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# *S. W. U. Conference Now in Session in Keene*

## *Splendid Meetings Each Day*

### GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS GIVE TIMELY COUNSEL

The first meeting of the First Quadrennial Session of the Southwestern Union Conference convened at the appointed hour at Keene, February 1. With few exceptions all chosen delegates were present for the first meeting. Elders G. B. Thompson, J. T. Boettcher, and Prof. J. F. Simon, General Conference workers, are in attendance. The delegates in attendance are as follows:

#### Union Conference Delegates.

A. F. Harrison.  
W. E. Nelson.  
W. L. Adams.  
E. R. Potter.  
C. E. Smith.  
J. I. Taylor.  
David Voth.  
M. B. Van Kirk.  
E. L. Neff.  
H. M. J. Richards.

#### Arkansas Conference Delegates.

N. R. Hickman.  
Isaac Baker.  
C. W. Lee.  
T. J. Hooper.  
T. J. Copeland.  
J. W. Allison. (colored).

#### North Texas Conference Delegates.

D. E. McNeil.  
Henry Schmidt.  
A. M. Woodall.  
C. U. Taylor.  
F. S. Thompson.  
E. M. Davis.  
O. W. Wolf.  
C. L. Dortch.  
Robert W. Leach.  
E. M. Gates. (colored)

#### Oklahoma Conference Delegates.

C. C. Mattison.  
C. J. Dart.  
C. L. Stilson.  
Walter Kirkham.  
Mrs. M. Lukens.  
Almetta Garrett.  
C. M. McDonald.  
R. P. Montgomery.  
J. I. Leewen.  
W. E. Barr.  
E. B. Hopkins.  
D. F. Sturgeon.  
A. G. Steinert.  
G. F. Eichman.  
U. B. Dake.  
A. J. Voth.  
I. A. Crane.  
T. J. Hickman.  
Ezra Fillman.  
J. P. Gaede.  
E. W. McDaniel.  
S. C. Keehnell.  
L. B. Schick.  
H. J. Miller. (colored)

#### South Texas Conference Delegates.

C. L. Bainer.

## *Conference Work Moving Smoothly*

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS SHOW MARKED PROGRESS

A large per cent of the workers from the respective conferences are in attendance. The workers are well cared for and everything has been done for the convenience and comfort of those in attendance. The meetings are being well attended by the students and the brethren and sisters of the village.

Every report thus far rendered by the Union Conference president, treasurer, and local conference presidents, indicate marked progress in all lines of the Lord's work in the Southwestern Union Conference during the past four years. Definite plans are being made for the prosecution of a fuller and larger work for the quadrennial period before us. One of the most noticeable features of the conference in session is the demands made upon this Union for workers for the regions beyond. The slogan of the spiritual meetings is for a victorious life over sin.

Elders Daniells, Quinn, and Tindall are expected to attend a portion of the conference.

C. M. Norman.  
Letha Taylor.  
H. M. Kelley.  
O. J. Corwin.  
Etta Hewgley.

## Texico Conference Delegates.

H. L. Hoover.  
Burt Bray.  
George W. Spies.  
J. A. LaGrone.  
Bertie C. Richards.  
L. J. Black.

## Other Delegates Seated:

B. L. House  
Orno Follett  
M. M. Mattison  
M. G. Nunes (colored)

## THE MARCH SIGNS MAGAZINE

The Signs Magazine, in its March issue, strikes a new pace in preaching "The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints." In this splendid number of the magazine, Andrew C. Gilbert talks of the future harvest of War; R. D. Brisbin discusses Spiritism; L. A. Reed considers Evolution and its relation to the Decalogue; Cornelius Pearl, editor of our Yiddish magazine, tells us about the meaning of the Zionist movement; George W. Rine writes on the alarming tendency in these days to minimize Christ, His atonement, His teachings, and His diety; Earl Albert Rowell has a message on the God of the Old Testament. Charles G. Bellah, George McCreedy Price, Arthur W. Spaulding, and others have stirring contributions on vital themes in the March issue also. The Signs Magazine will be a better magazine, at the old low price of 15 cents. About half that amount in quantities. Order early of your tract society secretary.

It is ridiculous for any man to criticize on the works of another who has not distinguished himself by his own performances.—Addison.

## COLPORTEUR DEPARTMENT

A. F. HARRISON, Field Secretary

## FIELD SECRETARY'S

## MONTHLY LETTER

Well, 1919 is now in the past. It has been a very successful year, after all of the difficulties that we have passed through. Every conference in our Union has reached its goal.

Besides the December report, I will send a report for the work done during the year so that everybody can see what each conference has done. I will announce the goal for the Union by conferences, so that everybody will know.

Oklahoma set their goal last year for \$45,000. They passed it nearly \$1,000. North Texas for \$35,000 and you can see by this report where they went; Arkansas for \$35,000 and they passed it nicely; South Texas has been working for three years to reach her goal of \$20,000. This year she passed it, as you can see. Arkansas set her goal for \$7,000. They reached it nicely.

Now, as I have said, the year is past and we are looking forward with great interest to the success of the work for 1920. We have had three institutes so far and they have certainly been a success. Oklahoma set their individual goal for over \$70,000; South Texas for over \$44,000; and Arkansas for \$41,000, making a total of over \$150,000 already set for the individual goal. We have not set our Union goal yet, but will do so at our Bookmen's Convention, which will be held this week.

The prospect so far looks better than it did last year for colporteurs. At our institute in Oklahoma City there were thirty-two colporteurs present who were going to enter the work, and you will no doubt notice by the

report that a large share of them went to work last week. They reached nearly \$1,000 in orders. South Texas had sixteen colporteurs, and they are going right to work. In Arkansas we had seventeen, and quite a number were not present. I am in hopes that everything will be carried forward in fine shape. At least, we are greatly in hopes that this will be so.

I suppose that everybody has been deeply impressed in regard to the condition of the world during 1919. The world at large is more or less perplexed with the condition of things, and it seems to me that our own people should be especially disturbed, and feel dissatisfied with continuing their daily occupation, and should be willing now to devote their time and strength to the carrying of the Message as they have never done before, for surely we have only a short time left in which to labor. I appeal to our people in this Union. We have a large Union—one of the largest in the Southern Publishing Association Territory—and all of the others have passed us this year by far. The Southern Union alone has delivered about a quarter of a million dollars' worth of books. It is because the people are sensing the times in which we are living and are offering themselves for service. Why cannot our brethren in the Southwestern Union rally to the front as never before and help us to complete the work? I trust that God will move upon their hearts to respond at this time.

I trust that the North Texas institute will be good. It will begin about the eighth or ninth of February. We hope for a large number of workers from the different churches, and trust that every church elder will do his part to see what can be accomplished.

A. F. HARRISON.

Send the RECORD to a friend.

## REPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE, FOR DECEMBER 1919.

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Bibles	Total	Bib. Del.	Bks. Del.	Value
Oklahoma	22	1871	607	2056.00	278.40	134.20	2468.60	270.10	1500	8371.30
South Texas	20	1650	536	2243.89	15.70	10.75	2270.34	14.75	1028	4004.34
Noth Texas	25	1640	340	1783.80	143.07	11.60	1939.47	127.10	2410	14434.43
Texico	3	110	23	206.55		44.05	250.60		23	250.60
Arkansas	16	1005	47	140.08	29.20		169.28		17658	9357.00
	86	6276	1553	6431.32	466.37	200.60	7098.29	411.95	6619	36417.67

**LATIN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT**

Secretary - Henry F. Brown  
Box 755  
San Antonio, Texas

The Latin-American Department is represented at the Union Conference by the following Mexican workers:

Elder Burt Bray, Texico Conference.  
Elder Marcial Serna, Texico Conference.

Eligio Camacho, South Texas.

José M. Lopez, North Texas.

Elder Henry F. Brown, Southwestern Union Conference.

Elder L. H. Christian, the superintendent of the Home Missions Bureau of the General Conference, as well as Elder J. E. Bond, secretary of the Latin-American Department of the Bureau, expect to be present.

The departmental meetings are occupied in the discussion of a program dealing with their special problems and needs, such as, "Have we, as Mexicans, any responsibility regarding the 30-cent-a-week goal?" and "How to get our members to feel their responsibility in sustaining the work."

H.F.B.

**MARCH WATCHMAN**

This number of the Watchman Magazine is cover-to-cover full of the same vibrant message every number carries. As the second issue of the greater Watchman, it proves that the editors are not seeking to fill mere page space, but are determined to make the magazine grow and excel in more than quantity alone. A glance at the outstanding features of the contents this month will convince the prospective reader of the all-round worth of The Watchman as a whole. The new departments are especially of vital interest.

It is said that nothing in the line of religion is attracting so much attention now as is Spiritualism. And it is catching all classes, from the children who have fun with Ouija board to the student of occultism. You can't afford to be ignorant of the Bible teaching concerning this craze. Read "Malignant Forces in Christian Garb," by Benjamin G. Wilkinson.

During the scare over the prophecy of the end of the world last December newspaper reports showed that there is little real knowledge of the truth about Jesus' second coming. Read "The Second Coming Will be Literal," and be informed.

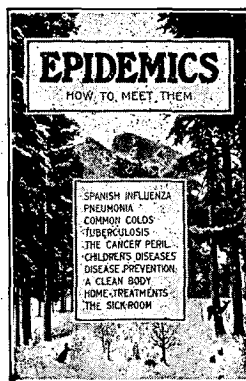
It is surprising as you read history how many prominent men tried to go back to Jerusalem—from Richard the Lionhearted and Barbarosa, to Napoleon and the Kaiser—and all failed to stay. And thousands today are falling into line for the same journey. Are you? Read "Are You Going Back to Old Jerusalem?" by Stemple White. It strikes at the trend of the times and is interesting. And in addition, "A man Must Be Good Before Hé Can Do Good," on evil tendencies. "When Is a Man Educated?" a practical subject. "She Didn't Have to Kill Time," an inspiring story. "Socialism in the Test-tube," a cure for present-day evils. "What About Your Personal Hygiene?" a health help. "Can We Weather The Storm?" an editorial. "God's Abundance" on super-blessings. "Nonibala," a true story of India. "What Christianity Will Do for the Tobacco Devotee." "An Ancient Cure for a Modern Evil," on the industrial situation.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT**

Secretary - H. R. Gay

**"EPIDEMICS"**

Influenza and pneumonia are doing a deadly work. The people are in need of the light contained in the book "Epidemics". Two chapters are devoted to the treatment of influenza.



The sale of this book will prove an entering wedge for placing more of our literature. Now is the time to distribute this valuable book.

It retails for 25 cents, with liberal discount for quantities. Please order of your tract society. H.R.G.

**Oklahoma Conf.**

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Sec.-Treas. - C. C. Mattison

**AMONG THE CHURCHES**

On Tuesday, January 21, according to an appointment, we visited Lawton, by riding all that same night by a circuitous route. We reached Watonga on the morning train Thursday. Here we spent a pleasant morning with the family of Brother Walter Loewen. Taking the afternoon train, we reached Hitchcock and were taken by Brother J. I. Loewen to East Cooper. At the church that evening a large company gathered for the closing services of the series of meetings which had been held by Elder G. F. Eichman and Brother Winter. Because of previous appointment it was necessary to hasten on to Muskogee. Here the church is planning to build a new church building soon.

It was interesting to address the good-sized company that had gathered Sabbath morning in spite of cold and wind. This little church is of good courage.

At one o'clock p.m. we were very much pleased to visit and speak to the company of colored people who had congregated in their neat building. May God help all these brethren to be fruitful.

We returned to the Office Sunday morning in order to leave for Keene Monday night to attend the Bookmen's Convention and Union Conference. M. B. VAN KIRK.

**NEWS NOTES**

—Brethren Mattison, Stilson, and Bullard, of our office, attended the Bookmen's Convention at Keene last week.

—Since all our laborers, with few exceptions, are planning on attending the Union Conference at Keene, January 30 to February 8, there will likely be a dearth of news items in the next issue.

—Brother Priest and family are planning on leaving Oklahoma City February 2. As we have said before, they will be missed. We always enjoy Brother Priest's kindly word. May God bless them and the girls in their new home.

—As our brethren are deeply interested in the Oklahoma City campaign, we have been trying to keep interesting items coming from week to week. Our interest keeps up. Last Sunday, although cold, there was again an audience of 1500 people present. New names are being constantly added to the list. It is planned to continue the Sunday evening meetings at the Auditorium until Sunday night, April 4: Will every one who loves this message constantly pray for the ultimate success of this effort.

—We solicit items of interest from our churches for this column of the RECORD.

—Miss Guy, our senior stenographer, was confined to her bed Friday of last week. We hope she will be in her usual health within a few days.

—Elder Crane is visiting home folks this week and will remain at Keene until the Union Conference session is closed.

—Brethren Eichman and Winter closed their meetings at East Cooper last Wednesday night. Over fifteen young people have given their hearts to the Lord. These brethren held a few meetings at Omega, Hitchcock, and Okeene. Brother Eichman had to leave to attend the Union Conference, and Brother Winter to return to his field of labor in Manitoba.

—Watch your subscription to the RECORD. Do not let it expire. You need the news it contains. We need your subscription money.

—Does the Youths' Instructor come into your home? If you have young people there, you cannot afford to be without it.

—Do not forget that the Review and Herald is our general church paper. Do you read it?

—Read the record of our mission offerings for January when it appears. It will be very interesting.

—Elder Henry Miller, our new colored minister, recently from Kansas, has arrived and is now engaged in getting in touch with his new work.

#### NEW VISION IN THE BOOK WORK

For years we, as bookmen, have been filled with zeal to build up our fields and hold every colporteur we could, and to make a big record every year, and that is right. But while we have been doing all of this, other fields have suffered for lack of leaders.

A vision has come to us that we

must train leaders to fill other places in the earth. Instead of holding all of our colporteurs, they are to have a chance to secure such experience and training as will fit them for leaders in this line of work.

The call is so urgent that many young men who are only half trained must be asked to act as leaders and secretaries. Shall we not be willing to help train and send out workers to answer these urgent calls?

WALTER KIRKHAM.

#### THE SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERING

Oklahoma is on the Honor Roll!

We reached the goal for the whole state!!

Yes we did!!!

The Sabbath schools and isolated persons in the conference gave on December 27, 1919, \$2,116.19. Isn't that splendid? We may well rejoice when we consider that our Thirteenth Sabbath offering just one year ago was only \$574.32. This is an increase of \$1,541.87, or 300 per cent. The total amount for the quarter was \$5,451.11—the very largest offering ever received in one quarter for Missions.

When we love, we give.

Last Sabbath, January 24, was an extremely cold day. An old lady, aged 81, the eldest member of the Oklahoma City Sabbath school, stood before the school. The superintendent told us she had been absent just three Sabbaths during the entire year, and those three weeks she was ill, and confined to her bed. What an example of faithfulness!

Winter's frost nor summer's heat will keep away from Sabbath school the one whose heart is there.

Do you allow little things to keep you away?

Remember our second goal:—"Every member Striving to Be Perfect in Attendance."

CARRIE LUKENS.

#### OBITUARY

CLARK.—Dr. M. T. Clark was born in Nebraska City, Nebraska, January 25, 1874, and fell asleep at Temple, Oklahoma, January 21, 1920. Had he lived four days longer he would have been 46 years old. He accepted the truth 28 years ago, and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church at St. Louis, Mo. He then went to Battle Creek and took the nurses course. In 1895 he went to Columbus (Mo.) Uni-

versity and took a medical course. In 1910 he took a post graduate course at St. Louis, Mo. He lived a devoted Christian life, working for the advancement of the cause he loved so well, scattering thousands of pages of literature. Being disabled from practice by paralysis, the last two years of his life was spent in giving away Present Truth series.

He had five strokes of paralysis, and the last one was on the 21st of January, 1920. He died in less than two hours. He leaves a wife, two daughters, a son, and many friends to mourn. But they do not mourn as those who have no hope. Their confidence is firm and steadfast that He will come forth triumphant in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14:13.

E. B. HOPKINS.

#### OBITUARY

OSBURN.—Sarah Francis Lee was born in Mississippi, January 7, 1854, and died at Schaberg, Arkansas, January 21, 1920. She was married to J. S. Osburn in 1874. Fifteen years ago she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church under the labors of Elder H. Clay Griffin and lived a faithful member until her death. Her husband and eleven children survive. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

N. R. HICKMAN.

#### 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.

Send the RECORD to a friend.

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### EL CAMPO, ELGIN

The writer reached El Campo Friday, January 16. It had been raining for several days and the roads were impassable for autos, so Brother Putnam had driven in to meet me. On account of rain and mud, no attempt was made to hold services until Sabbath morning. In spite of the weather conditions at the appointed hour for service the house was well filled, and all enjoyed a good Sabbath school. At the service following, everyone re-consecrated themselves to the service of God.

Night after Sabbath we met and after a study on organization officers were elected for the new year. Another service was held Sunday night.

Monday and Tuesday were spent in Houston and Galveston in counsel regarding the work in these places. Friday, the 23rd, I left for Elgin. After detouring on account of a wreck, and then the slow running on account of heavy rains, we at last reached our destination, only to find that it had rained so much and streams were so high that no meetings could be held that night.

Sabbath morning, quite a goodly number met for Sabbath school and service. The building had just been remodeled, and all enjoyed worshipping in the newly-papered and painted room. In the afternoon the young people met and we spent a profitable hour in the study of the Bible on subjects of interest for this time.

The services in the evening were changed from the usual plan, for a wedding had been planned for that time. Promptly at 8:30 the bridal party marched into the church, and the ceremony was performed that made Mr. Ralph Jensen and Miss Helen Smith husband and wife.

E. L. NEFF.

### DENISON

During the Week of Prayer, I visited Edgewood, Sherman, and Denison churches. The Lord came near in each of these meetings to comfort by His presence. All realized the same

prospering hand that had stimulated this message we love so well in carrying it to the world was in the meetings to bring love, joy, comfort, and strength to each heart for the finishing of the work.

At Denison, there was some interest in the message, some desiring to unite with the church. All needed instruction first. So I have been here most of the time since the Week of Prayer, holding some meetings, and also holding Bible studies with the most interested, and visiting others.

The second Sabbath in January was a good day here. Denison had not had quarterly services since I had conducted the same with them three years ago. We postponed the service this time till some could be better instructed, that they might unite with the church and celebrate the ordinances with us. We had an all-day meeting.

Three were baptized, one taken in by letter, and an old lady subject to her former baptism—five in all. The baptism was held in a church one block away. The old lady said it was the best meeting she ever attended in her life. Many of the members of the Sherman church were present to enjoy these blessings with us and to assist in the meetings. Some others will unite later.

Brother Glass is here, doing all he can. I find some interest still that was here when I was doing some work four years ago. Two of these ladies I hope to see come into the church soon. They will make splendid additions to our membership.

Pray for the work here, brethren—it needs it.

ROBERT W. LEACH.

### PRESENTED TO THE CLEBURNE CHURCH

Three electric lights, including a handsome outside drop-light, have been presented to the Cleburne Seventh-day Adventist church by the following firms of the city: Cecil & Co., Bradbury Clothing Co., and the Home Dry Goods Co. The Cleburne church wishes to thank these firms for their kindness.

**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.

## Texico Conference

Office, Clovis, N. M.,  
Drawer D,

President - Elder H. M. J. Richards  
Sec.-Treas. - L. J. Black

### OBITUARY

**AYCOCK.**—Armenta Doma Aycock was born June 3, 1843, and died of paralysis, November 1, 1919, at the age of 76. Sister Aycock accepted present truth from reading, and for 25 years had been zealous for and loyal to the third angel's message. The burial took place in the Abilene (Texas) cemetery, from the home of her daughter, Sister Mamie Irvin. The service was conducted by Pastor J. C. Burkett, of the College Heights Baptist church. Seven children, three sons and four daughters, are left to mourn their loss.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

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.

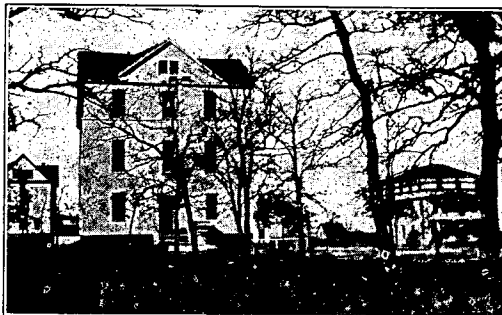
### FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL CATALOG FOR 1920

The Fireside Correspondence School catalog for 1920 is now ready. Besides the usual matter, it contains new plans for ordering books, announcement of new studies, and pictures of Faculty and Board of Managers. Send for a copy today. It is free. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

**Study At Home.**—"There's a way." Lincoln found it; so can you. The Fireside Correspondence school will show you how. Write today for our catalog for 1920. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.



## S - W - J - C DEPARTMENT



### NEWS NOTES

—Southwestern Junior College— the school that will make your youth golden.

—New classes forming for the second semester are: Elementary Book-keeping, Botany, Commercial Geography, Physiology, History of Missions, Hydrotherapy, Cooking, Sewing, and Wood Finishing.

—The enrollment of S.W.J.C. is climbing. Students who have entered for work during the second semester are: Gerald K. Hunter, Oklahoma; Agnes Atwood, Texas; Laura Payne, Oklahoma; Mae Alexander, Oklahoma; Josephina G. Alpuenti, Texas; Farie Findley, Texas; Nelson Lacy, Texas.

—Early last Wednesday morning, Professor Nelson, mounted upon a Texas "broncho", set upon a quest for "mule power". He rode forty miles that day. Thursday he said he was not "sore at all."

—Tuesday morning, at the Chapel hour, Mr. Hooper, of the Southern Publishing Association, talked to the students about the possibilities of the magazine work.

—During the Chapel service Friday morning, in walked an ex-student of S.W.J.C., Mr. Joe Chesnutt, and his bride. They were married in Houston Thursday night, and came immediately to Keene, where they will remain for the Union Conference.

—Last Sabbath was Missionary Volunteer Day at the Keene church. Brother Adams arrived Friday to be present at the rally.

—Miss Peck, of the Educational Department of the General Conference, arrived in Keene Friday morning.

—Elder G. B. Thompson talked to the students at the Chapel hour Friday morning. He told why some people are great, and why some people never become known. In his analy-

sis of the lives of successful men he showed that the elements of success are energy, carefulness in detail, perseverance, courtesy, and the ability to think. He told about a railway brakeman who discovered that his fellow-workmen were as much alike as a "lot of beans." He determined to be a "radish"—to do something that would distinguish him above the ordinary brakeman, to do his work better than his fellows. He told also how the three negro boys who had but one pair of pants between them got an education. The seed of success was in them.

—Our little college town is filling up with delegatets to the Union Conference.

—It is rumored that the bookmen of the General Conference are drafting students for colporteur work in the Spanish-speaking fields.

—The last of the scaffolding on the new dormitory was taken down Friday, and the finishing touches are being put upon the new building.

—Last Saturday night Dr. Banks, of the University of Chicago, lectured to the students on his experiences in the country of the Tigris. He told us about Mt. Ararat on which are the head waters of the Tigris river. He took us down through fertile valleys, visiting Armenian villages that looked from the outside like prairie dog towns, piloted us across desert wastes to Arabian camps, showed us the excavations at Babylon, took us aboard a goat-skin raft, and finally landed us near the spot where the Garden of Eden is supposed to have been.

—On Sunday night, Dr. Banks gave his celebrated lecture, "The Bible and the Spade." He told us about the excavations in Egypt, Palestine, and Mesopotamia. He emphasized the fact that these excavations have verified Bible history. These lectures were a great opportunity to the S.W. J. C. students.

### 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.—"I want to do something that will help my pupils to form the habit of cleaning their teeth every day. Just knowing it is right isn't enough."

A.—Why not have a tooth-cleaning campaign? The principal feature of it and around which the rest of it gathers, is a chart. The chart is, in the beginning, nothing but two or three yards of wrapping paper tacked up in your school room. On the morning the campaign opens, talk with the children about cleaning the teeth—how to do it, results if they are cleaned or if they are left uncleaned. Then tell about the chart. It is to have a place for pictures the children will bring showing children cleaning their teeth, also tooth paste and tooth brushes. The magazines are full of such advertisements. Bringing them for the chart appeals to the child's instinct to collect, and with just a little help from you to get them started, the children will enter into the search enthusiastically. Paste the pictures on the chart as they come in. A place in the center or along one side may be saved for a daily record. Each child's name is here, and every morning a record is taken of those who cleaned their teeth the day before, indicating the number of times.

Like every campaign, it takes enthusiasm and perseverance to accomplish results, but teachers who have tried it say it is worth the effort.

Q.—"Will you give suggestions for a public program for my school?"

A.—I read this from the Manual: "All public programs should properly represent the actual work and the Christian character of the school, and should not be so frequent or so elaborate as to occupy time that is needed for regular school work." The words, "properly represent the actual work of the school," seem to carry an important point in program work. A story may be told from the Bible lesson, a topic talk from geography or history, a poem learned in reading or language, a Scripture reading or short Bible study, or a selection from a Reader. The most interesting part of a program I once saw was an arith-

metic drill when every member of an eighth-grade class in percentage was sent to the board to work "rapid-fire" problems.

Do away as far as possible with silly, meaningless, or unworthy "pieces to speak" and dialogues, so commonly used.

Following is a suggestive program:

Song—School.

Twenty-third Psalm—Concert.

Story of Joseph, told in parts—1st and 2nd Grades.

Talk—Water Animals—6th Grade child.

Recitation—"Suppose" — 4th Grade child.

Talk.—Reasons Why I Clean My Teeth.—5th Grade child.

Explanation of Diagram of 2300 days.—8th Grade child.

Arithmetic drill in addition of fractions.—5th Grade.

Closing Song.—School.

N. P. G.

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#### THE PLANS FOR 1920

The Sabbath School Worker's Training Course begins March 1. The general plan is quite similar to that of former years. Two books have been selected as textbooks. The outline which serves as a guide in the study will be published in the Worker. The Course may be taken entirely as a home study, or it may also be used as a basis for training-class work in connection with the teacher's meetings.

#### The Textbooks

The first book to be used is the little volume, "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work." While this is not new, yet we never can outgrow it. It has now been four years since this book was used in the Training Course, and we feel that we can unitedly study it again with great profit. Greater care than ever before is being taken in the arrangement of the topics for this study and in the supplementary matter provided. No officer or teacher should need to be urged to study this book. We cannot expect the blessing of the Lord to attend our work if we regard with careless indifference the instruction given concerning it in the spirit of prophecy. The suggestions and admonitions given in this little book, if heeded, will make every school effective in soul-saving.

The second book is entitled, "Stewardship and Missions," by Charles A. Cook. This book is a departure from the ordinary line of study in a training course, but it gives a burning message for these days. One member of the General Conference Committee read it through at a single sitting, and declared it to be the best book of its kind that he had ever read. Others of our leading men have read it, and commend it most highly. The book is well arranged for study, and each chapter closes with an excellent set of questions focusing attention upon the important points of the text. Unquestionably the study of this book will help in the finishing of the work. The time will come when the Lord will say to each of us, "Give an account of thy stewardship" (Luke 16:2). The careful setting forth of the privileges and obligations of those who are appointed "stewards of his grace," should bring new life into our work from every viewpoint.

We truly believe that we have never offered a more practical and valu-

able course of study, and we would urgently press the duty of taking this Course upon all who are holding responsible positions in the Sabbath school.

#### A Special Invitation to Parents

The parents in every church should read these books. Much is given in "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work" on the relation of parents to the Sabbath school work. May not the united study of this instruction by parents and teachers result in a united effort for the salvation of the children and youth among us? Come, now, parents and teachers, let us "reason together," find out what the Lord would have us do, undertake the work in faith, and claim the promised blessing that our work shall be effective.

The book, "Stewardship and Missions," should be in every home. It might well be made a family study. The principles it sets forth must be recognized and obeyed by every one who would do all that he can in this closing work. The Home Department members are especially invited to join the regular schools in this study.

The books should be ordered at once so that they may be in your hands by March 1, the time when the Course is to begin. A good beginning is half the battle. Do not excuse yourself from this work. Do not be behind others in starting. Let us move forward together.

#### What You Will Need

"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," price, in cloth, 40 cents; leather, 75 cents.

"Stewardship and Missions," price 35 cents.

The Sabbath School Worker, two or more copies to one address, price, 60 cents; single subscription, 75 cts.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has arranged to carry a large stock of "Stewardship and Missions," and the branch houses will doubtless carry a smaller supply.

Do you think any one can move the heart but He that made it?—JOHN Lyly.

**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.

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The true order of learning should be first, what is necessary; second, what is useful, and third, what is ornamental. To reverse this arrangement is like beginning to build at the top of the edifice.—Mrs. Sigourney.

If any thing is spoken in jest, it is destroyed.—Johnson.

Jesting is frequently an evidence of the poverty of the understanding.—Voltaire.

Joy is more divine than sorrow; for joy is bread, and sorrow is medicine.—Beecher.

How many people would like to get up in a social prayer-meeting to say a few words for Christ, but there is such a cold spirit of criticism in the church that they dare not do it.

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