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USE THE MAILS

Christ began his work in A. D. 27. This was the beginning of the preaching of the gospel of the present dispensation, the gospel of Jesus Christ. The disciples continued it after His death, and about A. D. 64, when the epistle to the Colossians is supposed to have been written, Paul was able to say, "The hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven." Col. 1:23.

How did those few manage to make the gospel known to all the then known world? The world was not as big then as it is now, but it was big enough for a problem of that sort. The important thing is that they did it.

Once again there is a world to warn, much bigger in territory, but infinitely easier to reach, because of the wonderful facilities of the last days. So let us make more use of them.

Why not use the mails more? We have two of the finest possible papers for this purpose. There is the Signs weekly in its new form, now so much more within the reach of our people by reason of its lower price. Save a dollar, subscribe for a year, and send the paper away every week after you have read it. Watch for opportunities to save another dollar, and have another paper to send out after another soul. Perhaps you can spare several dollars for this work. Write a letter full of Christian love to send with the papers, and pray for God's blessing on them. You will surely see results some day.

The other paper is the Present Truth. For twenty-five cents you can have this sent every two weeks for a year to any name and address in the North American Division territory. Why not use the mails, and send in a long list of names, writing a letter to each one yourself to introduce the paper. God's chief purpose in these wonderful mail facilities has been to enable His people to give this last message quickly. Let us be God's fellow-laborers in using the facilities He provides to good effect.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

REPORTING

I wonder why it is that so many times we hear the matter of reporting discouraged? Did you ever stop to think that all nature teaches reporting? If you examine the cross cut of a tree you will find that an accurate report has been left of the growth of the tree. One versed in botany can tell of the growth of the branches of a fruit tree, and can tell quite definitely concerning its fruit during the different years. Not only so, but all through the Bible we find a mass of reports of what was done in the past, both of the work of God and man. All heaven and earth reports; why not you?

I had a letter a few days ago from a superintendent saying that he could not get reports from the schools of his conference. Another said that he could not get proper reports from the Missionary Volunteer societies. And quite frequently we hear some good brother or sister say that we are not to let the right hand know what the left hand does; meaning of course that they do not believe in reporting. The Scripture does not say to not report, but to not be bragging of what you have accomplished.

Now, really, if the reporting system of this denomination should be obliterated, this work would be thrown into such confusion that very soon it would ravel out. I believe that it is the duty of the elder of the church to see that the secretaries of the various departments of the church report the work of the church. The school boards should make inquiry concerning the reports of the teachers in the schools. Of course the necessary supplies must be had in order to do this, but these things are necessary. I do not like to see our reports come out with less than half of the work reported. I am sure that you do not like it better than I. Then let us report.

W. L. ADAMS.

The publishers are devoting every energy to making Life and Health attractive and practical, so it should be handled by our agents in larger quantities than ever before.

A POPULAR PRICE

There are certain prices that people will pay much more readily than others. Most people like a price that they can pay with one coin or bill, and require no change. A popular price makes things sell more readily.

We are now to have the Signs weekly at a popular price, one dollar for a yearly subscription. The size is to be the same as the Ingathering number, which is fast becoming a popular size, so we are to benefit in two ways.

Now is the time for each church to see that it gets a big club, for its members to circulate, and to use to obtain many yearly subscriptions. One hundred Signs a week for one year will cost \$80.00, if paid for in advance. If forty members will pay fifty cents at the beginning of each quarter, this good club will come in each week for the members to use. Twenty members paying one dollar each quarter, or eighty paying twenty-five cents, will do just as well. Larger or smaller clubs can be had on the same basis.

The next thing is to make good use of the papers. One excellent way is for some members to take some as sample copies, and go from door to door, obtaining yearly subscriptions. Here is a suggestive canvass for such work:

"Good morning! This is Mrs. —, I believe. — is my name. I am making a few calls today in the interest of a well-known paper, and will be pleased to step in a moment and explain.

(After being seated.) "You know, Mrs. —, the world is full of periodicals, most of them good in their way. Their news and discussion of varied questions are of value. But they lack in one important particular. That lack is supplied by this paper. It tells the deep, hidden meaning of big, transpiring events; it explains the unusual world conditions; and satisfactorily too, for it makes use of Bible prophecy that was written for our time. People of every denomination find profit and pleasure in reading this paper. Its subscription price is but \$1.00. As a special inducement

to subscribe at this time, we are offering this attractive premium book, "Questions and Answers," of 225 pages, which is well bound in cloth. It answers 271 of those difficult questions that have puzzled Bible students for so long. It makes perfectly clear many supposedly inharmonious texts. This helpful volume may be had with a yearly subscription to the paper for only \$1.50. Shall I make out the receipt for you?"

Sample copies of "Questions and Answers," to show to prospective subscribers will be furnished at seventy-five cents. This amount will be returned to any member who sends in twenty yearly subscriptions. Receipt books are free on application to your tract society.

"We are now having great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not in every church see and feel the necessity of using their ability in saving souls. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IV, p. 391.

Here we are told that our members do not come up to their privileges, and do not feel the necessity of using their ability in saving souls. In what way do they show this? They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals. On the other hand if some of our members in every church will take hold of this work of obtaining subscriptions, they may expect some souls to be thereby saved, for this statement clearly connects the two together. Does this not encourage you to take up this work?

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

"My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise He has made. With your Bibles in your hands, say: 'I have done as thou has said. I present thy promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you?"' "

It is a grand thing to find joy in one's work. If you have found that, you have found the heart of life. Glad service is better than great service, unless that be glad, too.—James Buckham.

"Do something with your religion and your religion will not die."

North Texas Conf.

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President - Elder David Voth
Sec.-Treas. - A. M. Woodall

TWENTY-SIX YEARS IN THE CANNING WORK

I was convinced of the truth that we as Adventists hold so sacred in 1890, by Brother and Sister Haynes, who gave us Bible readings and sold us "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Bible Readings." We have never regretted the purchase of those books.

In 1891 I was impressed to enter the colporteur work. Territory was given me in Delta County, Texas, and after laying-by my crops, I delivered 111 books, or \$400 worth, up to camp meeting time. The following year I worked in Hopkins County and put in 120 books, amounting to \$520. I went to Marion County in 1893, but on account of crop failure was able to deliver only about one-half of my orders, which amounted to 300 books, or \$950. The following year, 1894, I worked with my wife in Hopkins County, and in spite of the fact that the preachers did all they could to hinder us, we delivered about \$900 worth of books. In 1895 my work was in Franklin and Morris Counties, and I delivered 200 books, or \$675 worth. The year following I did some work in Camp, Marion, and Cass Counties, and put out 250 books, or \$750 worth.

The next five years I did not do very much, but during that time I sold about 500 books, which amounted to \$1500. From 1897 to 1900 I worked some each year, in Cass, Marion, and Morris Counties, and delivered \$1225 worth of books.

In 1901 I worked Denton County, taking \$378 worth of orders and delivering every book.

From 1903 to 1905 I cannot say just how much work I did, but I am quite sure I delivered as many as 500 books, or \$1550 worth. In 1907 I delivered 120 books, or \$360 worth; in 1909, 100 books, or \$325 worth; in 1912, 200 books, or \$625 worth; in 1913, 125 books, or \$375 worth; in 1914, 80 books, or \$300 worth; in 1915, \$127 worth.

This year I worked in Titus County and delivered 314 books, amounting to \$1000.

In all I have put into the hands of

the people of fourteen counties 3,790 books, amounting to \$12,412 worth of books that will give them the light of the third angel's message if they study them. I feel more than ever the necessity of working, and my desire to do so is greater than ever before.

A. PREWITT.

OBITUARY

CONGALTON.—Died at her home in Peoria, Texas, December 4, 1916, Mrs. Mattie Congalton. She was born in Simson County, Mississippi, February 14, 1848, and was married to John A. Congalton, December, 1875, at Gatesville, Texas. After residing in Gatesville for one year, they moved to Peoria, where they have lived ever since. She is survived by her four daughters, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of Aspermont; Mrs. S. L. Mayers, of Oklahoma City; Mrs. Gus. Moore, of Waxahachie, Texas, and Miss Mary Congalton, who lived with her mother at the time of her death. Sister Congalton accepted the Adventist faith about thirty years ago, and was faithful to the last, hence she rests in the hope of the soon-coming Savior. The funeral was attended by a large number of sympathizing friends and neighbors. Words of cheer and comfort were spoken by the writer.

H. B. FRENCH.

TEMPERANCE ANNUAL

The new Temperance Instructor will be printed under date of January 30, but will be ready to mail about January 15.

We can assure the many friends of the Annual that the coming issue will maintain its reputation in each number being an improvement of the preceding issue. Notwithstanding the necessity of reducing the number of pages in order to retain the old prices, 1917 edition has been so skillfully arranged, it possesses merits that will more than make up for the loss in the amount of former space and bulk sacrificed because of the increased price of printing.

The contents have been electrified and pleasingly seasoned by condensation. The illustrations are ample, appropriate, and as usual, good. It will be an all-round, good, strong number, and will go forth on its beneficent mission shorn of none of its attractiveness and powers for good.

Oklahoma Conf.

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Sec.-Treas. - William Voth

taken together with balance on hand at the present time of \$7.69.

MELISSA FERGUSON,
Sec'y-Treasurer.

**Y. P. M. V. GOALS FOR OKLAHOMA
YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1916**

	Sen.	Jun.	Tot.
Standard of Att'm't	20	5	25
Conversions	60	10	70
Bible Year	50	5	55
Reading Course	72	7	79
Off'gs for Missions	\$850	\$85	\$935

D. D. VOTH.

WEWOKA

It was my privilege, in company with Brother C. J. Dart, home missionary secretary of Oklahoma, to visit the church at Wewoka, December 30 to January 3. This church is located about eight miles north of Wewoka. They have a school of about forty-five members under the management of Brother C. E. Grant and Miss Laura Reynolds. The school is progressing very nicely, and these teachers are doing a good work.

It was our intention to dwell especially upon the educational and young people's work, and we had good meetings each evening while there. We believe all understand better how to conduct the work of the Missionary Volunteers, and that the work will grow from in the near future as it has not in the past. New officers were elected while we were there, and a full complement were chosen to work along these lines for the coming term.

One feature of the work while there was a question box, in which were placed such questions as properly belonged to such a meeting. Much interest was in evidence, and we are sure that a good work will result from the meetings held with them.

We returned to the office to get ready for the meeting to be held at Nashville, Tenn. We are hoping that all will take hold of the Missionary Volunteer work this year and help us to make it go. We are planning definitely to work on the Missionary Volunteer goal for the year 1917. The goal for each conference has been placed in the hands of the secretary, and if you have not yet received your goal for your society, please write to your secretary at once and he will send it to you.

W. L. ADAMS.

COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE
Oklahoma City, Okla.

**OKLAHOMA COLPORTEUR
INSTITUTE, FEBRUARY 19
to 27, 1917.** Write to Albert
Priest, 1509 W. 5th St., Okla-
homa City, Oklahoma, for fur-
ther particulars.

NEWS ITEMS

For 1915 the Oklahoma young people's offerings for foreign missions were \$38.55, and for 1916 they were \$255.07. Their goal for 1916 was more than doubled.

The Hooker Missionary Volunteer Society reported \$214.20 given for foreign missions. If all our societies would do as well, we would double our goal for 1916.

Oklahoma's Reading Course goal for 1916 has been reached.

Elder John Isaac left Sunday, January 7, for Huntsville, Alabama, to attend a Board meeting, and from there he goes to Nashville, Tennessee, where the Bookmen's Convention is being held. Brethren Adams, Dart, and Priest left this morning, January 10, and Brother Wm. Woodruff will leave in a few days for Nashville.

A "bone dry" and another Sunday closing bill are to be turned over to the Legislature soon. The Ministerial Alliance of Oklahoma City is working on these bills now.

"God is attracted by our need more than by our beauty. Every shepherd will tell you that it is the weak and weary, the lame and halt sheep that he cares for. Every mother will tell you that there is a fascination to her in the wee child, which is sicklier and more exacting, because less healthy, than the others. So it is with God."

"A true history of human events would show that a far larger proportion of our acts the result of sudden impulse and accident than of that reason of which we so much boast."

"In some cases a continual debt is upon the house of God. There is continual interest to be paid. These things should not and need not be."—
Vol. VI.

"Knowledge is the key to interest."

**REPORT OF OKLAHOMA CITY Y.
P. M. V. SOCIETY FOR YEAR END-
ING DECEMBER 31, 1916**

During the year 1916, our society has steadily grown, each successive quarter's report showing an increase over the preceding quarter. These quarterly reports have been read from time to time and listened to with much interest. Not only has the society, as a whole, seemed to have gotten the Missionary spirit, but they also have the reporting spirit, which has made the missionary report swell in figures over the report for 1915. In the following we give only a portion of the report, but it might be added that every item in the report exceeds that of 1915:

Letters Written	262
Letters Received	109
Missionary Visits	342
Bible Readings	72
Papers Mailed, Lent, or Given	7465
Tracts Mailed, Lent or Given	644
Hours Christian Help Work	412
Offerings for Foreign Missions	\$254.77
Tithe Paid to Church Treasurer	479.29

The financial standing of the society is also good. In this connection it might be said that the expenses of the society in carrying on missionary endeavor, have not been small, but on the other hand, the liberality of the members, and others interested in Young People's work, has made it possible for us to come out with a small balance on hand at the end of the year 1916. The Present Truth Series have been used quite extensively during the year just ended, and the club of Signs has not failed each week to make its appearance and likewise be mailed out to interested persons by the Periodical Committee. The Signs magazine, Liberty and Watchman have been sent to libraries and the State Penitentiary at McAlester. The expenses thus incurred, together with other minor expenses, for the year, have amounted to \$82.89. Our receipts have amounted to the sum of \$86.97, leaving a balance of \$3.90, which,

Arkansas Conf.

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Box 14

President Elder J. I. Taylor
Sec.-Treas. M. G. Haynes

TO THE CHURCHES AND ISOLATED IN THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

In response to the invitation of your committee, I came to Arkansas last week and took up the work from which Elder Baxter had been called. I have been here now less than two weeks, but I assure you that I am well pleased with the outlook.

I spent the first few days at the office getting acquainted with the field from that end of the line, spending the Sabbath with the Little Rock churches, meeting both the white and the colored. Wednesday afternoon, January 3, I, with Elder Jacobs, went to Mabelvale, ten miles from Little Rock, where we had the pleasure of meeting with a few members. On account of the rain not all were present, but we were glad to meet with those who did come. At this place some are wanting baptism, and there are reported to be some interested souls who have not yet taken their stand.

On Friday we went to Hot Springs where we visited and held Sabbath meeting. We were glad to have such a good attendance at the service. The church needs help to get better organized, yet there are some there who are said to be taking their stand for the truth. No doubt we will hold a short meeting there soon.

I am expecting to visit all of you as soon as I can do so, but this can not be for awhile. I want to move my family over as soon as possible, and as I must attend a meeting of the Union Committee and College Board at Keene, January 22-25, I plan to move them about that time. Just now I am being called to the bedside of Mrs. Taylor's father, in Texas, so it is very probable that I will not be able to get to visit any more of you before February.

Now I would like to hear from all the church elders at once. As soon as I get the names of the newly elected elders I expect to write all of you. But do not wait to hear from me—let me hear from you at once. Let me know how your church is getting

along, what plans you are laying for church work this year, the outlook for new converts, etc.

I hope that you are laying plans for very definite action in raising mission funds this year. I believe it is well to plan early. Let's try to reach our quota each quarter. If church and Sabbath school officers will plan together in a definite way and keep the needs of missions before the members in an interesting and encouraging way their constant co-operation can be had.

We expect to hold a meeting of our Executive Committee at the time of our colporteur's institute in February. We would much like to hear from all of you before that time that we may plan as nearly as possible to meet any pressing need of help as soon as possible.

We are expecting a good attendance at the institute. Our report of book sales for 1916 is fine and we are glad to see so many planning to get started early in the year 1917. These books are going to bring people into the truth and these souls will shine as stars in the crowns of the colporteurs. May the dear Lord continue to bless the good work.

Asking that you continue to pray for your ministers, your committee, and your president, and hoping to meet you all as soon as possible, I am your brother for service,

J. I. TAYLOR.

THE BEST USE OF PAPERS AND TRACTS

This is a subject to be much studied by each member of our Missionary and Volunteer Societies. There is a great work to be done with our literature as we are told in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IV, p. 390: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures"; also on page 392: "If our papers, tracts, and books could be widely circulated, many would find they are just what they want."

God does not want us to waste or scatter this literature carelessly but be very careful that all is used where we think it ought to accomplish the most good.

"As the disciples by Christ's direction gathered up the fragments that nothing might be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature

COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE Little Rock, Arkansas

ARKANSAS COLPORTEUR
INSTITUTE, FEBRUARY 7
to 17, 1917. Write to M. G.
Haynes, Box 14, Little Rock,
Ark., for further information

containing the truth for this time."

All our literature is valuable, and therefore every paper or tract that comes into our hand that is suitable for the public should be put to some use after we have read it. We often find in Adventist homes piles of papers and tracts that should be going out to carry light and truth to others.

There are so many different ways in which to distribute this literature. We should have reading racks in the public waiting rooms, for the people in this busy and terrible time are always reading and searching for something, perhaps they know not what; and many will pick up a paper or tract and read it when it would be difficult to get them to take it from our hands and read it.

Also our reading boxes, at some place on the public roads where those passing may have a privilege of taking some of the precious truth-laden pages, will do good work.

Some very good results have come from leaving a tract on a street car or train seat.

How many times we pass by the opportunity of handing some one of these papers or tracts to those with whom we visit so many times, or of mailing some of them to our friends when writing to them.

Many times also some weary traveler comes to our door asking for some temporal need, and do we always think of his spiritual need and give him something to read which might be the means of bringing him into the light of present truth?

This truth must go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people before our Lord shall return to this earth, and we each have a part to do to help do this. We can't all preach, we can't all teach, we can't all canvass or be foreign missionaries, but we can all give away papers and tracts.

Whenever we give away a paper or tract we should never forget to ask the Lord's blessing upon it.

It is very important that we get an

individual interested in such things, if we can, before giving them this reading matter.

We can show our love for our dear Lord only in the way we work for Him. By giving this gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. Had the church of Christ done the appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory. But it is still undone and we are told that what was not done in times of peace must be done in times of trouble, and now it seems this time is almost upon us when we will no longer have our good papers and tracts to work with.

So let us rally and make use of everything we can.

MRS. VIOLA GOUGE.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

One part of our home missionary work is to watch for opportunities for reaching souls. A new opportunity has come to us, in the new Signs weekly. Instead of raising the price, as has been done with most of our periodicals, the publishers have dropped it, and made the paper somewhat smaller in size, with fewer pages, but still an attractive, readable paper, nicely illustrated. This paper we can sell for five cents a copy. Is it possible to sell our periodicals? "There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, p. 63.

Selling periodicals, then, is seeking to save perishing souls. Are there not some in every church who will take a definite territory and on some regular day each week, take the Signs to every house to sell it? Surely there must be some who love these perishing souls enough to seize this opportunity of saving souls.

Before going out read the paper carefully, looking out for a few good selling points. Have one or two for mothers, one or two for business men, one or two for younger people. When you meet the people at the doors, size them up quickly, and present your paper accordingly. At first you may not sell many, but as you gain experience you will have better and still better success.

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Name	Address	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	Total	Del.
SOUTH TEXAS, DEC. 23-JAN. 6								
C. H. Chenault		DR&PG	34			7.50		44.00
Gladys Courtney		Mag	27		36.50		36.50	36.50
Miss M. P. Sparks		Mag.	5		22.60		22.60	22.60
Mrs. A. G. Loosmore		Misc	40		65.25		65.25	65.25
C. W. Pennock		GC						19.00
Mrs. C. Hollenstein		Misc	40	41	36.40	3.60	40.00	40.00
Agents 6			253	31	160.75	11.10	164.55	227.35
OKLAHOMA, 2 Weeks, Dec 30								
Mrs. Adams, Oklahoma		Misc	18					65.60
T. W. Atchley, Ketchum		PG	38			1.50	1.50	192.00
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		PG				7.50	7.50	6.00
Addie Carroll, Miami		PG	7	2	8.00	4.00	12.00	61.50
E. W. Crawford, Quinton		HH	2	2	6.00	6.00	12.00	
N H. Clem, Logan		BR	15	2	6.00	1.50	7.50	29.00
Olive Gooden, Waynoka		Mis	50		148.75		148.75	148.75
Mrs. Harrison, Oklahoma		Mis	21					94.75
Belle LaLone, Gage		Mis	12			2.50	2.50	55.25
Mrs. McFarland, Addington		Mis	100		201.00		201.00	201.00
W. C. Menefee, Winchester		BR	13			8.25	8.25	37.00
C. J. Morgan, Idabel		PPF	10					11.50
Mrs. Plant, S. Springs		Mis	60		70.65		70.65	70.65
C. L. Robinson, Earlsboro		PG	9	3	9.00	.70	9.70	6.00
Mrs. Smith, Oklahoma		Mis	30					85.00
Lizzie Schilt, Muskogee		BR						3.00
Delinquents			618	90	666.55	91.85	758.40	1343.55
Home Workers					538.65		538.65	638.65
Magazines not previously reported					149.60		149.60	149.60
		Bibles			113.80		113.80	110.75
Agents 16			1003	99	1918.00	123.80	2041.80	3209.55

If you are refused one week, do not be afraid to try again, unless the refusal has been so definite that it would be impertinent to call again. In many cases the fourth call has secured a regular customer.

Speak cheerfully and earnestly, as one who is on the King's business should. Remember that you are no beggar, but a messenger from the King of kings, bearing that which is of supreme importance. Be of good courage, for angels are by your side.

It has been said in regard to the war that hands that are idle assist the enemy. This is equally true in the Lord's work; but on the other hand, hands that are busy carrying the Signs weekly to the people, or doing anything to give the message, are helping the Lord.

There is some profit financially in this work of selling the Signs for five cents a copy, and there will be profits in souls saved. Let each church work up a good club and then arrange for certain members to sell them all over

the territory of the church. With the proceeds buy more Signs, and so, with the original investment of capital, do a big work with no further expense to the church. Why not?

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

"The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister."

"Never does man show greater folly than when he seeks to gain acceptance and recognition in the world by sacrificing in any degree the allegiance and honor due to God."

"There is nothing better in all the world than the love of God for his children, and the love of his children for one another."

"The true Christian works for God, not from impulse, but from principle; not for a day or a month, but during the entire period of life."

Southwestern Junior College Department



NEWS NOTES

Mrs. T. J. Hooper and two children from Clyde, Texas, arrived in Keene last week to spend the time during which her husband will be at the Bookmen's Convention at Nashville in visiting her host of friends and acquaintances here.

You are driving fast and driving well, but do you know where you are going? You know you want something and want it very badly, but do you know exactly what you want, and the best way to obtain it? These are the questions Elder Carey asked in the chapel last Thursday morning—he left them to be answered by you.

A shout of genuine, youthful joy rang out from the boys' and girls' dormitories alike Sunday morning as the soft, feathery flakes of the season's first snow came fluttering down. The fleecy blanket already covering cottage, roof, field and wood, is giving an aspect of real winter to our sunny South.

An electric light has been installed at the front entrance to the College campus and the corner is dark no more.

William Day returned to Keene Sunday from a hurried trip home. His father is better.

Mr. C. C. Truitt has charge of affairs on the farm. He is busy getting things in shape for spring.

Miss Grace Baker, of Ketchum, visited Misses Ruth and Floy Baker for a couple of days last week.

Miss Sadie McNeil, a former student, visited friends in Keene over Sabbath.

Saturday night six students waxed eloquent in a discussion of the question, "Should Keene be incorporated?"

Last Tuesday Elder Coberly talked to the students in the chapel and urged them to earnest effort to make good.

How many young men and women do you know who should know about the Southwestern Junior College—the school where students learn to live?

Friend Student, those examinations are not bad if you're ready, but—"they'll git you ev' you don't watch out."

THE BIBLE TEACHER

If you were to meet a Keene man in India or China or South America—they are scattered everywhere—and were to ask him what particular incident led him to decide to give his life to the Master's service, it is very doubtful if you would receive a definite answer. He probably could not tell. The Keene man is what he is because he grew that way. A kind Providence placed him under the benign influence of this school at just the time when his soul was reaching outward and upward after an ideal, and his life of service, today, is the fruitage of that atmosphere which brought out the best that was in him.

To direct the spiritual forces in a Christian school and develop that Christian atmosphere which shall pervade the student body and shape the ideals and direct the ambitions of the individual student is the business of the head of the Bible department, and fortunate, indeed, is the school with this department under the direction of a man broad in his sympathies and fitted by training and experience for his work.

The Southwestern Junior College has at the head of its Bible department Elder Edward W. Carey. He has been there three years, giving of

his best to make the spiritual life of the school strong and vigorous.

He was born in northwestern Ohio up near the head of Lake Erie on the old Carey homestead which had been taken up by his grandfather in the days when the pioneers were coming from New England and Pennsylvania and Virginia to subdue the wilderness. There was no small stir in the big, white house that day in May some forty years ago when he joined the family circle.

His boyhood was filled with the activities of the average farmer boy of northern Ohio. In the winter he went to the country school with his brothers and sisters and grappled with the problems in Ray's Arithmetic and studied the old McGuffey speller. Then, too, there would be nutting excursions and skating and sleighing, and in the long winter evenings, after the lessons had been prepared, the family would gather around the fireplace and crack nuts and eat apples and listen to stories—the father had made the journey to Pike's Peak by ox team in the gold rush of the early '50's.

In the year that Elder Carey was sixteen his mother died and he left home to shift for himself. It was his ambition to become a teacher and by hard work in the summer he was able to keep himself in school during the winter. An older brother who was a teacher kept his enthusiasm warm and encouraged him in his work.

By the time he was nineteen he had finished the grammar schools and had had sufficient training at the Normal schools so that he obtained a certificate to teach.

That summer marked the turning point of his life. His father having received a knowledge of the Message, had sold the old home place and moved to Mt. Vernon. Edward's younger brother, Albert, aglow with the love of the truth—it was he who pioneered the young people's movement and organized the first Young People's Society to receive conference recognition—urged that he visit them at Mt. Vernon. He came, and during the camp meeting held there, gave his heart to God. Instead of teaching the next winter as he had planned he went to Battle Creek College.

Those were aggressive days in denominational school work. Union College was being built and plans for Mt. Vernon Academy were being laid. Battle Creek College, situated at the center of denominational life, had

been running for fifteen years and was training men and women who were destined to carry the influence of their college all over the world. Professor Prescott was president and there were associated with him on the faculty men whose names are familiar in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the land. Elder Uriah Smith was lecturer in Bible and history in the College at this time, and students who felt the stimulus of his vigorous mind could not be satisfied with ordinary achievement. The coming of Edward Carey to Battle Creek College opened up a new vista of possibilities before him and he entered heartily into the spirit of the place. He remained there two years and during this time set his heart to make the ministry his life's work.

Being compelled to be out of school for a year he went home to Mt. Vernon and the next year took up school work there. He was there two years being employed part of the time as teacher of Bible and History.

Upon leaving school he entered the ministry and worked in Ohio until he was called south to take charge of a colored school in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

He stayed in Mississippi one year and then went to Kentucky and engaged in evangelistic work. He remained in Kentucky seven or eight years preaching. It would be a bare life, indeed, which knew no romance, and the beginning of that fuller companionship was made when he married Miss Alma Jones, a lady of the Blue Grass region, in August of 1900.

From Kentucky he was called to South Carolina and then to Texas where he is at work now, teaching the young men and women of this Union Conference the truths so dear to the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists.

He brought to the school a wealth of experience as a pastor and teacher and has given of his best.

ALFRED W. PETERSON.

NEED OF MISSIONARY EFFORT

In helplessness and disappointment men and women are fighting the battles of life, and the Lord designs that as His sons and daughters we shall help one another. This is to be a part of our Christian experience. Who is your neighbor?—The one who most needs your help. Your brother, sick in spirit, needs the experience of one who has been as weak as himself, one who can sympathize with



Elder E. W. Carey

him and help him. Let it not be that the sympathetic chords which should be quick to vibrate at the least touch, shall be unresponsive.

O, what treasures of wisdom are to be opened up for the view of the world! Every divine resource is placed at the disposal of man in order that he may become a co-laborer with God. Nothing has been withheld. When God gave His only begotten Son to our world, He gave all the treasures of heaven. What power what glory, was revealed in the life of Christ! In His name I ask, Why is it that with His power at their command, God's people do not awake to their duty? Why do they not do the work that the time demands, first giving themselves and then their talents of means and ability for the enlightenment and salvation of those who are in darkness?

The work is fast closing, and on every side wickedness is increasing. We have but a short time in which to labor. God is not willing that any should perish. He has provided abundant means for the salvation of all who accept Him. The Lord pities that part of His vineyard which has not been worked. His heart of mercy is filled with compassion for the thousands who are in ignorance of the truth. He is sparing the world, that increased light may come to it. Why do not those to whom God has committed great light move out into new places? They will have to do this, whether they wish to or not; for God will scatter them into many

places. If God's people had gone forth as they should, giving the invitation to others, many souls would have been added to the church.

The world is looking on with gratification at the disunion among Christians. Infidelity is well pleased. God calls for a change among His people. Agents of mercy are needed, not merely in a few places, but throughout the world. Men and women in this field should be preparing for service in distant lands. From every country is heard the cry, Come over and help us! Rich and poor are calling for light. Money and workers are needed.

We need to humble ourselves before God because so few of the members of His church are putting forth efforts that in any wise compare with the efforts that the Lord desires them to put forth. The privileges He has given them, the promises He has made, the advantages He has bestowed, should inspire them with far greater zeal and devotion.

We need the vitalizing power of His Spirit—the strong cry of a church travailing to bring forth souls. There is a need of a more earnest wrestling with God for the impartation of His Holy Spirit. Eager, earnest, importunate prayer is needed. There is efficiency in prayer. In answer to fervent prayer, God can turn the thoughts and hearts of men as He turns the water of the sea.

God forbid that our churches and institutions shall be content to leave untouched the fields still unworked. The Saviour is saying to us, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We are to teach them—not merely to preach a discourse now and then, but to teach them how to find the way to heaven.

In every age, but never so much as now, this has been the work of the church. Dare any one withhold a jot of the influence that should be exerted for the recovery of the souls that are out of Christ? Dare we work out our ambitious projects and satisfy our selfish desires, and then bring to God's altar the fraction that remains of our time and our means? Think you that God will accept such an offering?—Mrs. E. G. White

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News Notes

Miss Ruth McBurnett, of Kenne-
dale, Texas, is visiting friends here
this week.

Brother C. Blackburn has gone to
Garden City, Texas to accept a po-
sition offered him at that place.

Brother Anton Williman, of Hous-
ton, Texas, traveling representative
of the Brooks Machine Co., spent Sab-
bath and Sunday in Keene.

There will be a meeting of the
Southwestern Junior College Board
and of the Southwestern Union Con-
ference Committee in Keene next
week.

Miss Laura Swanson, of Schaller,
Iowa, is visiting relatives, the family
of C. Knudson, in Keene. She ex-
pects to spend the remainder of the
winter here.

A brief note from Elder E. B. Hop-
kins tells of the death of Brother
West, of the Bartlesville, Oklahoma,
church which was caused by typhoid
fever. We expect a more detailed
statement later.

Last Sunday morning, with the wind
blowing gently from a southeasterly
direction, the snowflakes began their
silent downward journey, and so per-
sistently did this work continue that
ere night the whole landscape was
covered with a mantle of white to
a depth of approximately five inches.
Needless to say that the younger gen-
eration hailed the occasion with de-
light, and even some of the older ones
watched the snow-balling and face
washings with rather wistful eyes.

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to the columns of this paper. We reserve
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ments. Approved advertisements will be
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or less .50 cents for each insertion, and
one cent per word for each additional
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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 pub-
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All copy must be in our office on Thurs-
day before the date of publication. Copy
arriving later will be held over until a
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Southwestern Sanitarium

"WHERE THE SICK GET WELL"

The advertisement features a large, multi-story building with a prominent porch and several vintage cars parked in front. The text is stylized and decorative.