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FIELD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY LETTER

Well, here comes another report of the work in the Southwestern Union. Eleven months are now in the past, and only one more remains. I know that every one is watching to see whether we reach our goal in this Union or not, and I am glad to tell you that the prospect is good for us to do it. We now have delivered over \$117,000 worth of books, and I am quite sure that we will reach our goal and pass it. I see no reason why our December report should not be \$10,000 or \$12,000, or even \$15,000, for we have quite a lot of work that has never been reported yet. Some of our colporteurs have been very slack in reporting their work, and this will cause our field secretaries a lot of hard work in going to the books and running up the work that has been done in the Union. Oh, how I wish that our colporteurs would take more interest in the little detail matters pertaining to their work, for his all has its effect upon their lives. Some people think all that is necessary is just simply to do the work and make no report of what they do. In other words, they claim to not let their left hand know what their right hand does, but everybody is watch-

ing for reports and I feel very grateful for the reports we have this month.

I notice that we have taken something like \$6,000 worth of orders more in this month than we did last year in the same month, and that we have delivered over \$4,000 worth of books more in this month, so that for each month we have a steady gain. We have passed last year's work already by \$7,000, and if we had not had the heavy rains and the bad weather in North, Texas, Arkansas, and South Texas, we would have certainly made a fine record this year, but these difficulties come to us in spite of all we can do, and it is probably only hardening us and seasoning us for the conflict before us. I hope that not one single colporteur will quit the work because of these difficulties. I think it is a very bad policy indeed, because a thing goes bad one year that a person will quit and go to farming, or take up some other line of work, when if he would hold on to it, it would be a great victory for them to remain where they were.

We have one colporteur in North Texas who had a large delivery to make in the fall, and when he came to make his delivery he found that he had all the difficulties that any colporteur could possibly have. He de-

livered only \$600 worth out of many hundreds, but as soon as his delivery was made, instead of sitting down and whining, he went right to work in the city, and I saw him a few days ago and heard his story of how the Lord was blessing him. He is taking from \$15 to \$25 worth of orders a day and making a good per cent in delivering them. How I wish all our colporteurs would catch the same spirit!

Now, I shall not write a very long letter this time, for the simple fact that I am anxiously waiting until the year is up, then I will give you a full detailed report in my next letter of how we stand, and I know you will all be glad and will watch with great interest to see the amount of work done during the year. If I have time I will make a tabulated report of the work month-by-month, and put it in the RECORD. I would like to do this if I possibly can, so you can all see how the work has prospered. Some of you may want to keep it for reference.

I trust that God will bless our institute work, which begins the 26th of this month. I suppose all have been notified in regard to the date of our institutes. The one in Oklahoma City begins December 26 and runs till January 5; then South Texas begins

REPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE, FOR NOVEMBER, 1919.

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Bibles	Total	Bib. Del.	Bks. Del.	Value
North Texas	17	847	659	3372.35	162.25	131.20	3665.80	59.00	684	4380.85
Oklahoma	28	1889	658	2328.25	422.95	199.75	2950.95	63.91	725	4255.25
South Texas	7	932	441	1692.60	127.15	10.75	1830.50		248	1533.75
Arkansas	16	600	75	323.00	30.50		353.50	18.50	807	4346.00
Texas	1	40	15	90.00	10.00	5.00	105.00		10	50.00
	69	4308	1848	7806.20	752.85	346.70	8905.75	140.91	2474	14565.85

January 6 and lasts until the 14th or 15th; then Arkansas begins January 15, ending the 23rd or 24th; and then we begin our bookmen's convention January 27 at Keene. At this meeting we expect every tract society secretary and field secretary, and all the presidents, from the very first. I trust that all will take note of this and let us have one of the very best meetings that it is possible to have, because we all have some important matters to take up and discuss.

A. F. HARRISON.

THE 1920 GOAL

Our Missionary Volunteers in the Southwestern Union Conference will be glad to know what our goal for the coming year is and the field which we are to support. Doubtless you are acquainted with the fact that we have in the South American field a number of our former young people from the Southwestern Union Conference. Down at Punta Arenas Mission we have Brother and Sister A. G. Nelson. We have also Brother A. R. Nelson and wife. I suggest to the Missionary Volunteer Department, after conferring with some of our Missionary Volunteer secretaries, that the Southwestern Union take some mission items in South America for our financial support. The following is a list of the items that have been assigned to us by the Missionary Volunteer Department:

- Punta Arenas Mission
- A. G. Nelson and wife (Salary and Expense) - - - - - \$1500.00
- Hall Rent and Literature Fund - - - - - 200.00
- R. A. Nelson and wife - - - - - 1100.00
- Support of Educational and M. V. Work in the Austral Union 700.00
- Cost of Youth's Paper for S. America - - - - - 1600.00

Grand Total \$5,100.00

I am sure that you will be interested in these because some of the young people at least in our Union, are personally acquainted with these missionaries in South America. This has the additional feature also that the languages of South America are largely Spanish and we have the Spanish fields right at our own doors in this Union. So whether we train for Spanish work in Mexico, Central America, South America, or any other part of the Spanish-speaking world

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A FEW OF THE DOINGS
IN THE TEXICO CONFERENCE

—Elder Burt Bray, who is in charge of the Spanish work in this conference, is much stronger now after his long illness and is hard at work looking after the interests of the Spanish-

we could hardly help being interested in the South American field.

The Missionary Volunteer secretaries in our recent council agreed to make \$5,000 the goal for the Southwestern Union Conference. The total amount which has been assigned to us is \$5,100.00, but I am sure that this extra \$100 will be no barrier to our reaching our goal for the coming year.

We desire that our Missionary Volunteers keep in mind our program listed for January 10, which will be on the subject, "Our Goal for 1920."

Remember the Missionary Volunteer Day—the third Sabbath in January. On that day we desire to have a general rally on Missionary Volunteer work, keeping ever before us the great ideals that we have set for ourselves. We desire during 1920 to enlist the hearty co-operation of every converted young man and young woman in our Union Conference in active missionary work. We desire to get every one who is not a member of our Missionary Volunteer organization to definitely join our movement and give his efforts and a good por-

American churches and work in this conference.

—Brother A. E. Lickey, who recently came to this conference from the Stuth Texas Conference is now located at Albuquerque and getting well started in the Home Missionary campaign preparatory to holding a public effort later on. We have two churches in Albuquerque, or rather, two sections of the same church. One is the English-speaking company and the other is the Spanish-American company. Each one has a church building. As Brother Lickey speaks the Spanish, he can be a help to the Mexi-

tion of his time fostering the lines of work which we have espoused. We have in this Union Conference something like 2500 young people and children of school age. We should enlist all of these as either Senior or Junior members of our Missionary Volunteer work.

The accompanying goal will show how these different items are apportioned to the different conferences. Each conference will apportion the goal to the local societies and will notify the society leaders concerning this at an early date. We are getting out a goal card which we desire to have placed in every church where the Missionary Volunteers meet. We ask the leaders of these Missionary societies to give their time and effort in building up the Missionary Volunteer work in every church where there are as many as five or six young people who may be formed into an organization. We desire that all isolated young people get in touch with the Missionary Volunteer secretary in the local conference and become a part of this great organization.

W. L. ADAMS.

SOUTHEWESTERN UNION GOAL FOR THREE QUARTERS, 1919

Items	Ark	Okla.	N. Tex.	S. Tex.	Texico	Total
Attainment Goal	10	55	15	12	10	102
Standing	3	9	10	2	5	29
Conversions "	25	100	50	18	15	208
Standing	0	20	6	18	2	46
Bible Year "	20	75	36	20	16	157
Standing	0	0	0	0	0	000
Reading Crs. "	40	130	44	40	15	269
Standing	80	111	269	139	40	639
Rep't'g Mem. "	114	300	219	110	60	799
Standing	99	240	264	72	61	736
Instructor "	120	270	257	80	75	802
Standing	108	343	202	100	79	832
Missions "	\$290.00	\$1100.00	\$875.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$2715.00
Standing	96.00	139.78	162.31	134.81	85.87	618.84

Our real financial goal is \$3000.00

can brethren by visiting them and also helping them in their services at times when Elder Bray or some other Spanish worker is not there. We are glad to have Brother Lickey in our conference and believe that with his earnest and faithful work for those not in the truth and the co-operation of the believers who are already in the truth in that city, there will soon be additions to the church there. We welcome Brother and Sister Lickey to this field in the evangelical work of this wonderful and solemn message. Sister Lickey is the daughter of Brother G. L. Truitt, of Hagerman.

—Miss Emma E. Poch, who is a Bible worker from East Pennsylvania is coming to this conference to locate at Roswell for the winter. The Roswell believers will be glad to have her help in their Home Missionary work in that city. Miss Poch comes west for her health. Although she does not have tuberculosis, she needed a change of climate to build up her strength after the last few years of work in the east. She will be able to do some Bible work, putting in half time. We are sure that this climate will be very helpful to her and trust that she may soon be restored to her usual strength.

—Elder G. A. LaGrone spent the first part of the Week of Prayer with the Hereford company. This company of believers meets at a schoolhouse six miles south of Hereford.

—Elder Richards met with the Clovis, Roswell, and Hagerman churches during the Week of Prayer.

—Elder Hoover was with the Estancia church during the Week of Prayer. They met at the schoolhouse in the mountains in the district where Brethren Garland, Lovelless, and others reside. This is 12 miles west of Estancia.

—Elder Richards met with the Estancia church Friday and Sabbath, November 28 and 29.

—Sister Minne Proctor, who, with her husband are working in El Paso, is going to spend two weeks with her people in California to take a needed rest. We remember that Jesus said to his disciples after they had been hard at work for souls, "Come ye aside and rest a while." This seems to be God's plan for His workers. We believe a few days rest and change will be a great benefit to Sister Proctor and that she will return refreshed to her work in the great city of El Paso.

—Brother and Sister Proctor, of El Paso, report that the Sabbath attendance is growing so that they have had to purchase more seats for the church. We thank God for His blessing on the efforts of these faithful workers and the splendid co-operation of the members of the El Paso church. We believe the Lord has many souls in that great and growing city of the Southwest. We are confident that if such consecrated efforts to advance the precious truth are continued in El Paso, that the time will come when not only will they have to purchase more chairs, but the walls of the church will have to be moved out to make room for the souls the Lord will have added to the church.

—The Clovis church has this year opened a church school. It opened September 29. This was a little later than the public schools of the city, but the time will be made up by holding school on some of the holidays and on one Sunday a month. The children are happy that they can attend church school and are making fine progress in their studies.

—Elder H. L. Hoover is spending the Week of Prayer with the Estancia church. The meetings are held in the foothills 12 miles west of the town of Estancia. Several families live near together there and the meetings are held in the schoolhouse. The Lord has blessed these brethren with good crops of beans this year. It looks encouraging to see the sacks of threshed beans piled up by the hundreds. God has not forsaken the earth. He still gives us fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. (Acts 14:17.)

—Professor and Mrs. Van Horne of Las Vegas spent several days recently in Albuquerque attending the State Teachers' Convention in that city. Their presence was appreciated by the church there.

—Brother A. E. Lickey, who has come to this conference from South Texas and has taken up work in the city of Albuquerque, after much searching has found rooms to live in. It is almost impossible to get empty rooms or houses in Albuquerque at this season of the year. We understand that Sister Lickey is improving in health. We are glad to welcome these workers in our conference.

—Mrs Bertie C. Richards, Departmental Secretary of the conference Sabbath school, Educational and Young People's work, has, during the

last six weeks, visited the following churches: Sidney, Hamby, Clyde, Madge, Clovis, Roswell, and Hagerman. There are church schools this year at all of these places except Madge. Brother Adams, our Union secretary of the Educational and Young People's department, was present at all of these meetings except Sidney, and Elders Spies and Richards were at some of them. Good reports come from these meetings.

—Texico now has 28 of its young people in Keene attending school, and 4 others in schools outside of this Union.

—Texico now has 125 of its young people and children enrolled in our church schools and colleges. Not a bad percentage for a conference credited with 505 members. Ninety of these are in our church schools in this conference. We have ten church and family schools. Our actual membership is only 400 when our books have been consulted.

—Elder George W. Spies spent the Week of Prayer with the Sidney, Clyde, and Hamby churches. He is going to Lubbock the latter part of December.

—Elder LaGrone, who has been working in the Tate and Clayton district of New Mexico for the past few weeks and who visited Hereford during the Week of Prayer, is now at Sidney, Texas, where he is helping to take care of Brother H. S. Osborn who has been very ill for several days. After leaving Sidney, Brother LaGrone has to go to Cleburne to have the final operation on his eye. It will be slight compared with the first operation, but will keep him at home for a week or so. Then he plans to hold a meeting between that time and the time of the Union Conference that is to be held January 30 to February 8.

—Brother H. Edward Blackwelder was in Roswell Friday, December 12, getting passports for himself and Sister Blackwelder to leave the United States and go to Cuba early in January. They have been for two or three weeks at the home of Sister Blackwelder's parents, Brother and Sister Charles Cole, at Hagerman, N. M. They have been taking the vaccination against smallpox, and also the hypodermic antitoxin against typhoid fever. They are just through with this ordeal and will be ready in a few days to start on their way to their mission field. Brother Black-

welder is going to take charge of the book work in the island of Cuba. We are very sorry to lose these valuable workers from our conference, but we cannot stand in the way of calls from the foreign fields. The doors of this conference are always open to the Foreign Mission board to take any of our workers for the foreign fields. We want the work to be finished and our Lord to come. We want the precious jewels to be found in these dark lands and brought as an offering to our Lord who died for them. Therefore, we say to Brother and Sister Blackwelder, "Go, and the blessing of God be with you in your consecrated work for Him in the mission field. Our prayers will be with you ever and we will send others to your help as rapidly as we can. May the Lord of the harvest multiply your influence for good and through our faithful efforts in His name win many souls to His saving message."

--Correspondence is now proceeding to secure quickly a bookman to take the work in this conference that Brother Blackwelder is laying down and which he has so successfully conducted during the year 1919. We expect to have the new man here very soon.

--The protracted meeting that was to be held in Gallup this winter is postponed till summer, because of the present impossibility of getting a meeting place in that city. It is planned to pitch a tent there in the summer.

--Let those who know of towns where there have never been any meetings held by our ministers and where there is some real interest at the present time to hear the message, please write to the office about such interests. We want to plan for tent meetings and also for some few meetings this winter, either before or after the Union conference. Interests awakened in places where our people have lived and where they are now doing Home Missionary work should also be reported faithfully to this office. Such interests and requests will be filed here according to their priority and nature, and will be looked after as soon as possible.

OVER THE TOP

Rejoice with us, brethren and sisters, because as a conference we are "over the top" on our mission funds for 1919! This is through the bless-

ing of God upon the crops this year and by the heavenly blessing on the believers which has given them a vision of the present opportunity to speedily finish the work of God in the dark places of the earth. May the Lord keep this wonderful vision before us as we enter and pass through the next year, and make the year 1920 the banner year in contributions to the foreign mission work from the believers throughout New Mexico and West Texas. Brethren and sisters, let us start out in January to make that a foreign missionary month. Let us get started with the splendid spirit of Revelation 14: 6, 7, and Matthew 24:14. Doors are wide open just now to take the message into the far corners of the world. God is holding them open and bidding us to enter quickly and co-operate with Him in that short work that He has promised to do in the earth. The earth is about to be "lightened with His glory." Then the end will come. What a privilege to be living in such a time as this! A time when we shall soon see the King come in His glory. A time to consecrate all our efforts to complete the work so far on its way to completion. In response to the consecration of our means and our lives to the finishing of this work, men and women and children among the heathen are now accepting the truth, not by twos and threes, or dozens, even, but now they are coming in by hundreds and thousands and whole towns at times coming into the true faith of Christ as taught by the messengers of the remnant church. Wonderful time in which we live! Wonderful opportunity before every one of us to invest all we can in this great world movement that will bring us quickly the heavenly treasure in return and the immortal joy of seeing the precious ones saved from the heathen, glorified and happy in the kingdom of God and of His Christ! Let us give systematically and plan for large investments in the work of God during all the year of 1920. The General Conference Foreign Mission Board has asked us to endeavor by the help of God to double our consecrated gifts to God for the year to come, so that if possible the total of our gifts to Missions in 1920 will be double what they have been in 1919. This will involve thought and planning to make money for God. But if we do this, there will be a most wonderful advance in the work of taking

this message "to every nation and kindred and tongue and people." It will mean that we shall have made a most rapid march towards the kingdom of God and shall have shortened the distance between us and the pearly gates of the heavenly city very materially. Come, brethren and sisters, let us hasten home to the Father's house that awaits us immediately the special work committed to us is completed!

Just how much we shall be "over the top" we will report after the December reports have all come in.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

HARVEST INGATHERING IN TEXICO CONFERENCE

There has been a deeper interest in the Harvest Ingathering work this year, for which we are very thankful. This work brings hundreds of dollars into the Lord's treasury for the sounding of the glad message of hope and eternal love to earth's remotest bounds. It also preaches the Truth at home in a way that removes mistaken prejudice and opens hearts to enquire and investigate concerning the work God is doing through His remnant people. Many have had their first impressions concerning this Truth by reading the Harvest Ingathering papers and they are now rejoicing in the same blessed hope as we are. They have become one with us through the introduction they have had to the Message by reading the Harvest Ingathering paper after having contributed something for our Mission work, as requested to do by the brother or sister who solicited their assistance. The experience of those who do this soliciting in behalf of the needy ones of earth has been interesting and encouraging. It is a most pleasant work, and one that searches out and finds here and there interested ones who shall yet be jewels for God when He makes up His jewels. A threefold blessing is in this Harvest Ingathering work—a blessing on the solicitor, a blessing on the one who gives to missions and who reads the paper, and a rich blessing of eternal life on the lost soul in heathen darkness who finds the truth, the way and the life as a result of the increased funds in the Mission Treasury that comes in from the many rivulets of gifts passing through the hands of our dear brethren and sis-

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NEWS ITEMS

—Enough rooms have been promised by the Keene church to accommodate 110 delegates during the Union Conference, which is to be held at Keene January 31 to February 8. Keene has never been too small to accommodate all the workers attending the Union Conference sessions in past years, and it will gladly take care of all workers who come this time.

—A colored church is to be organized in Jefferson next Sabbath, December 20. Brother Gates has been working there for some time, and we

ters who are out gathering funds for God's saving work.

Let us not stop in December. There is January ahead of us. Let us make January a Harvest Ingathering month. We have more papers at the office and will send them to you just as long as they last. This will help us to get a good start for 1920. There are many who can give time in January who have not been doing so in December. And some who have been out in January will be glad to know that they can have more papers and do more of this interesting work in January. Write to the office at once and tell Brother L. J. Black, Clovis, New Mexico, just how many papers you will use in January, and just what your address is. He will send you as many of the number as you state as possible. Order at once so as to be sure to get them, as we will soon run out if the orders come in as we expect them to. Let this splendid work go on. During the Harvest Ingathering campaign in our conference the past few weeks, and up to date, we have already in this way gathered \$968.04. Shall we not make this to reach \$1200 or \$1500 before the winter is over? We can do this if each will give just a little time to this blessed work of gathering for Christ.

Rejoicing with you over the success of the past, and looking into the future with assurance, I am, as ever, your brother in the good work,

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

understand there are about twelve or more who are keeping the Sabbath and are ready to be organized into a church. This little company is also planning to buy a lot and build a church in the near future.

—Brother Bradford, from Guthrie, Oklahoma, has been secured by the North Texas Conference and will locate in Dallas to look after the colored work in that city.

—We were glad to see Brother Harrison at our conference office last week. In company with Brother McNiel, he had visited some of our churches in eastern Texas, and reported good meetings.

—Elder Voth visited the Waco, Hillsboro, and Valley View churches during the Week of Prayer. He reports good meetings with these churches.

—Brother Gates spent the Week of Prayer with the Corsicana and Waco churches. He stopped at the office a few minutes on his way back to Jefferson.

—Two of our secretaries, Brethren Taylor and Thompson, are on the sick list at present, but both are improving and will soon be in the field again.

—The Keene church was glad to have Elder Lukens here the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, and very much appreciated the help of Elder Bellah, from St. Louis, Mo., during the last few days of the week.

—The Sabbath school lessons for the first quarter of 1920 will be studied from the Epistle to the Phillipians. The quarterlies are ready and should be ordered at once from the North Texas Tract Society, Keene, Texas.

—How about your papers, the Review, RECORD, etc.? Renew your subscriptions a few weeks before they expire, so you will not miss any copies.

—All of our camp meeting and investment pledges for foreign and home missions should be paid before the end of this month.

DALLAS SIDE-LIGHTS

With three nights of about zero weather this Week of Prayer, and the gas so low in Dallas that people had to go to bed to keep warm, we were very much disappointed with the attendance at the Week of Prayer readings. In fact, one night no one was present except the brother who was to read, and a visiting minister. No

doubt it seemed bad to one just dropping into the church on this particular night, but if you were to sit around a little light of fire in a room in your home all day, shivering and shaking with the cold, you would think twice before you would venture out at night to a big, cold church. Sabbath was so cold, and the gas being so low, we had to have our Sabbath school and last Week of Prayer reading in the little class room. Just a few members were present as many of them could not get heat enough at home to get ready to come. God blessed us, nevertheless, and over \$35.00 was taken for missions. We will take another collection next Sabbath, so those who were not with us will have a chance to give their money then.

—The children in the church school have been taking great interest in the Week of Prayer. Some of the members of the church have been helping the teacher, and we feel that the school and members who helped have been blessed spiritually. It does one good to hear each child in the school get up and speak of their determination to live a Christian life, and do all in their power to help their teacher.

—We are still working with the Harvest Ingathering papers. Two of our faithful sisters have reported work done and money solicited each week since we started the campaign ten weeks ago. Sister Huguley still has the head mark, with her \$265.00. We have \$868.00 now. If we get \$132.00 more we will praise God for the \$1000 in Dallas. This will make \$10.00 per member for resident members. Some 70 members have worked this year. We understand this is many more workers than Dallas ever had before.

—Sister R. L. Roach, who left us for Albany, Texas, wrote us that she was receiving a great blessing and meeting with success in giving Bible readings to some six people near her home. Sister Roach has not been in the truth long, but she is anxious to lead others to it. She writes as follows: "Please send me all texts and outline to the 'Return of the Jews,' and the 'Spirit of Prophecy,' as I have to give a reading on these subjects soon." The work would soon be finished if all our members would launch out and give Bible readings.

—Elder Seltzer spent the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer with the Sherman church. He reports a good

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KINGSVILLE, TEXAS

It was a pleasure to spend three days with the believers at this railroad center, where live three or four families who are endeavoring to keep the truth shining. They feel like the Grecians, that they "have

meeting. After the reading, every one present testified of the goodness of the Lord. Two outside people were present and took part in the meeting. After the testimonies, a revival was held, every one coming forward and pledging themselves for a deeper consecration for service. God came very near and all seemed to receive a great blessing. May the good Lord ever be with the dear people in Sherman.

—Sister Coulmon, one of our new converts, lost her mother last Tuesday with heart failure. We were very sorry to lose her, as we had great hopes of seeing her in the church before long. She took a great interest in the third angel's message and seemed so happy because her daughter was converted. Sister Morton, another sister who accepted the truth last spring, is mourning the death of her husband. Elder Seltzer preached the funeral sermon last Sabbath afternoon. The day was very cold, but about thirty of the church members braved the storm and attended the funeral. Our hearts go out for Sister Morton in prayer that God will strengthen her for the trial.

—Sister Eden, who is well along in years, is quite sick again. We miss her so much on the Sabbath, and especially every Wednesday night, as she was always there when well, and took a leading part in the meeting. We are praying that God's healing power will rest upon our sister and restore her to health.

—Elder Leach passed through Dallas last Tuesday. He gave Elder Seltzer a short visit. Elder Leach was on his way to Sherman and Denison, where he will help in the Week of Prayer readings. We were glad to see the Elder, and hope the next time he comes he will stay longer.

been neglected in the daily ministrations." There are some young people of fine spirit here, but some having lacked the ideals of service, have gone into the railroad shops to work. Several of them, however, have gone to our schools from there. The last two readings of the Week of Prayer struck responsive chords in their hearts, and others are planning to get into school and the Mission field.

HENRY F. BROWN.

OBITUARY

NELSON. — At Kingsville, Texas, Philip Nelson, an earnest youth of fifteen, died November 26. He was baptized in San Antonio at camp meeting, in 1916, and was "known by his doings," everyone bearing testimony that he loved the truth. His latest wish was that he might go to school and prepare for service in Latin-America. He was careful about Sabbath-keeping and other Christian duties, and was a model and inspiration to his brothers and sisters. Sister Nelson, his mother, already widowed, with her other children, feel very keenly the loss of Philip, and ask why he should be taken, but through their tears they look to Him "who doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men," believing that our "Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear." Being impossible to secure the service of an Adventist minister to conduct the funeral, the Methodist minister, Mr. King, comforted the mourners.

HENRY F. BROWN.

DIED

Little Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Ackerman, of San Antonio, Texas, was born November 13, 1916, and died after a brief illness on December 7, 1919. We extend our deep and sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer. The comforting promises of God sustain the sorrowing parents.

O. J. CORWIN.

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

Send the RECORD to a friend.

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LAST CALL

We wish to call your attention once more to our Colporteurs' Institute, which will be held December 26, at Oklahoma City, 217 W. 7th St., in the Seventh-day Adventist church. Fully six hours will be taken up during the day in general instruction and class work. At night all will have the privilege of hearing Evangelist Tindall at the large auditorium.

Brother Harrison, who has spent thirty-two years in the colporteur work, will lead out in the general instruction. Elder Van Kirk, the president of the Oklahoma Conference, and one who has the colporteur work at heart, will also bear his part of the burden of the Institute. Brother Stilson, who is the true friend to all of our colporteurs, will have a part in making our Institute a success. In fact, the Oklahoma City church as a whole, will welcome all of the colporteurs.

And best of all, Sister Dr. Tucker, who has in the past thrown open her doors to our colporteurs, will again invite a large number. We sincerely hope that those who have a burden for the book work will come and help make this the best institute ever held in Oklahoma.

We desire all to arrive in the city not later than the evening of December 25.

WALTER KIRKHAM.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Lucas, Port Oklahoma, desire a continuous supply of the Signs, Watchman, Liberty, Life and Health, and Present Truth, for missionary purposes.

Are you going to get a gift book for completing the Testimonies Reading Course this year? Miss Orthea Eaton, of the Columbia Union Conference, drew the first gift book. Hundreds of other Missionary Volunteers should complete this course. See what our leaders say about the Testimonies in the "Testimonies Reading Course" Missionary Volunteer leaflet, Series No. 65, price 1½ cents. Order from your tract society.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT

(Questions regarding the general management of a church school will be answered in this column. Address your inquiries to Mrs. L. R. Gage, Normal Director, Keene, Texas.)

Q.—“Please give me a little help in busy work for reading, where material is scarce.”

A.—There is danger of giving too much writing for busy work. Giving the child something to write may be an easy thing to do, but it soon grows tiresome and is more productive of harm than good.

If you have an old reader, or any material which contains words the children know, give each child a page and let him indicate the words he may know by underlining, circling, or cutting out.

Write in large letters the new word on a sheet of paper, and let the child “string beads” in one color, or various colors of crayola, by making dots the size of the beads along the lines of the word. Teach the children to begin at the beginning of words to bead.

Use grain or pegs to outline words written in large script on paper or the child's desk. Never give a child seat work that you do not see and appreciate before it is left. It takes but a moment, but it is an indication to you of the progress of the child, and an encouragement to him to do his best.

Q.—“What kind of nature work can be done during the winter?”

A.—Plant seeds, like beans or peas, in a box. Plan enough for at least three apiece for the children. Give the box plenty of light, warmth, and moisture. As soon as the seeds swell and sprout, dig up a specimen apiece for the children and study them. The next lesson would come after the plants began to show above ground. A third study would be after the plant has sent out its first leaves. Study the parts, their names, and their progress. Cover a few seedlings or plant the seeds separately and keep in a dark place to show that sunlight makes a plant green. Place a flat stick or cardboard over some of the seeds to see how the plant acts in going around or through it.

N. P. G.

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.”

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.

New Prices

The subscription prices will be, 25c domestic and 50c foreign—24 numbers. The constantly increasing cost of labor and material, force the following slight advance in the prices of copies in bulk:

50 copies, 40c.
100 copies, 75c.
1000 copies, \$6.00.

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.

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.

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.

—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.

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

COPY

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

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

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.

Send the RECORD to a friend.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR

With the September number, the Educator began the second decade of its life. For ten years this journal has been the faithful exponent of the principles of Christian education. These principles form a very essential part of the third angel's message, and every Seventh-day Adventist, to be fully abreast with the advancement of his message of truth, needs to understand clearly the relation of this phase of the message to the finishing of God's work in the earth.

"Reconstruction" is the watchword of the hour, and while the Educator has always stood for educational reform, it is the aim of the editors that this shall be emphatically true the coming year. No time or effort will be spared in any way to make the Educator a source of encouragement and practical help to its readers.

COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT Southwestern Union Conf.

Name	Address	Book	Hrs	Ords	Val	Helps	Total	Del
OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE, For Week Ending December 13.								
Lizzie Schilt	Muskogee	OD	11	1	2.50	.35	2.85	153.35
Hubbell and Wife, Enid		WS	14	196	104.75		104.75	104.75
J. Landis, Perkins		BR	31	15	71.00	5.30	76.30	9.30
Ewell Walker, Hobart		DR	17	5	24.00	8.35	32.45	4.00
Mrs. Rogers, Collinsville		OD	16	7	18.50	9.90	28.40	4.25
M. M. Sikes, Jennings		GC	12			11.00	11.00	21.00
Frank Webb, Wewoka		BR	19			2.00	2.00	14.00
Lettie Phillips, Sapulpa		OD	3		4.50	1.95	6.45	6.45
E. W. Crawford, Poteau		CK	8	1	1.50	2.00	3.50	1.50
		Bibles			278.40		278.40	278.40
Irregular Miscellaneous Sales					683.65		683.65	683.65
Workers 9			164	224	1188.80	40.95	1129.75	1280.65
NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, A. Prewitt, Clarksville								
For Week Ending December 13.								
C. E. Cosgrove, Ft. Worth			53		41.00	6.50	47.50	75.00
R. D. Whitney, Paris								37.00
Z. S. Arey, Cleburne			37		3.95	14.35	18.30	
R. R. Sweany, Pinland		GC	10					8.00
Total 5			100		44.95	20.85	65.80	645.00
GRAND TOTALS—Agents 14								
			264	224	1233.75	61.80	1195.55	1925.65