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—In correction of what appeared in this department some time ago regarding the Mexican believers in Texico being without leadership, Elder H. M. J. Richards writes: "Elder Burt Bray is, and has been all the time, the leader of that work." We are glad to make the correction.

—Elder Burt Bray, the superintendent of the Mexican work in the Texico Conference, with Elder M. Serna, is engaged in an evangelistic effort with the Mexicans in Garfield, N.M. Elder Bray writes that after the Union Conference he intends to begin an effort in El Paso, Texas.

—Brother Marcelino Roman has been moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, and finds there quite an interest among the Mexicans. He hopes soon to have a good little church ready for organization.

—Bishop Lucien Kinsolving of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Brazil, declared: "With political absolutism has prevailed a kindred religious absolutism, a mutilated sacramental system, a closed Bible, false doctrines, painful superstitions, and the densest ignorance in all but the highest stratum of social life, and even there little religious culture do we find."

"What is a man,
If his chief good and market of his
time
Be but to sleep and feed? A beast—no
more.
Sure, He that made us with such
large discourse,
Looking before and after, gave us not

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That capability and god-like reason
To rust in us unused."

—Shakespeare.

FOLLOWING UP THE INGATHERING WORK WITH THE SIGNS

The excellent plan of following up the Harvest Ingathering campaign with the weekly Signs of the Times has been worked with good results in a number of places. After the Ingathering effort was completed in a certain town last autumn, the missionary leader of the church sent us the following interesting report:

"We somehow felt that our work was not entirely finished, and that there would be a real loss if we did not follow up the little openings made and the interests created by the Ingathering campaign. Therefore we decided to retain our territory arrangement and the formation of bands and to follow up the effort with the weekly Signs. We were confident that the Signs Weekly would appeal to the people and accomplish the desired end—awaken an interest in some of them to study the truth for these times and yield to the Spirit of God. And we were not disappointed. We remembered the slogan, 'More Signs means More Souls,' and set to work to get more Signs to work with. These were obtained, and we went to the homes in the spirit of prayer and faith. We gathered a large number of names of persons who expressed a desire to read

the Signs Weekly. Some subscribed for the paper. To others, the paper was mailed free for a time, and the expense was met by certain members of the church. Still others were supplied each week by members desiring to make personal calls. We had some very interesting experiences, which of course cannot be related in a short letter. The chief thing, and the best thing to report, is the encouraging fact that up to date, we have four new families in the church because of the follow-up effort with the weekly Signs. We plan to conduct a similar effort after the next Ingathering campaign."

This experience is only another evidence that among our people everywhere there is a growing confidence in the soul-winning power of the Signs Weekly. They know it brings results. Thousands have been partly or wholly persuaded through reading the Signs Weekly since it was first sent forth on its divinely appointed mission to win souls.

AN APPRECIATIVE LETTER

"Mountainair, N. M., Nov. 22.

"I wish to extend my thanks to the kind friend who is sending me the RECORD. 'Tis like a letter from home, and I enjoy reading it more because it comes from the place where Grace spent one term.

"Maybe you do not know that Grace is gone. She passed away June 4. While we mourn, we know she has just passed on a little before us. She left one child, a little girl. I am telling you of Grace Meldrum. She was married to W. T. Law. I am her mother.

"Again thanking the friend for the paper, I am, Sincerely,

"Mrs. A. P. Bennett."

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NEWS NOTES

—Sunday evening, December 7, was red letter occasion at the Auditorium in Oklahoma City. Every available seat in the hall was occupied and the audience listened spellbound to the second discourse in the series of studies on our nation as a subject of prophecy. One man came in on the train two hundred miles to be present at the lecture. Nearly the entire audience stood when the call was made for those to stand who believed the commandments of God and would stand upon them. Of course, the Sabbath had not been emphasized nor presented directly and the people did not take that feature into account. Elder Tindall and company are working hard and praying much. The church membership here seems to be deeply interested in the campaign.

—Sabbath, December 6, was a good day in Oklahoma City. We hope it was in all our churches. After the reading, Elder Tindall gave an inspiring talk and then made a call for those who would either give themselves to God for the first time or who wanted to return to His service. Several responded and at least one who has been attending the meetings took her stand for the message and to keep the commandments of God.

—Our office force was glad to welcome among our force again Brother Bullard. He walked in on us Friday morning while we were having our office worship.

—Sister Lukens spent the Sabbath with the new colored believers of Oklahoma City, December 6.

—Elder Nunes was a caller at the office Sunday, December 7. He spent some time in going over plans with Elder Van Kirk for the advancement of the message among the colored people.

—The dedication of the church building at Ardmore is set for Sabbath, December 20. Elders Lukens and Van Kirk plan to be present and assist in the services.

—Brother Dart left the office Fri-

day to be with the church at Enid during the Week of Prayer. He also will visit some of the isolated brethren in that vicinity during his stay.

—Elder D. F. Sturgeon called at the office on his way to spend the Week of Prayer with the church at Wewoka. Brother Sturgeon has been suffering from a hernia which he received recently. He is better now.

—Elder McDonald stopped over night at the office on his way to spend the Week of Prayer at Hitchcock and vicinity.

—Elder Crane spent Sabbath, December 6, with the church at Weatherford.

—Elder Van Kirk left the office Tuesday, December 9, to spend the remainder of the Week of Prayer with the church at Ketchum.

—Miss Garrett, accompanied by Brother Adams spent the latter part of the week visiting and checking up the intermediate school at Ketchum.

—Harvest Ingathering work is still in progress. We have our new supply of papers at last. Our churches should now make their final drive and get it finished for this year.

—Our hearts rejoiced exceedingly over the receipt of a check of \$2,900 for missions from one of our brethren. It was an entirely unexpected gift and thus especially welcome, as it puts us well over our mission quota to date and we are ahead for the first time in seven months. Shall we not all plan to come up on this line and never allow the Oklahoma Conference show a deficit from now on?

—Elders Steinert and Eichmann have been selected by the Committee to attend the meeting of the German workers a Clinton, Missouri, which opens December 24.

—Miss Guy, our senior stenographer, spent Sabbath, December 6, with her sister at Guthrie.

—Elder Clausen was with the church at Guthrie the first half of the Week of Prayer and at Perry the latter half.

—Brother Mattison assisted the little church at El Reno, December 6, in their Sabbath service.

—Elder G. F. Eichmann writes:—"This week I spent most of my time in making missionary visits and calls at Alva, and in preparing for the Week of Prayer. I am now ready to go to Hooker where I will spend the Week of prayer."

—Church officers, please observe that we are nearing the close of an-

other year and the fourth quarter of the year. A number of our churches still have an exaggerated membership list. We appeal to you to please go over your church clerk's record book and clear up your records so that the membership of your church for the last quarter of the year will represent as nearly correct as possible the real membership of your church. You will keep in mind that our missions offering quota is based upon the Conference membership as rendered for the last quarter of the year.

—I am sure that our brethren and sisters over the Conference making pledges at camp meeting have in mind that this is the month in which they are to be paid. We hope to receive every pledge before the books are closed for the year and it is our intention to close the books promptly December 31 this year. It is always a great pleasure for us to pass the Missions offerings on to the regions beyond, where so many millions are still without a knowledge of the third angel's message.

—We have a special interest in our isolated brethren and sisters, sensing in a measure their hungering desire for others of like faith with whom to associate, and it is always an encouragement to us to receive word from them. We have just received a letter from Sister Brownlee, of Cordell, enclosing some tithe and \$3.00 for Sabbath school offerings, \$2.00 of which is for the 13th Sabbath offering, and she also enclosed \$1.00 for the European Relief Fund for our brethren and sisters in that country who are destitute of food and clothing. Sister Brownlee says: "I will tell you how I earned the \$3.00 which I send to answer the calls with. Well, I picked cotton for it, and I wish the weather would clear up so I could earn more." Sister Brownlee is an elderly lady, we would judge fifty-five or sixty years of age, and this example of true patriotism for the Message should be a rebuke to many of us who are younger in years, but who feel that we can do nothing for the advancement of God's truth financially.

—A letter from Sister Armstrong, of Quinlan, encloses \$8.00 tithe and offerings, with a statement that, "I always try to pay an honest tithe. I am such a poor worker for Christ that I don't want to be found short in so small a matter as tithe-paying."

—It should be an encouragement to every believer to know that scattered

here and there all over the Oklahoma Conference are gleams of light shining for the Message in a personal way, and through tithes and offerings that they are able to save from the funds that the Lord entrusts to their stewardship.

—STRAYED—Lost, or stolen, one unbranded steer, two years old; black, with white spots. Was last seen a short time after the owner declined to give him to missions. The finder will please notify owner through the Oklahoma Conference office.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION

The time is here when in all our churches the annual election of officers is at hand. There is no more important business before the church than the choice of the leaders in our churches, Sabbath schools, and Missionary Volunteer societies.

Those who have the responsibility of the nomination of these officers should sense this responsibility. Men and women of clear vision, persons who are leaders and who are alive in the Message—those who believe and practice the underlying principles of the organization—are the proper individuals to lead the church. Wherever there is a church school or a prospect of having a school next year a school board should be chosen. Where a school board has already been bearing responsibility, the member whose term (three years) has expired should be elected and the school board should immediately begin laying plans for the coming year's school.

We need men and women who measure up to the Bible standards. The church should choose with care and prayer. The progress of our work for 1920 is at stake. Men and women who are in harmony with the Message, both in faith and practice, should be selected. Every member in the church is responsible to do his duty in assisting in the choice of properly qualified officers.

May every faithful child of God do his duty in this important matter.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

WEATHERFORD

On account of icy roads I could not get to the Cement church. I spent Friday night, November 28, with Elder Dake in Anadarko, returning to Binger next morning. I remained visiting with the people at Gracemont,

Binger, and Lookeba until Thursday, when I came to Weatherford. There are about half a dozen of our people living near here. Some of this company live near Clinton.

We have had good meetings. The evening meetings have been at Dr. Gaede's Sanitarium and all the patients have shown much interest in the services, almost all taking part in prayer and social service.

Dr. Gaede is certainly doing a good work. I find his patients all friendly and open to conviction. The good books containing the truth for the times are being eagerly read. There sits beside me now one reading "The Change of the Sabbath." The sanitarium is crowded full at the present time. It will be of interest to our people to know that a new building is being erected and better accommodations will soon be afforded those who come here for treatment. Pray that the doctor may be able to do much good for suffering humanity and lead many to the path of life.

I leave for Elk City Wednesday.

J. A. CRANE.

ENID

We are enjoying the meeting of the Week of prayer. The Spirit of God is present to give us the blessing needed. The inclemency of the weather prevents some from attending. I am enjoying visiting these at their homes.

C. J. DART.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Nine of the Sabbath schools in Oklahoma have reached the goal—one dollar for every church member on the Thirteenth Sabbath. Six more have reached it within less than two dollars. Isn't that a good beginning? With a willing spirit to give, fervent love for the message and a burning desire to "finish the work," shall we not rally and reach the goal for the whole state soon?

Will you finish the Teachers' Training Course this month? The ten questions are in the December "Worker." Why not answer these and secure the neat Training Course Certificate? If you do, you will experience the pleasure and satisfaction that comes to the one who exerts his powers to accomplish something, sees it through to the end and—finishes. "Come on, let's go."

CARRIE LUKENS.

KETCHUM

Our school is progressing nicely. Professor Beach is principal, with his wife and Miss Abbey Dunn as assistants.

We had a Thanksgiving dinner and program that attracted the attention of many outsiders.

We regret to say that Brother Will Hendricks is ill. However he is improving and the brethren are looking after his needs by keeping him in wood, etc. As winter is on and we found ourselves in need of fuel at the church, thirty-six of the brethren and sisters helped in cutting and hauling about twenty loads of wood.

Six families have moved here during the last year for the advantages that the school offers, and more are coming.

We are sorry that Brother and Sister Jim Robinson have moved away. They are now at Calico Rock, Arkansas. We have received a letter from them and they say that that part of Arkansas is truly a mission field, that there are old men there that have never heard of this message.

Brother Will Laroe has moved to Ruggler, Arkansas, and Brother Ira Laroe and family have moved to Vanita, Oklahoma.

We expect to have Elder Van Kirk with us during the Week of Prayer which begins next Sabbath. The Lord has blessed us abundantly in this part of the state. We pray for His blessing during the coming year.

D. M. CLOUSE.

WANTED.—I desire the following two books, "Ecclesiastical Empires," (old edition) by A. T. Jones; "Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene," by Mrs. E. G. White. If you have one or both of these books and would be willing to dispose of them, drop me a line regarding condition and price. Elder L. B. Schick, Oklahoma, City, Okla., 32½ E. 7th Street.

THE HOME STUDY HABIT

This is the habit to form if you can not go to school. And the Fireside 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." For full particulars, write today to the Principal, C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, D. C.—(Adv.)

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COLPORTEUR WORK IN SOUTH TEXAS

The Lord has been good to the work and workers in South Texas. While we have not been able to accomplish all in this line of the work that we had hoped to, we feel to praise the Lord for what has been done and are certain that His hand has been leading, or under the difficult circumstances, we could not have accomplished what we have. Just a word about our deliveries might be in place. I think our deliveries on the average have been the lowest I have ever known. This is not due to any fault of the workers. The securing of orders was very difficult the past summer on account of the continual heavy rains. I feel very grateful to each worker for their faithful work and hearty co-operation the past summer, and though all did not realize their expectations financially, I feel sure that in the end all will be richly repaid for their faithful service. I trust that you with many others will lend us a helping hand the coming year and make the work a greater success. The conditions in our field for the coming year are much more encouraging than they have been for several years and we are looking forward to a good year the coming one.

We are certainly nearing the finishing of this work and we will show our faith by our works. We should have a larger number of workers in the field the coming year than we have ever had before. I believe we will. Remember the date for our institute—January 5, 1920, at San Antonio. Be sure and let me hear from you if you are interested and if I have not already seen you. Address me at Austin, Texas, Rt. 3, Box 122.

C. L. BAINER.

PALACIOS

While visiting the church at Palacios in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work, I learned that the Pentacostal people had just concluded a series of meetings there, and the

evangelist, who was a woman, had relentlessly villified the Adventist faith, called them a dangerous people, and warned against attending their meetings. The brethren insisted that I give a lecture in a hall down town that the people might see that we did not have horns. The meeting was advertised in the post office. That night about a hundred filled the hall. At the close some requested that we hold meetings here; they said they wanted more. About two weeks later, Elder Hampton and myself began a series of meetings here. By the third night, the hall was full, and so it has been ever since except two evenings when it was cold and rainy. On Sunday nights, some have been turned away. Last night when I spoke on "The Change of the Sabbath," about three hundred crowded into the hall.

The Lord is blessing our efforts here in a marked manner. Four are already keeping the Sabbath, and many others are on the verge of taking their stand. One old couple moved down to the hall so as to be able to be at every meeting. On four different occasions some who are interested have handed us dollar bills as an expression of their appreciation. We are expecting, by the Lord's help, to raise up a large company here keeping all of God's commandments.

J. A. CHESTNUT.

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OBITUARY

ETHEREDGE.—Elder Nathan J. Etheredge was born in Wilkinson County, Georgia, February 16, 1841, and died in Abilene, Texas, October 9, 1919, in his 78th year. Brother Etheredge was converted in September, 1869, after his return home from service in the Confederate army, and joined the Baptist church the following year. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in October, 1873, and served in that capacity for over 20 years. He accepted present truth in February, 1894, was ordained to the ministry at the Waco camp meeting, and labored in that calling until sev-

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ARE YOU A FINISHER?

Are you absolutely sure that you are? Do you always finish a thing that you start out to do? Last January 1, quite a large number decided they would read the Bible through during 1919. Were you among that number? And if so, will you have it completed by December 31? If not, you are not a finisher. Did you get stuck in reading Leviticus and Numbers, or was it Ezekiel? But no matter what place you stopped, you have plenty of time to complete it. It can be done in forty-eight hours. There are several more hours than that left in 1919. Will you do your best to complete it?

Our Missionary Volunteer Goal for those completing the Bible Year is 36. This can easily be reached if all, both young and old, who started, will finish. To all who do finish it we are planning to give a small memento. I am sure you will want to receive one.

F. S. THOMPSON.

CUSSETA AND NEW HOPE

Recently I visited the Cusseta church in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. The roads had been extremely bad. Although the roads were much better, yet I almost stuck in the mud going over there. Because of this, and because the brethren were behind with their work, it was thought best to let our people get their crops gathered before they were destroyed any worse by more rains.

They desired meetings at night, so I began on Thursday night when Brother F. S. Thompson came in, and we continued the meetings until Sunday night. Several expressed themselves as having enjoyed the services and felt strengthened by them.

On Monday, Brother Thompson and I went to New Hope and held services that night. We expected to go to Mount Pleasant together the next day and return to New Hope on Thursday to attend the Thanksgiving program given by the church school. As no one was going to town the next day, it fell my lot to take Brother Thompson to the train. The roads were so

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BRINKLEY (Colored)

We have just succeeded in getting located in our new field of labor. We found no church, nor any Sabbath-keepers here, but if the Lord is willing, we will soon see both Sabbath-keepers and a church house here.

About six miles from here lives a man with a family of nine who has been trying about seven years to keep the Sabbath with his family from sun-to-sun until Sabbath, November 22, 1919, when my wife and I walked out to see them. We studied the Sabbath-school lesson with them and took up a very liberal offering from every member of the family, as this is my custom wherever I am located, to see that none come before the Lord empty.

By request of this family, I took up the study of the Sabbath and made it simple and plain, and I assure you bad that we decided if it should rain hard, he would not return for the program. Before I got home, three hard wind and rain storms came up, and it rained hard that night, so Brother Thompson did not get to return to hear the excellent program rendered in the afternoon by the school. Neither did he get to partake of the good dinner that was spread on a long table in front of the church.

After the exercises were over, the school decided that the older ones and the parents should hold an old-time spelling match and choose sides. Needless to say, we all had many good, hearty laughs. We all returned home, realizing that we had spent a profitable and enjoyable day with the children.

ROBERT W. LEACH.

eral years before his death. Although afflicted with partial paralysis during this time, he never tired of writing and speaking about the great truths of the Bible. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. H. Williams, of the Baptist church, and burial took place in the Abilene cemetery. His devoted wife and two daughters survive the deceased.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

that it was precious light to them according to the way they were trying to keep it. Nearly seven years this man had been getting up early every Sabbath morning before the sun rose to take his shave, and his dear wife who at all times stood by his side would get up, hurry up her children to get their chores all finished before the sun rose, she getting her cooking all done up to begin the Sabbath when the sun did rise.

This family was very zealous, enthusiastic, and conscientious in their way of keeping the Sabbath, but their way did not please the Lord, therefore He sent us here in order to instruct them in the proper way of keeping the Sabbath. I am very glad to say that all of Sabbath, November 22, was taken up in studying the message with this family and they are now rejoicing in all the light which they received on that day.

This man has about thirty hogs which he is going to sell off as soon as he can find a buyer.

This brother is very anxious to buy a piece of land and build a house so we can have a place to meet and a place for his children to go to school, but since lumber is so high and means is so very scarce, we shall have to wait awhile before we can get them.

I ask your sincere prayers that we may soon have a little house here for a meeting place and also for our children to attend church school. Yours in the Master's service.

THOMAS MURPHY.

WOULD LIKE—Copies of the Watchman, Signs, or any of our church papers, to give away. Mrs. Rosa Robinson, Calico Rock, Ark.

Have you seen a copy of "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work"? Several workers have already said: "This book is just what we need in our Missionary Volunteer work." One conference worker writes: "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work" is an epoch-making book in the Missionary Volunteer movement." Still others say: "We must get this book into the hands of our Missionary Volunteers, especially the officers of local societies, at once." Have a copy? Order from your tract society. Price \$1.25 in United States and Eastern Canada.

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DEPARTMENT



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NEWS NOTES

—S.W.J.C. will teach you how to capitalize your spare moments.

—The faces of the students in the Library were wreathed in joyful smiles Thursday as they looked up from their books and saw Brother Harrison standing in the door.

—Wanted—At S.W.J.C., four boys to occupy the remaining two new rooms of West Hall. Step quickly.

—Many of the students have looked forward to the present Week of Prayer as a special time of renewing their consecration to God, and of gaining an inspiration for greater service. Although the week is but half gone, many students have given their lives to God for the first time.

—The boys held their worship in the new parlor for the first time, Tuesday morning.

—Without the Way, there is no going;

Without the Truth, there is no knowledge;

Without the Life, there is no living;
Come to Keene and learn to live.

—The daily lesson assignments have been reduced to half work during the Week of Prayer.

—“Westward, ho!” Yes, the boys have all gone westward and have settled in West Hall. Our preceptor is snugly located in the “Watch Tower.”

—Last Friday, during the Chapel hour, Mr. Mattison gave us another one of those interesting talks. This time he told us of his trip to India, starting, of course, at S.W.J.C., and landing at Bombay, India. He went by way of New York, London, and the Suez Canal.

—On a visit to the RECORD office we found the printing class cheerful and happy, and looking forward to the time when they will be full fledged printers.

—The Young Men’s Seminar is full of enthusiasm. Besides several

cottage prayer meetings they are conducting in the village on Friday evenings, they are holding services in the Pentecostal Tabernacle, and the Seventh-day Adventist church in Cleburne, and in the church at Buel. The students have charge of these meetings. Good attendance and a live interest on the part of the people is reported.

—The Week of Prayer has been one of blessing to both the faculty and the students. The evening worship hour has been a source of strength to us, for the Spirit surely has been present with us.

—Elder C. G. Bellah, of St. Louis, Missouri, is with us during the Week of Prayer.

—The studies which Miss Du Bois has been giving the girls every morning at worship, have revealed many beautiful and helpful lessons for thought throughout the day. She has used “Christ’s Object Lessons.” At two recent mornings we have had visitors speak to us. Thursday morning, Mrs. Cox talked to us about being perfect; and Friday morning Elder Bellah talked to us about putting the one thing first.

—The Latin-American Band is doing splendid work. Last Friday night they studied the medical missionary work. Mr. Loveless presented a call for help from Mr. Truitt, who is in Porto Rico. The band has raised about \$250 for them. Mr. Truitt’s letter will appear in this column at a future date.

—Miss Nadine Harris, who is teaching school at Dalworth, surprised her sister by a visit last Sabbath.

—Mrs. Haggard, of Dalworth, visited Miss Vivian Keller, Sabbath.

—Were you ever just really hungry to see your mother? And did she come? Mrs. Stuart came last Thursday to visit Ethel, Clyde, and Wallace.

—Mrs. Huguley, of California, formerly a student in Keene, is visiting

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Taylor, this week.

—When you see a man casting admiring glances at one of our sturdy “blackjacks”, understand that he is not stirred by the beauties of nature but is longing to see those trees in suitable lengths served up as firewood.

“Come and meet with us.” Half an hour spent with God immediately after dinner each day will never be regretted.

A VISIT TO THE TREASURER’S
OFFICE

No doubt, the reason why students seldom talk about the business office when speaking of S.W.J.C. is because it is so closely associated with the idea of being separated from the summer’s earnings. The sensations of joy it brings lies in knowing that another period’s bills are paid.

The young student who has made his first venture from the home nest probably considers the necessary visit a bugbear, and puts it off as long as he can. In his mind’s eye, he sees a bare office room, presided over by one with \$ signs for eyes, whose long experience in dealing with dry facts and figures has molded his life accordingly.

What a happy surprise it was when he stepped into the pleasant office room. As he awaited his turn at the desk, he noticed that there were large windows, very proudly displaying a pair of clean curtains. There must have been a woman there recently, for there was a beautiful coleus looking perfectly at home on its pedestal by the window, and bright flower boxes peeping out between the curtains. The table, safe, letter-files, bookshelves, desks, and other furniture show neatness and serviceability.

Mention should also be made of Mr. Burgess and Mr. Holland. The new student decided at a first glance that Mr. Burgess was a bookkeeper, and a second, that he had not missed his calling. Mr. Holland was evidently just as much at home in the bookstand, as he attended courteously to the wants of the continuous stream of purchasers.

And then at last, with most of the dreadful feeling gone, he stood before Professor Carter, who, may it be said, possesses none of the undesirable characteristics seen in imagination. He so kindly and courteously helped

arrange the monetary details of entering school, that the new comer almost wished he could pay his bills again to lengthen the visit; but the decrease in size of his pocket-book made him glad that such an expensive occasion only became necessary once in six weeks, and he passed on.

THAW OUT

Did you ever have anyone dash a glass of cold water in your face? I did; and while I knew the water was not meant for me, still I had an unpleasant sensation that stayed with me for several hours.

Did you ever stop to think that a like sensation is produced when you suddenly take a great interest in the sky line when some one passes you? It takes but little effort to pass a cheery "Good Morning," and a smile to every one you meet. If they are feeling a little lonely, perhaps they will catch a little of your sunshine; and if they are the ones with the contagious smile, don't put a damper on their feelings by showing that you are sure it is a very bad morning, and that you don't want them to enjoy it if you can't.

Let us try to be more thoughtful and thus spread the feeling of mutual well-wishing to every member of our school family. Not only these, but there are many people in our village, especially among the older ones who look forward eagerly to the coming of the student body.

Shall we not dispense what sunshine we can by a genuine smile and "Good Morning," that every one you meet knows that you really wish them joy and sunshine to begin the day?

THE LIFE BOAT FOR 1920

During the year 1920 there will be published in The Life Boat under the title, "Footprints of Faith," the remarkable story of the wonderful providences and experiences connected with the founding and maintaining of the Hinsdale Saitarium and Life Boat work. The "Story of Hinsdale" alone is so interesting that it is usually read at one sitting. The personal experiences of Dr. David Paulson, founder of the Hinsdale work and editor of The Life Boat magazine for fifteen years, are so closely connected with the story of the work that much of his own life history will be woven into it.

COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT Southwestern Union Conf.

Name	Address	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	Total	Bal.
NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE				For Week Ending December 6,				
R. R. Sweany, Bronson		HM	42	3	7.00	.85	7.85	202.50
*D. D. Clark, Greenville		BR	69	14	64.00	3.80	67.80	132.00
*W. C. Stovall, Elkhart		DR	53	7	32.00	5.15	37.15	126.90
*D. C. Sims, Clarksville		BR	46		85.75	15.30	101.05	113.55
R. D. Whitney, Paris		BR						24.00
W. W. Chatton, Dallas				3		24.00	24.00	
Bibles								57.20
Total:— Agents 6.			212	24	188.75	49.10	237.85	598.05
(*) 2 weeks.								
ARKANSAS CONFERENCE,				For Week Ending December 7,				
C. Walgren		BR	15	16	57.00	1.75	58.75	
C. A. Roose		PG. and U	20					100.00
J. W. Beckett		BR						89.00
Total:— Agents 3			35	16	57.00	1.75	58.75	189.00
OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE,				For Week Ending Decemeber 6				
J. J. Landis, Perkins		BR	37	24	112.00	6.60	118.60	10.60
Wm. Heytz, Jr., Muskogee		PG	24	23	105.00		105.00	6.00
Lizzie Schilt, Muskogee		OD	17	22	78.30	16.05	94.35	
Ewell Walker, Hobart		DR	10	7	30.00	2.60	32.60	
Mrs. Rogers, Collinsville		OD	20	5	19.00	10.10	29.10	29.10
Total.— Agents 5			108	81	344.30	35.35	379.65	45.70
GRAND TOTALS—Ag. 14			355	121	590.05	86.20	676.25	832.75

The first chapter of this series of articles will be published in the January number, giving Dr. Paulson's early struggles in getting an education.

Don't fail to subscribe. Only one dollar for one year. Address, The Life Boat, Hinsdale, Ill., or your local tract society.

PRESENT TRUTH FOR 1920

Beginning January 1, Present Truth will be published semi-monthly. This change in frequency of issue is made in order to bring out, during the year, as many as possible of the most important subjects of the Message. This new series, therefore, when completed at the close of 1920, will be made up of twenty-four up-to-date numbers, dealing with those subjects thought to be the most essential in giving a clear, connected presentation of the full Message. The coming year, therefore, will be an exceptionally good year for systematic circulation of Present Truth.

There being a new issue every two weeks, sparkling with the latest and the best gems of message thought,

newly and impressively illustrated, it will be a golden opportunity to make it very effective in subscription form, and in personal, systematic distribution. There ought to be millions of this new series used by our members the coming year in subscription form, and these subscriptions should begin the first of the year. There can be no doubt about the power and influence of this new series placed personally in the homes of the people as the papers come fresh from the press, twice a month. The best time to begin is the first of January, with the first issue. The old numbers will be continued until their subjects are printed in the new numbers.

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

All copy must be in our office on Thursday before the date of publication. Copy arriving later will be held over until a subsequent issue.

THE JANUARY SIGNS MAGAZINE

The first number of the Signs Magazine for 1920 is built about a subject dear to every Seventh-day Adventist heart—the prophecies relating to the second advent and the world's immediate future. At the beginning of a new year, the Signs feels that it should call attention to the pseudo and temporary peace that has come, and to some of the events we can expect in 1920. At this time, when the peace treaty is being ratified, the adversary would like to have the world believe that a secure epoch is about to begin, instead of the turbulent days that will precede the appearance of the Son of God.

This January number of the Signs Magazine will be a big help to that friend or relative who is trying so hard to unravel the puzzling and perplexing conditions of things in our world. And this number contains timely truth in such an attractive dress that it could easily win a soul to Christ and His church if it had the opportunity. It is "a magazine with a message."

Is It Worth While?

Is it worth while that we jostle a brother
Bearing his load on the rough road of life?
Is it worth while that we jeer at each other
In blackness of heart—that we war to the
knife?

God pity us all in our pitiful strife!

God pity us all as we jostle each other!
God pardon us all for the triumphs we feel
When a fellow goes down 'neath his load
on the heather,
Pierced to the heart. Words are keener
than steel,

And mightier far for woe or for weal.

Were it not well in this brief little journey
On over the isthmus, down into the tide,
We gave him a fish instead of a serpent,
Ere folding the hands to be and abide
Forever and aye in the dust at his side?

Look at the roses saluting each other,
Look at the herds all at peace on the plain,
Man, and man only, makes war on his
brother,
And laughs in his heart at his peril and
pain,
Shamed by the beast that goes down on
the plain.

Is it worth while that we battle to humble
Some poor fellow-soldier down into the
dust?

God pity us all! Time eftsoon will tumble
All of us together, like leaves in a gust,
Humbled indeed into the dust.

—Joaquin Miller.