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## THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEED

In the writings of Sister White we find the statement: "The greatest want of the world is the want of men,—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." I believe we are all in harmony with this statement. Especially at this time do we need men who will stand for right at all times,—men who will seek to further the interests of the Cause even though it may cost much.

It is encouraging to know that we have some such men among us. There are men who are ready to give of their means for the good of others. Many have given their entire time, and even their lives, to make the world better; but we need more individuals like this.

These are the kind we are striving to develop in our schools. "The schools are intended . . . to provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth,"—that they may stand for truth and right; that they may, with the apostle Paul, forget those things which are behind, and reach forth unto those things which are before.

We invite our youth to arouse, and join us in the preparation to be of true service to the world.

F. R. ISAAC.

## "MORE VIM"

The young man was proud of the new pin which he wore upon his lapel. Not that it was remarkable for beauty, no, not that; for it was just a simple little affair of oxidized silver showing the world, with the letters, "M. V." printed upon it in red. But it was what the pin represented that made this Missionary Volunteer so glad to wear it.

"I showed my pin to the girl in the office where I work," he wrote to his conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, "and she asked me if it stood

for 'More Vim'. I told her what it did mean, and then I told her that her guess had given me a good suggestion. More Vim is right."

Yes, "More Vim is right," Missionary Volunteers. There must be more spirit and energy in our societies, more vigor in every line of Christian service. One may have the intellect of a Webster or the genius of an Edison, yet if he lacks that vital thing called energy, if he fails to do with his might the duty which lies at his hand, what does he accomplish?

Have you been half-hearted in your efforts? Take as your motto "More Vim". Did you begin some line of endeavor only to grow weary of it and quit? Begin anew, with a determination to put such energy and enthusiasm into it that you are bound to succeed.

More energetic effort in missionary work, more enthusiastic interest in the devotional and educational features, in fact, "more vim" all along the line is what we need. Missionary Volunteers, let us resolve to have it!—Ella Iden.

## SOME DON'T'S

Don't be afraid of yourself, for if you are, everybody else will be afraid of you. Grant's soldiers loyally followed him because he wasn't afraid of his own leadership.

Trust yourself.

Don't think that because everybody else has failed in a project, you will. The late George Westinghouse was called a fool by Commodore Vanderbilt. But his air brake won, and he died one of the wonderful men of his time.

Kick out discouragement.

Don't allow friends or influence or circumstances to color your courage and your aims. Walk right out of ease and away from the applause of the crowd, if necessary. Be firmly independent.

Stand alone!

Don't let yesterday's blunders or failures darken today's sunlit opportunities. Start your life anew with the starting of every hour.

Be an initiator.—"Take it."

## SUPPORTING THE WORK

Every consecrated Seventh-day Adventist fully realizes the solemn duty of paying tithe. As a means of supporting the work of God, this plan shows divine wisdom. It is therefore a privilege we have in paying tithe, of co-operating with Heaven in the furtherance of the third angel's message to all the world.

How many of us, I wonder, have ever realized that our publishing houses are appointed of God, and that our publications are His instrumentalities for spreading the gospel and, therefore, call for our loyal support? Do we realize that every subscription we take, every copy of a publication we become responsible for, is also definitely supporting the work? What would become of our institutions which furnish the printed page if our support were withdrawn? Would they not suffer as severely as the ministry, were the tithe to be withdrawn? Then, why is it not our duty to feel a definite responsibility for the support of our publishing houses? No better demonstration of our belief in them could be given than by subscribing, even at a sacrifice, for our splendid publications.

It should not be a question of whether we personally can find time to read everything that comes to our door. Rather, it becomes a solemn duty to give the truth to others. If we are confined to our homes, let the children take the literature to the neighbors, or use the mails. The promise is, "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:10, 11.

A new year is here. Let us start right by subscribing for the Review, and Herald, Watchman, Signs Life and Health, Liberty, etc. Let us faithfully support the work.

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### REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE

About nine or ten years ago a colored man in eastern Arkansas got in hand a "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" and had his attention called to the Sabbath question. He was a conscientious man, but having no help other than the book, he satisfied himself that it was not essential that Christians keep the Sabbath. In 1911 a Seventh-day Adventist layman, a white man, came in contact with this colored man and in a short time convinced him of the binding obligation of the Sabbath. At once he and his wife began to obey. They are faithful members yet.

These people were farming on rented land, and were poor, yet owned their team. They were the only Sabbath-keepers in all that country, so were a gazing-stock to the surrounding community. They would not work on the Sabbath and were not allowed to work on Sunday, so they could work only five days a week. They were reproved, scoffed at, and censured by their neighbors, their landlord, and their merchant. Being poor, it was necessary that they buy supplies on credit while making their crop, so they had to meet the censure of their merchant for working only five days a week.

In the spring of 1912 they had considerable rain, and they and their neighbors were about to lose their crops by grass. This brother and his wife were working hard and suffering the abuse of landlord and merchant. Finally, one Friday evening on coming in from work, he was quite discouraged over the outlook and told his wife that he believed that they were going to lose their crop—the grass was going to take it. They had prayed about it from time to time, and they continued to pray for the Lord to help. His story is as follows:

"On Monday morning when I went to the field I found that the worms had struck my field and had eaten the grass, but had left the crop. What

grass they had not entirely eaten, died, and all that it was necessary for me to do was to plow it out, and with a little hoeing, etc., clean the crop, and," he continued, "I made a good crop. The worms did not eat the crop, although in some fields they ate the young corn. Mine was the only field in which they ate out the grass." He said further that the neighbors all took note of it and many asked him as to the cause, and his reply was, "You will have to ask the Master. He did it."

This man is now elder of a new church in that same county. He is taking ten of our periodicals, and his heart is full of the Message. When several of us visited that church recently, he grasped my hand and said, with emphasis, "Oh, Brother Taylor! This is what I have been praying for. For six years wife and I have lived alone out here. About two years ago we had a visit of a few days from a minister. Last year a minister came and held a meeting, and we have this company meeting together. And now, here are all you white folks making us a visit. This is what I have been praying for."

Colporteurs, the seed you are sowing is taking root; laymen, a word in season to "him that is weary" waters the seed sown; and ministers, it is yours to bring it to the glorious harvest.

"O brother, be faithful! Eternity's years

Will tell for thy faithfulness now,  
When bright smiles of gladness shall  
scatter thy tears,

And a coronet gleam on thy brow."  
J. I. TAYLOR.

### DECATUR

In the autumn of 1916, Elder W. E. Baxter and I passed through this place and spent a few hours visiting the people. We were both impressed that some work should be done here. We have a nice little church building, but all the members have moved away, except a few sisters. They have been doing what they could to keep the Sabbath school going, and have been praying for help these years. But it was not until last week that time could be spared to do anything in the way of holding meetings.

While we only had time to hold five meetings, the interest and attendance was good, and we are planning to

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### NEWS NOTES

Brother Carl Riffel is still at work among our churches, helping the members to become interested in Harvest Ingathering and assisting them in getting experience in the same. All our churches should take courage from the experience of the brethren and sisters at Enid. This church took the lead of all our churches, securing \$703.73. One sister secured \$129.00. All this was accomplished by the efforts of about thirty of the fifty-one members. Let us all take courage and do our part.

Brother Carl Voss writes from Homestead: "We have been holding meetings in a schoolhouse in the country, but have been obliged to drop out every Thursday evening on account of a literary society. The weather has been very changeable, some nights being very stormy. We have had both rain and snow. Some families have come twelve or thirteen miles to meeting. We have had some good experiences with the Ingathering Watchman. We have also distributed considerable literature. We are hoping for good results from this effort."

Elder McDonald writes from Bartlesville that they are having some good meetings. He will join the party which leaves El Reno in a special car for the Workers' Meeting Sunday night, March 9.

The office force finds it quite difficult to keep up with their work with everything torn up. The clerical work is being carried on in the east wing of the church while the books are stacked into as small compass as possible to allow the repairs to be made. The

held a series of meetings here in the near future.

This, in my judgment, would be an excellent place for some brother who wants to do missionary work to locate and lead out in the Sabbath school and church work, as a leader is very much needed.

N. R. HICKMAN.

floors are being straightened and the foundation repaired. We hope to see the work so far along this week that the books may be placed in the book room. When the repairs are finished and the grounds improved, we feel confident that the Oklahoma office will present a creditable appearance.

Brother Kirkham writes that while he and Brother Priest were at Tulsa they secured two colored and one white colporteur, and that he secured a young man just from the army at Jennings. This makes four more colporteurs. Soon we will have more than thirty active book and magazine workers in the field. Brother Kirkham will return to the office Wednesday and will go on to the Institute at the Seminary at Clinton, Missouri, Thursday, March 6.

Brother O. B. Garver stepped into the office Monday afternoon, March 3, and in reply to an inquiry as to how the colporteur work was going, stated that he had just started, and that from the three exhibitions given he had secured two orders.

Elder Clausen was called to Enid last week to take charge of the funeral of one of our sisters who formerly was a member of that church.

Miss Marie Peters, a graduate of the Kansas Sanitarium nurses course, has been invited to connect with Elder Tindall in the Tulsa campaign.

Miss Lillie Guy, a sister of our stenographer, who is connected with the Methodist Hospital at Guthrie, visited her sister here Sunday, March 2.

Elder Van Kirk and Brother Mattison visited the cities of Enid and Guthrie last week, looking up sites for camp meeting. The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Enid showed them every courtesy and took them in a taxi to see all of the available ground that would accommodate the camp. Likewise the mayor and the chief commissioner of the city of Guthrie assured them of a hearty welcome in case they choose to accept the invitation of Guthrie to bring the meeting there. Guthrie offers splendid grounds covered with shade and also the use of a large pavilion made of lumber. This latter feature is a drawing card, since the large camp meeting tent was so badly demoralized by the storm the last evening of the camp meeting last year as to be entirely beyond repair. The committee will take up the matter of time and place during the Workers' Meeting at Keene.

Some of our laborers have not formed the habit of a short weekly report. We kindly invite you to join those who are faithful, so as to keep the Oklahoma section full of live, interesting matter. The people want to know what is being accomplished.

Brother P. W. Peters writes from Fairmount, Oklahoma, that three new members have been added to the church there, one of whom is a man who became anxious about his soul's salvation and without any outside influence began seeking the Lord. He is now a believer and adherent of the Message, and awaits baptism.

The Oklahoma Tract Society has just received a supply of the new catalogue of our publications. Any person desiring a copy may have one by asking for it.

Elder Schick reports five new Sabbath-keepers, several of whom are awaiting baptism, which will likely occur shortly after the close of the coming Workers' Meeting.

Brother G. F. Eichman reports that he has closed the meetings at Chaney for the Workers' Meeting. He says three families, consisting of six adults and five children, have taken a stand for the truth and that he has hopes for some others.

Sister Lettie Phillips, of Sapulpa, reports that their company of twenty-two Sabbath-school members are all of good courage in the Lord. Her good order for various supplies is an evidence that the Sapulpa company are alive.

Large orders for the RECORD are coming in. Be sure that every Seventh-day Adventist in your neighborhood has a subscription at the special rate of twenty-five cents per year.

Clifford Beck, one of our colporteurs, writes that he has begun work. He says, "While canvassing the other day I made an exhibition of my book and a man said to the rest, 'I told you there would be somebody along with a book that would explain the prophecies.' The Lord is, indeed, helping our colporteurs."

Brother Kirkham has found time to take some orders while looking up colporteurs and assisting others in getting started. He says in a letter to Brother Stilson, "It is fine to be out taking orders again. I am getting in trim for the Big Week."

Send the RECORD to a friend.

### EL RENO BAND PROGRAM

The little company at El Reno has been doing some excellent work distributing literature. A tract band has been working for several weeks. The fourth Sabbath missionary meeting was given over to the band. A splendid program was presented, the children and young people taking an active part with the adults. Brother Bricker and Sister Parker certainly have the co-operation of the members of this company.

It is only fair to say that the statement in the RECORD of February 25 should have included both Brother Bricker and the working members of the company in giving credit for five new Sabbath-keepers.

Elder and Mrs. Lukens and Elder Van Kirk were present. In the afternoon Elder Lukens spoke to a good-sized company on the topic, "And They Came to Kadesh Barnea." Some excellent lessons were drawn and applied to our own experiences. The company here are looking towards church organization some time in the near future.

### EL RENO TRACT BAND REPORT

Sabbath, March 1, was a very pleasant day for the company at El Reno. A goodly number were present, among whom were Elder Van Kirk and Elder Lukens and wife. An interesting and instructive program was rendered by the El Reno Tract and Missionary Band. We were favored with readings, talks congregational singing, solos, and duets. A very impressive sermon was given by Elder Lukens at the 3:00 o'clock hour. During the morning program the secretary read the following general report.

"After the adjournment of Sabbath school, November 9, 1918, there was organized by Sister Parker, a tract and missionary band, composed of four members. During the meeting of organization, the benefit of systematic work was discussed, and all heartily endorsed and accepted the plan, pledging themselves to earnest work for the salvation of those around us. When we stop and reflect a moment on the nature, source, and purpose of our work, we are inspired with a zeal and courage to do something toward the finishing of the same.

"This is not the only band that is

engaged in this work. There are hundreds of similar bands all over the country, organized and manned for one great purpose—that of giving the gospel message to all the world in this generation. Each member of these bands, as he or she goes from door to door, believes that they have a special, definite message to be given to the people at this time.

"Since the organization of the El Reno band, Mrs. Sophia Parker, who has had long and successful experience in this work, has been acting as president and leader. Her good and timely instruction at each of our band meetings is, we believe, counsel from the Lord. He has promised to guide us in this great work, and we believe it is our solemn duty before Him to rely upon these promises. In fact, it has been our custom at each band meeting to hold an earnest season of prayer, during which we seek God very earnestly for His blessings, and remind Him of His promises to keep watch over the work. He has not disappointed us in these petitions. Although we have had some obstacles to meet in our work, we feel to praise the Lord for His goodness, and we see no reason to believe that God will allow this branch of the work to end in failure.

"That which has been a source of strength and help to each band member is the memorizing and repeating of certain texts of scripture. These scriptures are Ps. 126:6: 'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.' John 4:36, 37: 'He that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth, and he that reapeth, may rejoice together.' Dan. 12:3: 'They that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever.'

"These texts mean much to the sower of truth. It is a very precious thought indeed to know that all our work and effort will not be a failure. 'My words shall not return unto me void,' says Christ. We may not see immediate results, but some day, in the glad day of final reaping, we shall see, with rejoicing, the fruit of our labor and toil. It is also a blessed thought that a number may share in the pleasure of one soul being saved in the kingdom of God through united

effort. This is a heaven-born plan. One may sow the seed, watering it with tears. Years may roll away, after which another faithful reaper may come along and gather in the sheaves. In the kingdom, both the sower and the reaper will rejoice together. Not only will they rejoice together, but they will shine as the stars forever and ever.

"One great principle of truth which we have learned in our work is the need of thorough consecration. We have endeavored, by the grace of Christ, and the instruction that He has given us, to rid ourselves of all mistakes, and make full room for the indwelling of the Spirit of God. We feel that this is necessary on our part in order to be successful in our work. No matter how hard we may work, no matter how much praying and agonizing we may do, our work will be a failure unless the great Heavenly Sower shall superintend His own great work.

"In the organization of the band, it was decided to use tracts, instead of the papers, Present Truth. These papers have done excellent work in many homes. Hundreds of them have been given out here in this city, and we believe the Lord has watched over every page. But we feel that for the band purpose the tracts serve us better. We are using the following tracts: 'Signs of the End,' 'Manner of Christ's Coming,' 'Is Man Immortal?' 'Looking Unto Jesus,' 'The Way to Christ,' and 'The Perpetuity of God's Law.' In giving out this course of six, we endeavor to interest people to the extent that they will follow up with Bible studies. So far, the band has been real successful. A number have had their attention directed to a closer study of the Bible.

"Although we have lost several weeks' work on account of holidays and sickness, our band has given out, since its organization, 10,532 pages of tracts, and made 73 visits. There has passed through the hands of the secretary and treasurer \$12.55 with which to purchase tracts to be used in our work.

"Now, we do not feel that this money and time has been lost. The day of eternity alone will reveal the good that has been done. May the dear Lord watch over and care for His great work."

W. W. BRICKER.

## EXPERIENCES IN THE FIELD

I have been spending some time this week with Brethren Harris and Beck. These two young men have just started out in the colporteur work and the Lord is blessing their efforts. They are securing orders in at least half of the homes that they canvass. Brother Beck told of one home he visited, and how the man had been wondering who the king of the North was. The man said to his wife, "I believe that someone will come along with a book explaining the eleventh chapter of Daniel," and sure enough, Brother Beck had the book explaining all about the Eastern question, just what the man wanted.

I expect to be at Jennings Sabbath, March 2. Sunday, I will go with Brother Hendrix and his wife to their territory, where they will sell that wonderful book, "Great Controversy." We are enjoying the work, and hope to see many books placed in the homes in Oklahoma.

WALTER KIRKHAM,  
Field Secretary.

## CHANEY

Early in February, Brother D. D. Voth and I went to Chaney to continue an effort I had started some time last spring. We had just made a nice start, when Brother Voth was called home on account of the illness of his wife. This left me all alone again, however Elder A. G. Steinert was able to be with me a few nights, and rendered some valuable service.

I am indeed glad to report to the readers of the RECORD that three families—six adults and five children—have taken their stand for the Truth, and I am sure that there will be some more soon. I have great hopes for another family of six to take their stand soon. There are also five other adults out of various homes.

After our Workers' Meeting, I expect to continue the work here for a few weeks more, if it is God's will. With a few believers who live in this part of the country, and with these new members, we now have a nice Sabbath school.

I ask for the prayers of the dear readers of this paper, that the Lord may in a special manner bless the people in this field.

G. F. EICHMAN.

## NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCES

The long arm of the Press has now reached to Oklahoma and down into this isolated district, where its influence has been keenly felt. It was about eight months ago that we secured supplies from the Press Bureau and began to cultivate the friendship of the editors of local papers. We began by furnishing them local news items, and occasionally sent in a special article on some point of Present Truth. Since that time we have succeeded in getting a large number of articles published. The effect of our newspaper propaganda was beneficial from the very first.

Last spring when there was a surplus of patriotism in the land, the very air around here seemed to be stifled with a mob spirit and mob violence. At that time we ran a short article in the Cordell Beacon, also the Sentinel-Leader, entitled, "Discourage the Mobs." The effect was instantaneous: all mob talk and violence disappeared like a morning fog before a rising sun. Some weeks later when I called on Mr. Felds, editor of the Sentinel-Leader, who wrote a strong editorial indorsing the sentiment of the article, told me that it was "that very article which quieted things around here."

About that same time we ran, "The Kaiser Doomed, Asserts the Bible," (based on Daniel 2). This article caused much talk and favorable comment. One bright young man said it was the above article that had interested him in the study of prophecy. He is now attending the Baptist College at Shawnee. We would like to get in touch with some of our people at Shawnee.

We are still getting inquiries from articles published in the papers last summer. We have just received a letter from a very prominent man, who lives eleven miles away, in which he says, "I was just thinking of an article of yours in the Leader some time ago, where you mentioned the millenium and the folly of the many sects. I don't know as I ever met you, but it does me good to learn that there are some, at least, who know something of the millenium and the coming kingdom. I would be glad to read more of your articles in the Leader. Hope to meet you and have a pleasant talk with you some of these days."

Regarding the attitude that the papers take with reference to these let-

ters, we will quote from a letter received from the editor of the Southwestern Press, at Elk City:

"Let me assure you that I appreciate the articles that you have sent in the past few weeks. They are timely and, I think, express the sentiment of the people. I shall make a 'special' of your last article this week."

In addition to working the newspapers, we have well nigh scattered Present Truth and other literature like the 'leaves of autumn.' We have a very nice field in which to work. As far as we know, we are the only Seventh-day Adventists in Washita County and the thermometer of human prejudice runs high when anything new in religion is presented. Those who have more of our literature than they are using are invited to send it to us and we will put it to good use.

When we accepted present truth, we lived within four blocks of one of the largest Seventh-day Adventist churches west of the Rocky Mountains. It seems that the Lord has, by His providences, through a series of events, led us here, where the nearest Adventist church is eighteen miles. We haven't seen a Seventh-day Adventist since we left California over a year ago. And in case some of our workers might be passing through, we wish to add, that we live 2½ miles north of Port schoolhouse, and would be glad to have them stop.

In your prayers please remember by name,

Mr. and Mrs. WIRT LUCAS,  
Port, Oklahoma.

## MUSKOGEE—(Colored)

As I have not reported to the RECORD since taking up my work in this conference, I thought I would tell the readers something of what is being done among the colored people here.

I arrived in Muskogee October 2, 1918, and have been working ever since. I have enjoyed the work very much, and we have several persons interested whom we think will soon take their stand for the truth.

Elder Nunes, Brother W. S. North, and the writer, held a series of meetings beginning February 7. In spite of the bad weather we had a fair attendance. Four persons came forward for prayer, and two of them kept their first Sabbath February 15. At this juncture, Elder Nunes had to leave to attend the Committee meeting, leav-

ing Brother North and myself. Brother North gave good service in advertising the meeting, but he was called to Tulsa on the 20th, so I was left alone, and continued the meeting until the following Sunday. After speaking on the subject, "Why I Am a Seventh-day Adventist," an appeal was made and one woman came forward and united with the church. Sister Jordan, our Bible worker, had been laboring with her.

We desire the prayers of all the believers for our success.

R. L. BRADFORD.

## SPECIAL PEACE NUMBER

The April issue of The Watchman Magazine will be devoted to the question of peace from the standpoint of the Scriptures. It affords a wonderful opportunity for presenting the message of the hour.

"The Angels of the Seven Wars,"—which is also the subject of the cover design.

"Enduring Peace, and the League of Nations."

"He Was Made Our Peace."

"Our Great High Priest."

"One of the Deeper Causes of the War."

"Where Do You Pray?"

This number is unusually beautiful. The color work is extended from the middle section—"Is the Volcano Extinct?"—to the full-page illustrations—"The Garden of the Gods," and "The Garden of Gethsemane," both illustrating the special articles facing them, and a beautiful page setting of Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle's consolatory poem, "This Cup Shall Pass."

This is the number for a special whirlwind campaign for the threefold gospel message. It comes at the psychological moment, when men's minds are turned with desire towards peace. It points out the fallacies of man-made peace, but comfortingly it reveals the Savior who makes peace within the soul now, and external and eternal peace at His soon coming.

Your neighbors and friends should all have it; every person in your city or town should have it. It ought to go a million strong.

One union conference is planning to use 20,000 extra of this issue. We request that all quantity orders be sent us in advance. Please order through your tract society.

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### A NEW CHURCH—GAINESVILLE

The readers of the RECORD will be pleased to know that we now have a nice house of worship in the city of Gainesville, and also a church organization of thirteen members.

Early last summer we received an urgent call for a tent effort in Gainesville, and in answer to this call Brethren Taylor, Davis, Ewert, and Brother and Sister Carter were sent to this place to conduct a series of tent meetings. There were only four members in Gainesville at that time. One of them had lived there for a number of years, and the other three had just moved in from the West.

As far as we can remember, this was the first tent effort ever conducted in Gainesville. This effort was carried on until our camp meeting with a good interest and a good attendance, but only about four commenced to keep the Sabbath.

After our camp meeting, this same company of workers, including Sister Davis, had a burden and a desire to go back to Gainesville again and put forth another strong effort in a different part of the city. This effort was continued until late in the fall, then the tent was taken down, with seemingly little results.

Brother and Sister Davis were sent to Sherman and Brother Ewert to Humville, leaving Brother Taylor and Brother and Sister Carter to follow up the interest in Gainesville. As a result of holding on and staying with the interest, ten persons have accepted the Truth and a nice church building has been purchased.

Last Sabbath, March 1, we had the privilege—the writer and two members of the Conference Committee, Brethren Woodall and Schmidt—of meeting with this new company in their new church for the purpose of dedicating this house and organizing a church.

The dedicatory services were conducted in the forenoon, and in the afternoon a church of thirteen members was organized. Five of these

new members were baptized by Brother Taylor.

It pays to stay with the work and not to become discouraged too soon. We hardly ever see very much accomplished by short efforts, but it is the continuous effort that brings the best results. There are a few more keeping the Sabbath in Gainesville who have not united with the church yet, but will be added later.

I wish that our brethren and sisters who have donated towards the church building in Gainesville, could see the neat building that has been bought. It is in a splendid location, on a good street, and in a nice neighborhood. Enough good pews have been made to accommodate about one hundred persons. The church is lighted with electric light and heated with gas.

This nice building and lot was purchased for only \$700.00. We feel that it was a good investment, for it is worth much more to us.

Brother Taylor will remain in Gainesville, and we pray that the Lord may bless his work and that the new church may grow and prosper.

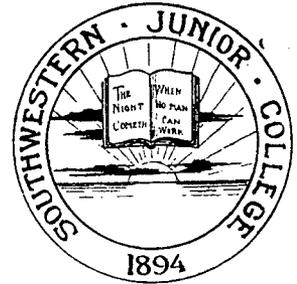
DAVID VOTH.

### JEFFERSON—(Colored)

New recruits are still enlisting in this part of the field, for which we thank the dear Lord. While I am writing this report of our work for the month of February, I am not thoroughly thawed out from a long, cold ride in the country, where wife and I went to look after some interested ones. We found them, and held some cottage meetings with them. This was in addition to what had been done by Sister Whitlow, a white lady, with tracts and papers. Four persons took their stand for the law of God as the result. I feel sure that the husband of one of these sisters will soon take his stand for the Sabbath.

Then we left them for our long, cold drive home through the rain, sleet, and snow. We only made fifteen miles that day, stopping once during the worst of the storm.

Our little company here at Jefferson is doing good work. Among other things we are using twenty-five copies of Present Truth each week among the reading class of people. We tried hard to make Sabbath, February 22, a dollar day for each member present, but we lacked a little.



### NEWS NOTES

Southwestern Junior College will help you to find your place in the Lord's work, if you will let her.

The North Texas Colporteurs' Institute closed Tuesday night.

Brother George West and wife, former students of S. W. J. C., are visiting friends and relatives in Keene this week, also attending the Workers' Meeting. Brother West is engaged in ministerial work in South Texas.

Professor Field occupied the Chapel hour Monday morning with a brief account of the thrilling history of Texas.

Brother A. F. Harrison is one of our school's best friends. He has helped about thirty students in their struggle against financial adversity, and is still busy at the same good work. Tuesday morning he told us how we could help ourselves by guarding against unnecessary expenditures.

We are now entering the fifth period of the school year. Soon this school year will be over. Can our parents be proud of our achievements? Let's not have to report "C's" and "4's".

Mr. Coston Wilcox and his sister, Miss Lorena, are home in Keene for the Workers' Meeting. They both graduated from the Junior College

It was a very disagreeable day, and two of those who came did not know about the offering, so were not prepared for it.

Several of our Sabbath-keepers have moved away during the month. This does not make us feel good, but we hope to see others step in and fill up the vacancy. We are glad to see the signs of Spring again, and we are beginning early on our effort for a goal of fifty souls for 1919. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Pray for us that we may not disappoint the Spirit of God.

E. M. GATES and WIFE.

course last spring and are now engaged in the work. Mr. Wilcox is preaching in South Texas, and Miss Wilcox has the Educational and Missionary Volunteer work in Arkansas.

We are enjoying a Stereopticon Lecture Course furnished by the University of Texas. Two numbers of the series have already been given—"The Grandeur of the Rockies," and "Germany's Dream of World Empire." The next number, "The Soldier's All," will be given this week.

Elder House is giving a series of Chapel talks on the History and Inspiration of the Bible.

With the army of enthusiastic young men and women from S. W. J. C. in the harvest field this coming summer, we are sure that this great Message will be carried to many now in darkness. Colporteurs, ministers, and Bible workers are now being prepared for active service. Yet there is a great need for more. Parents, why not send your sons and daughters here, that they also may be prepared for the Lord's work?

Southwestern Junior College stands for character.

#### A BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Yes, we are coming back again next year "to do the same thing over again," because Miss Carmichael has a birthday every March 4.

If you had been in the North Hall home last Tuesday night when the lights blinked for the second time, you would have seen, not heard, every girl slipping quietly to the beautiful parlor and sitting down on the floor. As the lights were dying out, you would have heard wafted down from the parlor soft strains of music, which swelled louder and louder until the "Mother" of the many girls was brought. No, she was not brought into the parlor to hush those strains of music or to quiet that happy, cheering crowd of girls sitting there on the floor, but she was brought in to be seated in a cozy rocking chair and watched over by a bevy of girls as charming as the fairies themselves. A match flared and a lamp was lighted, and she knew that she was not dreaming of fairyland but was in the midst of "her girls" and everything was real. She listened to the Mother's Song sung by her daughters, and she knew that every word was from their hearts, because their happy looks ex-

pressed their thoughts. Then another "daughter" came tripping in bringing a love-gift, which was presented to her by one of the girls, who closed her little speech by saying, "We love you, and we want you to tell us the story of your life." She told them, too,—all about herself,—and as they listened their love grew.

Then she was led down stairs where she found on her table a fruit basket heaped full to overflowing with the things "mother" likes best.

Time had slipped by quickly, yet no one was sleepy; but in order to be worth-while girls, they went to bed, to dream of the time when they too would be winsome women, charming as their beloved "mother."

THE NORTH HALL GIRLS.

#### THOSE COLPORTEURS

Mr. S.W.J.C. Colporteur, Agent for Seventh-day Adventist Literature and Bibles:—

"Good morning, Mr. Jones. I am calling in the interest of Bible study, and am introducing in your community a very important work entitled—" Yes, they're at it, one hundred strong, and you hear it, going to worship, on the way to breakfast, in the halls, in the classrooms, and between times. This speaks well for Mr. Colporteur, for if he prepares early and late, he won't be caught napping when the sun gets hot.

S.W.J.C. students are fast catching the vision that now is the time to finish the work, and there are many nooks and corners in our own Southwestern Union that have not been warned. They are applying that text that says, "in Jerusalem, Judea, throughout all Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." They are beginning at home so they can work later in any station. You see, they believe the wise man was right when he said, "A fool's eyes are in the ends of the earth,"—that is, those who say, "When I get to China or some other end of the earth, I'll do anything for God, but I just don't see anything to the canvassing work, and I am going home this year, anyway."

It is gratifying to know there are but few people here whose eyes are in the ends of the earth, and so the canvassing band is a real, live success—which means we succeed continually. We have reached our goal and have no disposition to quit boost-

ing until the word, "finished," is written over the work.

Brother Harrison spoke to the students at Chapel Monday, and to the Colporteurs' Band Wednesday, and his talks were inspiring—what good prospects for a field full of workers—what a great prospect, and what a great need! Each field needs its students to come back and canvass; and grateful he was for the large number who were going from S.W.J.C. this summer to sell good books.

But all the while Mr. Colporteur goes about telling the beauty of some book, and endeavoring to get someone's order—(just to himself)—and he's one hundred strong!

Watch us grow!

ARTHUR KING.

#### THE EXISTENCE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is very much like the wall the Irishman built, four feet wide and three feet high. When asked why he built the wall wider than high, he replied, "I built it that way so that if the storm should come and blow it over, it would be higher afterward than before." The same is true of the Bible. The enemies of God's people have always been the enemies of the Bible. Infidels have from time to time tried to destroy the Bible, and Rome has done her best to burn it and its readers out of existence.

And yet today the Book rises like the Irishman's fence, and as much unharmed as Daniel when he came out of the lions' den.

Voltaire, the noted French infidel, who died in 1778, said that in one hundred years from his time Christianity would be swept out of existence and passed into history. But what has happened? Only twenty-five years after his death, the British and Foreign Bible Society was founded. His printing press, with which he printed his infidel literature, has since been used to print copies of the Word of God; and the very house in which he lived has been stacked with Bibles of the Geneva Bible Society. So mightily has grown the Word of God, and prevailed.—George S. Belleau.

A dewdrop, as it tremblingly clings to the end of the leaf on the still morning hour, may reflect the whole face of the sky. We may be but a dewdrop in the great mass of humanity, but we may reflect the image of our God.

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We cannot win a person by jabbing his prejudices with the pitchfork of criticism. But love will show the way. Arrows of truth sent forth by love will touch the heart and warm the soul. Try it.

Do daily and hourly your duty; do it patiently and thoroughly. Do it as it presents itself; do it at the moment, and let it be its own reward. Never mind whether it is known and acknowledged or not, but do not fail to do it.—Aughey.

When we are in doubt, and puzzle out the truth by our own exertions, we have gained a something that will stay by us, and which will serve us again. But, if to avoid the trouble of the search, we avail ourselves of the superior information of a friend, such knowledge will not remain with us;

**COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT Southwestern Union Conf.**

Name	Address	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	Total	Del.	
<b>TEXICO CONFERENCE,</b>				<b>For Week Ending March 1, 1919</b>					
H. E. Blackwelder,	Hereford	OD	23	7	20.00		20.00		
L. W. Cole,	Ranger	DR	26	17	79.00		79.00	20.00	
			Agents 2	59	24	99.00	99.00	20.00	
<b>OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE,</b>				<b>Week Ending March 1, 1919</b>					
L. R. Harris,	Sand Springs	BF	47	32	96.50	.25	96.75	38.75	
Clifford Beck,	Sand Springs	BF	36	35	77.50		77.50	9.00	
J. J. Landis,	Okemah	DR	11	32	51.00	8.75	59.75	8.75	
M. S. Hubbell,	Shawnee	WS		35	44.50		44.50	44.50	
C. L. Robinson,	Perkins	OD	14	20	36.00	4.15	40.15	4.65	
W. Sedore,	Waynoka	OD	11	25	33.50		33.50		
T. J. Blake,	Stroud	OD	9	25	22.50		22.50	2.50	
M. M. Sikes,	Jennings	GC	4	17	21.00		21.00		
W. B. Jenkins,	Carrier	OD	2	27	3.00	3.50	6.50	5.00	
Mrs. Jenkins,	Carrier	OD			2.50	.75	3.25	2.50	
E. W. Crawford,	Keene, Texas	CK		10		1.00	1.00	1.00	
			Agents 11	134	258	388.00	18.40	406.40	114.65
<b>SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE,</b>				<b>For Month of February, 1919</b>					
A. A. Prewitt,	Lockhart	GC	119	112	480.00	22.25	502.25	28.25	
J. D. Leslie,	McAllen	PG	55	73	307.00	56.50	363.50	56.50	
J. M. Lopez,	Mercedes	PG	138	45	197.00	20.45	217.45	496.00	
				Office Sales		565.90	565.90	565.90	
			Agents 3	312	231	1549.90	99.20	1649.10	1146.65
<b>ARKANSAS CONFERENCE,</b>				<b>Week Ending March 1, 1919</b>					
G. O. Bayless,	Pine Bluff	DR	31	22	99.00	9.00	108.00	9.00	
Ernest Hanson,	Hope	OD	30	32	83.50	13.20	96.70	18.20	
Willie Brinegar,	Waldo	BR	44	22	87.00	4.75	91.75	11.50	
J. E. Mitchell,	Cotton Plant	BR	35	15	75.00	.85	75.85	.85	
E. D. Linn,	Judsonia	RR	32	13	48.00	.50	48.50	.50	
				Bibles		43.75	43.75		
			Agents 5	172	105	436.25	28.30	464.55	40.05

we have not bought, but borrowed it.—Colton.

**KEENE POST OFFICE**

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From Egan, M.K. & T. 1:55 p.m.

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M.K. & T. North - - - - 6:35 a.m.  
G.C. & S.F. East - - - - 7:00 a.m.  
M.K. & T. South - - - - 1:00 p.m.  
M.K. & T. North - - - - 1:00 p.m.  
M.K. & T. Cleburne & conn. 1:55 p.m.

**THE HOME STUDY HABIT**

This is the habit to form if you can not go to school. And the Fireside duty.—Cicero:

Correspondence School was organized to help you form this habit. The President of the General Conference says, "I believe this school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people."

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No man living in deliberate violation of his duty, in willful disobedience to God's commands, as taught by conscience, can possibly make progress in acquaintance with the Supreme Being. Vain are all acts of worship either in church or in secret, vain are religious reading and conversation, without this instant fidelity.—W. E. Channing.

Send the RECORD to a friend.

There is no moment without some