have a list of them, but first I am going to give you a list of the counties which are open for the health books. They are as follows: Anderson, Bell, Camp, Coryell, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Delta, Fannin, Freestone, Falls, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hunt, Hill, Houston, Lamar, Leon, Limestone, Marion, Morris, Newton, Nacogdoches, Panola, Polk, Rains, Robertson, Red River, Rusk, Shelby, San Augustine, Sabine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Titus, Upshur, Wise, and Walker.

Here is a short statement from the pen of Sister White: "In the past the health books have not been handled with the interest that their importance demands. But what can be better preparation for the coming of the Lord, and for the reception of other truths essential to prepare a people for His coming than to arouse the people to see the evils of this age, and to stir them to reformation from self-indulgent and unhealthy habits? Is

not the world in need of being aroused on the subject of health reform? Are not the people in need of the truths presented in the health books? A different sentiment from that which has heretofore prevailed regarding the health works should be entertained by many of our canvassers in the field. There must be perfect unity,—a well balanced, symmetrical development of the work in all its parts.

"The indifference with which the health books have been treated by many is an offense to God. The Lord has shown His regard for it by giving it abundant prosperity. When properly conducted, the health work is an entering wedge, making a way for other truths to reach the heart. The right arm will serve and protect the body. The one kind of books will always make a place for the other. Both are essential, and both should occupy the field at the same time. Each is the complement of the other, and can in no wise take its place."

At another time Sister White was shown that there were three of the religious books which should especially be in the homes of the people in these last days, and the first one that was mentioned was "Patriarchs and Prophets". Do you think it strange when I tell you that during the last ten years that book has only been placed in three counties in the North Texas territory and that sixty-four counties in this conference are now open for that wonderful work which explains so much concerning those things "which were written aforetime; and for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." Think it not strange, for the devil knows what would be good for the people of the world, and he would like us to believe that the book work is about closed up.

Elder Eastman says: "If you can hold your institute early enough, I can be with you." He mentions several places that he would like to visit while here in Texas. Would you like to have the institute at your church? Would you like to come to the institute if it was held at some other place? Could you attend an institute held from December 20 to the New Year? Would you go into the field in the early part of January, 1916, and help finish up the work that has been neglected? Write and let me know.

Your brother in service,

CHAS. L. COLLISON,

News Notes

Miss Zeffie Christman is visiting relatives in Keene this week.

Emmett Reed, of Justin, Texas, was in Keene a few days last week.

Mrs. Gertie Haggard, of Fort Worth, is visiting in Keene this week.

L. J. Brown returned this week from a business trip to Houston, Texas.

Fred Kaupke visited his sister, Mrs. P. A. Tountas, in Waco last week.

J. E. Warren returned last Wednesday from an extended business trip.

Miss Pearl Matthews, of Bison, Oklahoma, arrived Sunday to enter the Academy.

Dr. J. F. Gernhardt, of Fort Worth, delivered a lecture on health and temperance at the church last Sabbath afternoon.

J. A. Gyger, of Dalworth, Texas was in Keene this week on business. He spent Sabbath with friends, the family of W. A. Peters.

Mr. A. Prewitt, who has been canvassing in Tarrant County, is at home for a few days. He reports fair success in his work.

A. M. Shulenberger, who has been at San Antonio, Texas, on business for several weeks, returned to his home here last Wednesday.

There will be preaching services at the church next Sabbath at the eleven o'clock hour, conducted by Elder T. W. Field. Everybody invited.

The 20-cent-a-week pledges made at camp meeting are almost due, and should be paid by January 1, 1916, that they may apply on this year's goal.

H. H. Luccock has completed his new brick building on the corner east of the Academy Store and has moved his stock of drugs, sundries, etc., into the same. This new building has ma-

terially improved the appearance of the business section of the village.

The Keene Concert Band has reorganized and meets twice each week for practice. An orchestra of ten members has also been organized, and the music lovers of our community are promised some rare treats during the winter.

A case of live frogs was recently received from the North at the Zoology department of the Academy for experimental purposes. A number of substantial improvements are being made in this department, and also in the laboratory equipment, of which we shall have more to say later.

A visit to the Sloyd department of the Academy revealed the fact that a number of persons were busy constructing a bookcase for the boys' dormitory. Elder Norwood informed us that Brother R. L. Pierce, on behalf of the Southern Publishing Association at Nashville, Tennessee, had contributed about 100 pounds of books to the young people, and they are trying to show their appreciation of the gift by providing a nice place to keep them.

DALWORTH NOTES

Mrs. Atchison, of Graham, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Spikes, at Dalworth, for some time, returned to her home this week.

The Dalworth school, with Miss Laura Reynolds as teacher, is progressing nicely. They are at work on a Thanksgiving program.

Claude McCutchen and family, of Oplin, Texas, have moved to Dalworth. Brother McCutchen is working in Spikes Brothers' broom factory.

Miss Alice Cochran, of Dallas, visited relatives in Dalworth Friday and Sabbath.

FOR SALE OR RENT

One 3-room house, front and back porches, with one acre of land, and some fruit trees. Adjoins Academy campus on the east.

Also a 5-room house, three blocks east of Academy, with one acre of land. This is a bargain if taken soon. For further information apply to

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COPY

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 arriving later will be held over until a subsequent issue.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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

NOTICE

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

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OKLAHOMA

Because of the fall tent efforts we have not been able to fully organize for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. A number of churches, though, have been organized before this, and are at work. The Conference Committee in its recent session, assigned territory to each minister who will visit the churches and companies, and organize them for work. What a wonderful work would be accomplished if every home in this conference would be visited by some one with the Harvest Ingathering "Signs" before the end of the year. Faith in God will do great things. This is a great work with a mighty God at its helm, and every one who connects with it and proves faithful to the end, will receive a great reward in the kingdom of God.

For the remainder of this year definite responsibility has been assigned to the ministers in labor for the churches. The following persons have been invited to take charge of the churches and companies opposite their names:—

C. M. McDonald:—Wewoka, Provenance, Bache, Mowdy, Idabel, Kemp, Ada, Earlsboro, Daisy, Gowen, Hoffman, Coalton, Wister and Ardmore.

W. E. Barr:— Muskogee, Morris, Porter, Sallisaw and Okmulgee.

Ezra Fillman:— Ketchum, Grove, Afton, Miami and Bluejacket.

John Isaac:—Tulsa, Catoosa, Sapulpa, Bartlesville, Coodys Bluff, Sand Springs and Crowson (Bristow R. R. Station.)

W. R. Hanson:— Enid, Perry, Newkirk, Kaw, Blackwell, Wakita, Morrison, Waukomis, and Crescent.

N. Clausen:— Oklahoma City, Guthrie, Perkins, Jennings, Stillwater,

Coyle, McLoud, Carney, Avery and Stroud.

J. R. Bagby:— Alva, Waynoka, Coy, Quinlan, Buffalo, Cedardale.

D. F. Sturgeon:— Woodward, Shattuck (English), Gage, Tapley, Clear Lake and Zelma.

T. J. Hickman:— Elk City, Butler, Arapaho, Windy Hill, Weatherford, Altus, Hollis, Clinton, Lone Wolf and Harper.

U. B. Dake:— Cement, Lawton, Chickasha, Washita, Carnegie, Pocasset, Binger and Lookeba.

I. A. Crane:— Addington, Grandfield, Randlett, and Hastings.

C. S. Lightner:— Guthrie (Colored) and Muskogee (Colored).

These workers are asked by the Conference Committee to plan and work with the church elders for the Harvest Ingathering work, the Sabbath-day services, the Sabbath school work, the Week of Prayer services, the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, and the general interests of the church work.

We trust that our people will cooperate with the workers, and that every one will remember that heaven expects us to do our duty. We have already heard from several churches regarding their Harvest Ingathering work, and the reports are encouraging. Some have reached their goal in Harvest Ingathering, and some have gone beyond that. It is earnestly hoped that we may reach our goal as a Conference. It can be done.

JOHN ISAAC.

GALENA

We had an excellent meeting at our last quarterly meeting, and though it is a little late, I thought I would send in a report of the same. One was baptized, and we expect more to follow soon.

As Elders Bagby and Sturgeon were holding a tent meeting at Quinlan, I spent one Sunday evening with them. They were having a good attendance and a lively interest, and I profited by the visit.

W. C. MENEFE, Elder.

"When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good works, or to yearn for commendation, when you can truly 'love to be unknown,' that is victory."

"We are to pray without ceasing, and we are to live our prayers."

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CONWAY

As I have seen nothing from this part of the country, I thought I would write and tell you something of what I am doing. This is my second year in Arkansas. I have been farming, but have done some missionary work. I have seen three take their stand for the truth, and many more say that they know we have the truth. I am hoping to see them take their stand. I am still preaching on Sundays, and have a good attendance. The people seem anxious to hear.

I just closed meetings fifteen miles west of here, where one of our brethren, Brother T. B. Adams, lives. We had a good attendance and are expecting some results, as there were many enquiring minds. But the dragon was wroth and showed his colors by opposing the truth, yet his efforts seemed help our cause more than to harm, for which we give thanks to the Lord.

It seems that evolution is captivating the people in this country, as it is taught in the colleges here. It is also taught in the Sunday schools, as the college professors are teachers in the Sunday schools. This form of infidelity is certainly gaining ground rapidly, as it is being taught by the professed people of God. As we see them turn from the truth we see the fulfilling of 2 Tim. 4:3, 4. How thankful we should be that we have been entrusted with the privilege and responsibility of giving the truth to others. We should feel with the Savior that it is time for us to be about our Master's business.

We ask your prayers for the work in this dark part. May it soon be finished and we all go home is our earnest prayer.

E. ATCHLEY.

"A kind deed is never lost."

**HARVEST INGATHERING GOAL—
SHALL WE REACH IT?**

The \$100,000 goal is still before us unreached in our Harvest Ingathering work. For three years this same goal has been voted by the General and North American Division Conferences. Shall we really try this year to reach it? The nearest we have come to it yet is \$56,282.99. This goal is on the basis of 50 cents for each church member. Really it would seem that each conference ought to raise this. And it might easily do so if each church would gather in its share. And that depends upon whether each church member fulfils his part.

October 21, the Maritime Conference, Eastern Canada, sent us a telegram saying that they were already out on their portion of the goal.

According to reports sent by conference treasurers to the union conference treasurers, on December 31, last year, the Southwestern Union stood as follows:

| | Share of \$100,000 | Amount Raised | Due |
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| Southwestern Union | \$6800.64 | \$1433.27 | \$5367.37 |
| Arkansas | 454.30 | 123.82 | 330.48 |
| New Mexico | 448.14 | 184.81 | 263.33 |
| North Texas | 2169.86 | 279.38 | 1890.48 |
| West Texas | 486.64 | 65.16 | 421.48 |
| Oklahoma | 2887.50 | 618.34 | 2269.16 |
| South Texas | 354.20 | 161.76 | 192.44 |

Before the colder weather comes on is the most favorable time to work with the missions number of the "Signs". Some people to whom we go will help. Others will not. But there is a real blessing in doing our duty whether we feel like it or not. There is some work we must do for the Lord that we do not like to do. But shall we pick out that only which pleases us? The Lord did not do that way. "He pleased not himself."

God needs the help of every one just now whose heart He has touched with the love of this truth. He has work for you that you can do. Will you not persevere in your work with the Mission number of the "Signs" this year until you know your conference has reached its portion of the \$100,000.00? Is this too large an amount to attempt to raise for God, when every field is open to us to give the message, and the Lord is holding, to some extent, the winds of strife for us to finish the work?

If you are out of papers, write your

conference secretary for more. Let us resolve within ourselves to do more this year in gathering funds for missions than ever before. "God loves a cheerful giver"—and a cheerful worker, too.

T. E. BOWEN.

**SOME NEW AND BEAUTIFUL
SONGS**

Brother Charles P. Whitford, who has for many years been connected with the Adventist people as a singing evangelist, has recently published three beautiful songs, entitled, "The Paradise Home," "A Light in the Window Up There," and "When the Shades of Eve Are Falling." The melody is excellent, and the words, aside from their musical association, are rich in spiritual thought, and inspiring in true sentiment.

We can most cordially recommend these songs to all lovers of good music, and bespeak for them a wide circulation, believing they will prove a help and blessing to all who may chance to hear them sung.

"The Paradise Home" and "A Light in the Window Up There" are companion songs. Price for the two, 25 cents; "When the Shades of Eve Are Falling," price 25 cents. Address Charles P. Whitford, Orlando, Florida.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

When David Livingstone returned to Scotland, after an absence of sixteen years in Africa, the University of Glasgow desired to honor him by conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Laws. On such occasions, candidates for honorary degrees usually expected an embarrassing reception at the hands of the young collegians, who were present in full force, bubbling over with boyish fun. But when Mr. Livingstone appeared on the platform, they received him with silent respect and reverence. He was gaunt and weary from exposure to sixteen years of African sun and twenty-seven attacks of African fever; one arm, having been injured by the bite of a lincn, hung useless by his side.

There stood a real hero, who had fought many a battle for humanity, and whose presence inspired a feeling of awe in the minds of all present. He told them he was going back to Africa, partly to open new fields for British commerce, partly to suppress

the African slave-trade, and partly to open the way for the preaching of the gospel. But the sentiment that stirred all hearts most was this: "Shall I tell you what supported me through all the years of exile among people whose language I could not understand, and whose attitude toward me was always uncertain and often hostile? It was this, 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'"—Selected.

"Take this motto for the bitterest cup; There is no failure save in giving up; No real defeat so long as one still tries; For seeming setbacks make the strong man wise, There's no defeat, in truth, save from within, Unless you're beaten there, you're bound to win."

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN

I will offer my property in Keene for sale at a bargain, for cash, for the next 60 days. Five-room house, with bath and necessary out-buildings, two acres of good land, fifty fruit trees, just beginning to bear, grapes, and berries. For other particulars address me at Mitchell, S. D., or see Brother C. F. Kaupke at Keene. 44-2tp J. W. SHIDLER.

WANTED—LITERATURE

Clean and postage prepaid. Papers and tracts for free distribution. Magazines to sell or give away. N. J. ETHEREDGE, Route 6, Abilene, Texas.

METAL CISTERN

We have a 35-barrel metal cistern, two faucets, and several feet of pipe. Cistern is in good condition, having been protected from the weather. Will sell cheap if taken in the next 60 days. Enquire at this office.

FOR SALE.—A 234-acre, highly-improved black land farm, at Dalworth, Texas. One hundred sixty feet from interurban stop. Will accept small cash payment, deferred payments in 20 equal annual payments at 7% interest.

THOS. P. HUGHES, Grand Prairie, Texas. 44-4tp

REPORTS of the CANVASSING WORK, INCLUDING THE MAGAZINE SALES in S. U. Conference for Current Week.

| Name | Address | Book | Hours | Orders | Value | Helps | Total | Deliv. |
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OKLAHOMA, November 6

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| T. W. Atchley, Crescent | | PG | | | | | | 115 00 |
| W. R. Brewer, Wewoka | | PG | | | | 1 35 | 1 35 | 90 00 |
| A. W. Francis, Wewoka | | PG | | | | 2 75 | 2 75 | 8 00 |
| J. G. Gaede, Weatherford | | PG | 28 | 8 | 24 00 | 2 25 | 26 25 | 26 25 |
| W. R. Hixon, Carnegie | | PG | 50 | 21 | 66 00 | | 66 00 | |
| G. W. Holland, Tryon | | BR | 29 | 8 | 25 00 | | 25 00 | 3 00 |
| Mattie Lee, Altus | | BR | | | | 50 | 50 | 48 00 |
| O. S. Owen, Wewoka | | PG | 75 | 26 | 81 00 | 4 25 | 85 25 | 136 00 |
| W. H. Parker, Guymon | | BR | 35 | 9 | 20 00 | 2 00 | 22 00 | 4 00 |
| Lizzie Schilt, Muskogee | | BR | 6 | 4 | 13 00 | 5 40 | 18 40 | 5 40 |
| C. B. West, Collinsville | | Misc | 10 | | 5 75 | | 5 75 | 5 75 |
| | | Bibles | | | 18 70 | | 18 70 | 22 45 |
| Agents 11 | | | 233 | 76 | 253 45 | 18 50 | 271 95 | 463 85 |

ARKANSAS, November 6

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| Hattie Johnson, Pine Bluff | | BFL | 78 | 38 | 67 50 | 75 | 68 25 | |
| Grace Runnels, Pine Bluff | | PPF | 23 | 8 | 16 00 | 35 | 16 35 | |
| Moses Hardin, Center Hill | | GC | 7 | 1 | 4 00 | 2 25 | 6 25 | |
| J. C. Brewer, Lonoke | | BR | 38 | 7 | 52 00 | 1 40 | 53 40 | |
| C. F. Bowlby, Pine Bluff | | BR | 20 | 6 | 19 00 | | 19 00 | |
| J. D. Haynes, Lonoke | | PG&BR | 40 | 24 | 70 00 | 1 50 | 71 50 | |
| A. R. Songer, Amity | | BR | | | | | | 81 00 |
| G. C. Pannell, Lucky | | BR | | | | | | 64 20 |
| M. M. Jackson, Brighton | | GC | | | | | | 23 00 |
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| Agents 9 | | | 206 | 86 | 237 80 | 6 25 | 244 05 | 173 00 |

NEW MEXICO, November 6

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| C. T. Allred, Clovis | | BR | 29 | 2 | 6 00 | | 6 00 | 67 00 |
| G. H. Reese, Albuquerque | | PG | 65 | 40 | 106 00 | | 106 00 | |
| Agents 2 | | | 94 | 42 | 112 00 | | 112 00 | 67 00 |

NORTH TEXAS, November 6

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| C. A. Schultz, Henrietta | | BR | 42 | 14 | 44 50 | 3 20 | 47 70 | |
| A. Prewitt, Roanoke | | BR | 25 | 4 | 12 00 | 2 60 | 14 60 | |
| Z. S. Arey, Ft. Worth | | BR | 28 | 2 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 12 00 | |
| C. F. Church, Dallas | | GC | 83 | 10 | 30 00 | 10 30 | 40 30 | |
| Elisha Taylor, Dallas | | GC | | | | | | 31 75 |
| W. A. Peters, Keene | | BR | | | | | | 21 00 |
| H. Williams, Bowie | | PPF | | | | | | 51 50 |
| Atha Davis, Keene | | | | | | 8 50 | 8 50 | |
| Mrs. B. F. Plunkett, Waco | | Misc | 40 | | 38 50 | | 38 50 | 38 50 |
| Freda Peters, Paris | | Mag | 20 | | 16 50 | 4 00 | 4 00 | |
| | | Bibles | | | 11 05 | | 11 05 | |
| Agents 10 | | | 308 | 30 | 158 55 | 34 60 | 193 15 | 142 75 |

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| GRAND TOTALS—Agents 32 | | | 841 | 234 | 649 80 | 59 35 | 821 15 | 846 60 |
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