

Southwestern Union Record

VOLUME 19. :: KEENE, TEXAS, (JOHNSON COUNTY), TUESDAY. OCTOBER 19, 1920. :: No. 46.

19
Gen. Cont. Pub. Dept.

31st Session of the Arkansas Conference July 30--August 5, 1920

First Meeting

The 31st (second bi-ennial) session of the Arkansas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened at 9:00 a.m., July 30, 1920, at Highland Park, Little Rock, Arkansas. President J. I. Taylor called attention to the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, which was read responsively. Brother A. F. Harrison offered prayer, beseeching God to rule in all business that might come before the delegation. On account of there being only a few delegates present, no business was transacted at this meeting.

Second Meeting

At this meeting, additional delegates were seated, and the different committees were selected.

Third Meeting

The entire time was taken up by the reports of the committee on irregularities and the committee on appointing standing committees.

Fourth Meeting

The following officers were elected to serve for two years:

For President: J. I. Taylor.

For Executive Committee: Elder J. I. Taylor, Elder N. R. Hickman, Elder Isaac Baker, T. J. Hooper, O. C. Wake-night.

For Conference Secretary-Treasurer: L. J. Black.

For Tract Society Secretary-Treasurer: L. J. Black.

For Field Secretary: T. J. Hooper.

For Educational Secretary: Miss Lorena E. Wilcox.

For Missionary Volunteer Secretary: Miss Lorena E. Wilcox.

For Home Missionary Secretary: Mrs. L. F. Hansen.

For Sabbath-school Secretary: Mrs. L. F. Hansen.

For Medical Missionary Secretary: Mrs. L. F. Hansen.

For Religious Liberty Secretary: Elder J. I. Taylor.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To The Delegates and Other Members Assembled in Conference.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

How time flies! It seems but a few weeks since we were together in camp-meeting at Hot Springs one year ago; and but a few months since our conference two years ago. These busy days keep all of us on the stretch until it seems to us that time flies on the wings of the wind.

But how have we improved these fleeting days? Has the work of the Lord claimed first attention with us? Or have we allowed ourselves to be occupied with things that do not profit? Has our thought been occupied with the work of God? or has it been upon the things of this world? Have we been consumed upon the altar of service? or have we been "settled upon our lees" and our hearts grown fat with self-serving? The message has gone forward in the world; have we individually, progressed with it?

We are thankful to say that according to the reports of our laborers and the records in the office, progress has been made.

We have experienced a number of changes of laborers during these two years just closing. Elder Lee has left us for Korea; Brother Kirkham to Oklahoma; Miss Meister to Oklahoma; Brother Copeland to another field; Elder Jones to his native land, Jamaica; and Miss Katie Baker to another field. But we have added Brother D. M. Twiggs, of our own field; Brother Hooper, of Texico; Elder S. B. Slater, of Iowa; Elder Thos. Murphy, of Texas; and Brother and Sister Story, of Florida. All these are field workers.

Our office also has experienced changes: Brother Haynes and wife, who were doing tract society work for us two years ago, accepted a call to Colorado and Brother and Sister Norman, of Texas, took their place. Later, the secretary of the South Texas tract society lost his health and retired from office work and Brother and Sister Norman were called to that office and Brother L. J. Black, of New Mexico, was called to our office. Since the removal of Brother Copeland, we have asked Brother Black to carry the work of secretary and treasurer of the conference in addition to the tract society work, and have employed as an assistant to him, Brother James B. Ross, of our own conference and city. Brother

Copeland was also carrying the work of the home missionary secretary, but another secretary has not yet been supplied. It will be for this conference to choose one to fill this place.

During this conference term we lost our office by fire but in the providence of our heavenly Father, we did not sustain a great deal of financial loss. Our office furniture was burned and was partly covered by insurance. Our stock of books was water-damaged, but the insurance company made a liberal adjustment of the loss, so we did not sustain financial loss on our stock.

We located in better quarters than before, at a rental of \$30.00 per month, which was soon raised to \$40.00, and September 1 is to be raised to \$50.00. We are pleased with our location, yet we would be glad if some kind of arrangement could be made whereby we could own our own office quarters.

We have compiled from our laborers' reports the following table of labors expended and results obtained, but this is not altogether complete as we did not have at hand the report of some for the month of December, 1918. I suppose that these reports were destroyed in the fire. The record is:

White: sermons, 988; Bible readings, 814; visits, 2438; baptisms, 71. Colored: sermons, 320; Bible readings, 1290; visits, 2065; baptisms, 29. A total of: sermons, 1318; Bible readings, 2104; visits, 4503; and baptisms, 100.

Tent and other meetings have been held in a number of places; two churches have been organized; and three church buildings erected. The Ft. Smith church has sold their old church property and purchased property which is well located near the heart of the city—a change greatly to be appreciated. The Mount Pleasant church has purchased a church building but expects to move it from its present location to one that is more central to their community. The Hot Springs church is endeavoring to get a location and build a house of worship. This is very much needed. Hot Springs, being a health resort and having thousands of tourists and health seekers there annually, should have a proper place of worship to invite people to. The Little Rock church has added a schoolroom to its

building during this conference period.

We have purchased one 30x70 ft. khaki field tent; our 15x32 dining-tent top, with the 12x14 ft. kitchen tent; and five new 12x14 ft. family tents with flies for same. All these are paid for. Since the fire, our office has been equipped with new furniture throughout, as we lost all except a filing case by the fire. As the Sabbath-school secretary and I keep our desks at our home, these and two Corona typewriters escaped the fire. The office is now equipped with all necessary furniture and equipment, including four good Underwood typewriters, a Dalton adding machine, a check writer, and a good safe. We do need, however, another filing case which we expect to purchase some day.

FINANCES

Our tithe has shown a substantial increase over what it has previously been; but the increased cost of living has made it necessary that we increase the wage of our laborers, so we have not made a gain in finances. However, in the providence of God, we have had sufficient to meet our needs. We received an appropriation from the General Conference, and we are trying to follow the recommended wage scale in paying our laborers. I will leave it to the treasurer to give figures on our finances.

THE BOOK WORK

The book work also shows splendid advancement. I will leave it to the secretary of this department to give the details, but I will call attention to the totals of delivery. Back in the years 1916 and 1917, we delivered \$42,717.00 worth of books; but during 1918 and 1919 we delivered \$68,991.00 worth; and during the first half of the present year, we have delivered \$14,226.00, which is over twenty-five hundred dollars more than was delivered in the entire year of 1916—and this past half of the year is not the real time for delivery. As you know most of our deliveries come in the fall. Certainly, the blessing of God and the hard work of the secretary and colporteurs have accomplished great things in this department.

HOME MISSIONARY

The home missionary work also has grown. I am not able to give anything definite, as Brother Copeland,

our secretary, is gone, and I failed to get the figures before he left, but I do know that his reports for June of this year passed by far anything that had ever been done before, as far as our knowledge of it goes. And here is the cheering part of the above-mentioned departments—souls are accepting the truth through their efforts.

Some time ago, Elder Allison was called to visit a company of colored people near Gould. He found several substantial adults keeping the Sabbath. They were people of solid worth. Upon investigation, he found that these people had gotten the truth through books that had been sold by one of our faithful colored boys while he was in army service at Camp Pike. This young man sold quite a large number of books in the camp to the soldiers. Among his purchasers was one who lived near Gould. He read the books himself, and then either sent them home or took them when he returned to his home and as a result of those books, ten or more adults of those books, ten or more adults were keeping the Sabbath, and were asking to be instructed fully that they might connect with our organization. Among these was a local minister. Recently I had a letter from a man near Russell who recently began keeping the Sabbath. Upon investigation we found that he and his wife had accepted the Sabbath truth and some other truths as a result of reading the little book, "The Christian Sabbath" first, and then some other literature, sold to him by Sister Krum. Others are interested at this place also. Still another case; we have with us at this meeting a brother and wife who accepted the truth this year through books and tracts and the personal work of some of our laymen.

SABBATH SCHOOL, MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS, AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENTS

I will say only a word regarding these departments, as their secretaries will report, but they show progress. The Sabbath school is one agency for building a strong church, and is a dependable base of supply for means to supply our mission board. There has been a large increase in offerings, and some increase in membership. I am glad to say that for the past three years we have been reaching our goal, as a conference, in offerings. The educational and Missionary Volunteer departments

show substantial progress. Miss Wilcox, our secretary, has done good work.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

We have sent the magazine, Liberty, to the lawmakers and principal state officials for the past several years, but we have added to this list the editors in the state also. We believe that this should be a means of properly educating the public mind in regard to the principles of religious liberty. We wish to encourage our people all over the state to send the Liberty magazine to the principal judges and attorneys in their communities.

CONCLUSION

Reviewing in our minds the many providences of a loving heavenly Father during these two years just closed, we feel to thank Him for His guidance and care, and to dedicate ourselves to Him and His work for undivided service until the work is done.

J. I. TAYLOR.

The following workers rendered their report of work done and results accomplished during the preceding term: Elder N. R. Hickman, Brother S. B. Slater, and Brother D. M. Twiggs. Their reports were every encouraging and we are glad to see the work go forward with a steady growth.

Fifth Meeting

The Hope church was received into the Conference. The Sabbath-school secretary rendered her report as follows:

SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK OF THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE FOR THE YEARS 1919-1920

The Sabbath schools of our state are one of the links that belong to the great chain of Sabbath schools that are doing so much for our denomination. While our membership is small compared to many of our older and larger conferences, still we see the same earnestness and love for the Sabbath here in our conference that we see in other states, because the Sabbath school is dear to every true and loyal Seventh-day Adventist. It is where we get quite a large share of our training for our life's work.

I am sure that it is unnecessary for me to tell you that the past two years have been the best we have ever

had. If you have been attending the Sabbath school, as I hope you have, I am sure you have noticed how the Lord is blessing this line of work. It seems to me that from Sabbath to Sabbath I can see new zeal and interest manifested as never before. There is more of a pressing together and uniting our efforts for the one great work that is before us, of giving this message to all the world.

While we have not accomplished all that we would like to have accomplished in the past two years, we have made some advancement. Two years ago we had 22 schools with a membership of 554. Today we have 24 schools with an enrolment of 613, a gain of 59. Five of these schools are conference home department schools. There has been given out, during these two years 223 perfect attendance cards. These were mostly just for being present and on time. Very few were given for the daily study of the lesson. I hope by our next conference that we can have this line of our Sabbath school on a higher plane. As I feel that the daily study of the lesson is very necessary for us at this time.

Our offering for the year 1918-1919 was \$2,637.49, and for the year 1919-1920, it was \$3,501.38, making a total for the two years of \$6,138.87. This was a gain over the preceding two years of \$2,466.01.

We are very thankful for this expression of liberality on the part of our Sabbath schools. I do not have in all the reports for the past quarter, but can say that we will have the largest offering that we have ever had. Last quarter our offering was \$1,127.10. Now, if we can hold just that amount you see we will pass the \$4,000.00-mark for the present year, but we will, I feel quite sure go far beyond that. But many of our schools are not reaching their goal of 25 cents per member. A few are reaching theirs and even going beyond it. I hope that the delegates at this coming with a renewed determination to give more liberally for the support giving more liberally for the support of our missionaries that have left their pleasant homes and are carrying this message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

Now brethren and sisters, as I am retiring from this office of Sabbath-school secretary, I can assure you that my heart is still with this work and I also want to tell you that I ap-

preciate very much the hearty cooperation that you have given me in the three and a half years that I have had this work. It has been a very pleasant time for me indeed, for I love the Sabbath-school work.

I have attended Sabbath school from my early childhood. No doubt, brethren and sisters, there could have been more done than has been done, but I am very thankful that the Lord can use us in the finishing of the work in the earth, and now let all rally to the support of our Sabbath-school secretary, Sister Hansen, and help to finish this work and finally be permitted to say when we see our Lord coming, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Mrs. J. I. TAYLOR.

The conference treasurer's report showed an operating gain of \$1,285.45 for the year 1918, while the year 1919 shows an operating loss of \$2,285.23. Tithe receipts for 1918 were \$14,297.32, and for 1919 were \$15,193.01. The tithe receipts during this two-year period show a gain of \$9,243.11 over the previous two-year period.

The tract society treasurer's report for the two-year period ending December 31, 1919, showed an increase in book sales over the previous two-year period. Net returns from merchandise sales during 1918 amounted to \$21,276.33. Gross trading profit, \$3,411.81. Operating gain, \$1776.83. Net returns from merchandise sales during 1919 amounted to \$22,122.82. Gross trading profit, \$2,609.62. Operating gain, \$1,217.81. During this entire two-year period, the conference paid the salaries of the tract society secretary and the field agent.

Sixth Meeting

NEGRO MISSION

The following persons were elected as the negro mission committee for the two-year term; Elder J. I. Taylor, Elder J. W. Allison, Elder Thomas Murphy, Elder Isaac Baker, L. J. Black.

The secretary of the committee on license and credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted:

For Ministerial Credentials: J. I. Taylor, N. R. Hickman, Isaac Baker, J. W. Allison, Thomas Murphy.

For Ministerial License: S. B. Slater, D. M. Twiggs, T. J. Hooper.

For Missionary License: L. J.

Black, Miss Lorena E. Wilcox, Mrs. L. F. Hansen, A. B. B. Storey, Mrs. A. B. B. Storey.

For Colporteur's Credentials: C. A. Roose, A. J. Blevins, N. O. Hibbits, T. T. Sherrill, C. W. Cutter, C. A. Walgren.

Seventh Meeting

The Marianna church (colored) was received into the sisterhood of churches. The secretary of the committee on resolutions reported the following twelve resolutions, which were adopted:

1. Whereas, God has wonderfully blessed us since we last assembled in conference, by caring for and preserving the lives of all our workers, and giving prosperity to every department of the work in our field,

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our thanks to Him for His protecting care, and for all His blessings.

2. Whereas, The Sabbath school is one department of the church in which all members, both old and young, take part, and

Whereas, It is the base of supply for a larger part of the funds for missions, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we request our workers, church officers, and Sabbath-school officers to endeavor to bring all our Sabbath schools up to the adoption of all the goals of the Sabbath-school department.

3. Whereas, The Missionary Volunteer Society is the organization in the church which has for its special work the saving of the young people to this cause, and,

Whereas, In many churches the young people are few in number and their leadership is weak, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That those churches use every opportunity to foster the Missionary Volunteer work and plan a general service for the young people, at least once a month. And that each church provide its elder with the Missionary Volunteer manual, "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work."

4. Whereas, The great need among our young people is effective leadership, and,

Whereas, Our colleges are established to train our young people for work, in the various departments of missionary labor, and,

Whereas, Our most promising young people go to the Southwestern Junior College for training, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we ask the Southwestern Junior College to en-

courage our young people to participate in the Missionary Volunteer activities during the school year, in order to familiarize themselves with the Missionary Volunteer methods with a view to leadership of the young people in their home churches.

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 4.

We request the secretary of the Conference to send a copy of this resolution to the Southwestern Junior College.

5. Whereas, The education of the boys and girls of our churches is a solemn obligation resting upon the church, and,

Whereas, The great need of our schools for effective work is better equipment and longer terms, and,

Whereas, Better qualified teachers will be drawn to the better equipped schools, therefore,

RESOLVED, That each church lay definite plans for better financing and equipping its schools, and lengthening its school term to meet the standard requirement.

6. Whereas, There is a great need for trained men and women in departmental lines of missionary and church work, and,

Whereas, Our colleges are established to train our young people in these departmental lines, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we heartily endorse the action of the Southwestern Junior College board in providing a course in Denominational Endeavor, and that we urge the college to incorporate this course in the regular school curriculum at the earliest possible date.

7. Whereas the Lord has definitely spoken concerning the sacredness of every page of our truth-filled literature, and,

Whereas, The cost of our literature is rapidly increasing,

RESOLVED, That we as individuals, families and churches, take steps at once to clear our shelves of the copies of papers, tracts, and other literature lying idle, by a judicious distribution; and that we take more interest in the public reading racks.

8. Whereas, experience has proven that systematic distribution of our literature brings the best results, we

RECOMMEND to all our members that more thought be given to this method of distribution, and that we give special attention to the use of Present Truth, which is so well adapted to this purpose.

9. In harmony with the action of the 1920 Spring Council of the General Conference Committee that the home missionary and medical departments co-operate in giving the members of our conferences a training in simple, practical medical missionary lines.

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our approval of this action, and that we give more careful study and more earnest heed to the counsel of God concerning this important line of work.

10. Whereas, Pointed testimonies have come to us from time to time on the importance of placing our message-filled books before the public, we

RECOMMEND, 1st. That all our ministers and conference laborers, as they visit our churches and isolated members, act as recruiting officers. And those who are found capable of taking up this line of work be reported to the field missionary secretary.

2nd. That our church elders and pastors encourage those in their churches who may be fitted for this work to arrange their affairs so they may enter the colporteur work and make it their occupation.

11. In view of the ever increasing advocacy of, and agitation for, Sunday laws,—municipal, state and national,—therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we encourage our people to carry forward an educational campaign in behalf of religious liberty by,

a. Circulating among the leading men in the communities, towns, or cities, the Liberty magazine, and,

b. A liberal and judicious use of religious liberty tracts.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

We believe in civil government as divinely ordained by God, to maintain justice, freedom, peace, and good-will among men. We believe that civil governments were divinely ordained to regulate human affairs only; not religious concerns—a man's duty toward his fellowmen, but not a man's duty toward God.

We are opposed to every approach leading to a union of church and state, and all compulsory religious obligations enforced under dress of civil law. Therefore, we are opposed to Sunday legislation, because it is essentially religious in its origin and

character. Sunday observance was ordained and fostered by the church in behalf of a religious institution, and does not rest on the same basis as the civil holidays set apart in honor of state institutions. The civil government has no right to penalize labor or business that is perfectly legitimate in and of itself. What is civilly legitimate on Monday is equally so on Sunday. Religion only draws a distinction for religious reasons. If we are justified to step over at one point we can step over all along the line.

Another reason why the state ought not compel people to observe Sunday as a day of rest and worship is the fact that God ordained the seventh day to be observed as the Sabbath and embodied this command in the bosom of the decalogue. There is no authority on earth great enough to repeal that command and substitute another day as a rival Sabbath in its place. On the other hand, the civil authorities have no right to compel people to observe the original day God commanded, as all His institutions rest on free-will service, individual faith, and conscientious convictions of the heart. Compulsion in religion is an utter perversion of God's plan to regenerate and save man, and can only engender formalism and hypocrisy.

12. Whereas, The city officials of the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, have shown us many favors during this camp-meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we tender them a vote of thanks in acknowledgement of our appreciation of their kindness.

LIST OF DELEGATES PRESENT DURING THE CONFERENCE

Delegates-at-large:—

General Conference: F. C. Gilbert.
Union Conference: Elders M. Lukens, E. R. Potter, John Tindall, Professor Peterson, Brothers A. F. Harrison, and H. R. Gay.

Local Conference: Elders J. I. Taylor, H. C. Griffin, N. R. Hickman, and Isaac Baker; Brothers S. B. Slater, T. J. Hooper, M. V. Downing, and L. J. Black; Mrs. J. I. Taylor and Miss Lorena E. Wilcox. (Colored) Elders J. W. Allison and Thomas Murphy.

S.W.J. College: Prof W. E. Nelson and L. N. Carter.

Ava church: J. W. Jones.

Ft. Smith church: A. J. Blevins, G.

C. Coleman, Ed. C. Furr, Sister Ila Speaker.

Hot Springs church: Miss Dora B. Patton, Mrs. Z. B. Thweatt, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Laura Poe, Miss Noble Harrell.

Hope church: Brother and Sister Cullen.

Conference church: Mrs. R. E. J. Keck, F. M. Garenr, Brother Rogers.

Harrison church: D. M. Twiggs, N. O. Hibbits.

Little Rock church (white): W. F. Dougan, L. F. Hansen, Mrs. Etta T. Green, and Mrs. T. T. Beeler.

Lucky church: A. R. Songer, P. A. Pannell, Ford Dilliad, E. L. Pickney.

Mt. Pleasant church: Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Sherrill.

Searcy church: Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wakenight.

Springdale church: Sister Shockey.

Colored Churches

Des Arc church: R. H. Devereaux.
Little Rock church: Mrs. M.A. Framp-ton, Mrs. Maggie Wiseman, Mrs. Lovine Beaver, and Mrs. Julia Jones.

Marianna church: M. C. Mitchell, J. H. Johnson, A. Rentfro.

Pine Bluff church: A. B. B. Storey, Mrs. H. A. Constantine.

The seventh meeting on August 5, 1920, was the closing meeting of this session of the Conference.

The meeting adjourned Sine Dei.

J. I. TAYLOR, President,
L. J. BLACK, Secretary.

North Texas Conf.

Office, Keene, Texas
Box 51

President - Elder David Voth
Sec.-Treas. - R. L. Atcheson

INGATHERING CAMPAIGN IN NORTH TEXAS

The Harvest Ingathering campaign is on in North Texas, and our churches are enlisting in the drive, and have already begun work. The General Conference has set the Harvest Ingathering goal for \$500,000.00, and North Texas has set its goal for \$5,000 which is \$2,000 more than we raised last year.

All Harvest Ingathering funds apply on the fifty-cent-a-week fund, and since our conference is behind on its part, we urge you to begin at once, either by personal solicitation of by the use of the mails. Now is the time to work while the harvest is ripe, for

a little later something may come in to hinder us, and we will not be able to do our part.

You will remember when Nehemiah was commanded to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem that the first among the people to catch Nehemiah's spirit of zeal and earnestness were the priests of Israel. The position of influence which those men occupied, advanced the work greatly. It is gratifying to know that our ministers and leaders are taking hold of this work heartily. The ready co-operation at the very outset contributes wonderfully to the success of the movement. "Those who occupy positions of influence and responsibility in the church should be foremost in the work of God. If they move reluctantly, others will not move at all. But their zeal will provoke very many. When their light burns brightly, a thousand torches will be kindled at the flame."

The 1920 Harvest Ingathering paper is a wonderful report of work being done in foreign fields. As we read this graphic description of the work that is being done, we cannot help but be stirred to do all in our power to bring the needs before our people.

The General Conference needs the funds in order to carry on the work already planned, and the people need the message contained in the paper, and we need the experience. We feel impressed with the results of the past when we realize that the time and effort put into it has brought real results in the way of saving precious souls, and a substantial support to the work. The Harvest Ingathering is a world-wide movement, and a movement that is sure to succeed.

Let us all be stirred to activity at this opportune time, and finish the work.

A. M. WOODALL,

Home Missionary Secretary North Texas Conference.

SHERMAN

I am sure the Lord was pleased last Monday morning when we opened our school here at Sherman with an enrollment of fourteen students. We feel sure that others will come in in the near future.

School is running nicely so far. Most all of the students seem to have a deep desire to learn more about God's Word.

Perhaps you might be interested to know how the children feel about our missionary meetings which we

are going to have on Friday afternoons. Last Friday evening, we met and organized our meeting. The goals set are as follows, for the school year:

Offerings to missions, \$25.00; reading course certificates, 14; number to read Bible through, 6; to observe the Morning Watch, 6; papers to be given away weekly, 14.

We hope to go over some of the goals that have been made before the the end of school.

Dear readers, pray for us that we may make this school year one of prosperity.

MAMIE HART.

South Texas Conf.

Office, San Antonio, Texas
422 Oppenheimer Bldg.

President—Elder R. P. Montgomery
Sec.—Treas. Etta Hewgley

NEWS NOTES

—Gerald King has finished his delivery. Look for him in Keene soon.

—Miss Letha Taylor is assisting Mr. Arthur King with the school in Elgin this week.

—Brother and Sister Riffel are out on another Harvest Ingathering tour —this time they are in the Valley section.

—Sister L. E. Cox stopped over with the San Antonio church last Sabbath. It seemed good to have her with us again even though it was just a stop-over visit.

—Splendid reports have come in from the churches, companies and isolated members of our conference the past month and quarter. Part of the news is revealed in the quarterly report. Will you not take time to look it over?

—Word has just come to us that there are nineteen colored members located in San Antonio. They are calling for some meetings. May this not be the beginning for the third church organization in the city of San Antonio?

—Elder Montgomery was with the San Antonio church last Sabbath, and left Sunday morning for Houston to counsel with the brethren relative to the work that will soon begin there. He returned to the office Tuesday morning and reported the outlook to be encouraging for the campaign.

SOUTH TEXAS QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING SEPT. 25, 1920

The close of the third quarter gives us the best report for any one quarter this year.

The membership has grown from 575 to 607, and the total offering from \$6900.00 to \$9200.00. Shall we not make the fourth quarterly report still better in every way?

ETTA HEWGLEY.

SOUTH TEXAS QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1920

Church	Memb.	Total	Tithe	S.S.	H.I.	C.M.	Misc.
San Antonio	92	2168.23	799.58	242.85	378.30	695.00	52.50
Houston	128	2042.54	883.75	342.36	331.95	464.00	20.48
El Campo	72	544.81	349.26	132.88			62.67
Edinburg	17	469.52	251.12	73.40	19.00	100.00	26.00
Austin	32	415.76	306.22	97.09	1.00		11.45
Corpus Christi	16	392.22	147.09	89.40	6.60	135.00	14.13
Brenham	14	381.85	108.19	52.42	203.24	5.00	13.00
Laredo (Eng.)	6	364.46	300.01	50.00			14.45
Falfurrias	19	288.66	200.87	56.54	.25	31.00	
Elgin	39	286.43	193.06	87.47			5.90
San Antonio (M.)	33	241.01	202.56	33.65			4.80
Houston (Col.)	44	183.69	125.00	58.00			.69
Corp. Chr. (Mex.)	8	112.42	79.00	33.42			
Laredo (Mex.)	8	69.48	47.50	21.64			.34
Conference Church—Listed as follows							
Scattered	21	233.72	223.72			10.00	
Palacios	4	208.09	92.40	83.69	24.20		7.80
Kingsville	5	141.49	101.05	26.22	11.72		2.50
Three Rivers	14	96.67	39.45	54.72			2.50
Colporteur	1*	84.51	84.51				
Rosanky	3	61.45	37.04	24.41			
Bay City	1	57.16	45.00	7.10		5.00	
New Ulm	1*	58.75	58.75				
Sandia	3	45.16	41.00	4.16			
Texas City	4	37.57	20.00	12.57			5.00
Galveston	4	32.00	30.50	1.50			
Winnie	1*	27.00	27.00				
Liberty	1*	25.00	25.00				
Rosenberg	3	24.00	11.00	13.00			
Poteet	3*	19.45	19.45				
Alvin	1	22.30	16.30	6.00			
Oakwood	2	19.27	19.27				
Navasota	1*	18.00	11.00	6.00	1.00		
El Campo	*	16.37		16.37			
Beeville	1	16.00		10.00			6.00
Oakhurst	1	15.00	1.50	3.50		10.00	
Beaumont	3*	15.80	15.80				
Conroe	1*	12.00	12.00				
Gardendale	1*	10.00		10.00			
Elgin, Rt. 1	4	9.86	9.86				
Smithville	1	9.00	9.00				
Columbia	3	5.50		3.00	2.50		
Taylor	4	5.00		5.00			
Sabine	1*	2.00					2.00
607 9289.14 4943.81				1658.36	979.76	1455.00	252.21

The sign (*), designates membership

not held in Conference Church.

THE HOUSTON CAMPAIGN

The South Texas Conference committee has voted to set apart October 30 as a day of prayer and fasting for the campaign soon to be launched in Houston. This is a tremendous undertaking for a small conference but

God is still a prayer-answering God and will work in Houston to the salvation of souls if His people will seek Him with all the heart and will continually ask Him to bless in this work. I believe we have a right to expect great things in this campaign. We are throwing the best of our work-

ers into this city and the expense will be heavy. Now we must work hard and do all we can to encourage the workers and hold them up before God in prayer. The good Lord will surely bless and many people will be saved as a result.

Of course we will pray now for this campaign but please remember that on October 30 all of our churches and companies and isolated throughout the conference will beseech the Lord most earnestly for help and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

On this day an offering will be taken for the purpose of helping defray some of the incidental expense of the campaign.

So may God bless His people and let us look for interesting reports from the firing line as the work progresses in Houston.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

Texico Conference

Office, Clovis, N. M.,
Box 188

President - Elder H. M. J. Richards
Sec.-Treas. - W. W. Bricker

NEWS ITEMS

—Brother J. J. Landis, writing from Roswell, informs us that he has been detained at home for the past two weeks doing house-keeping and nursing his wife during sickness. However, he states that she is up again and he is back in the field this week.

—The good reports are still coming in from different parts of the field from the Harvest Ingathering workers. Even the isolated believers are enjoying the blessing of this campaign. Sister Grumbles who lives San Saba, sends in a very encouraging report, together with \$10.50 that she has gathered in. She is of good courage. She says that they have Sabbath school nearly every Sabbath.

—Brother Young, in a personal letter, says: "There was a man I met on the train that gave me a dollar for the Harvest Ingathering work, and wanted to know all about what the Adventists believed. He gave me his address as Armstown, Quebec Province, Canada. He wanted to know about the history of the church and the belief the church was founded upon. He seemed to be greatly interested in our work. He said he would be in Canada before long and to send

him some literature there." So, brethren and sisters, the Harvest Ingathering work opens up avenues for further missionary work.

—Brother H. P. Hardt, of Elida, has been doing some good work. He sends in \$25.50.

—We are also informed that Brother Chas. McNeil has launched his school at Hagerman with sixteen pupils.

—Miss Emma Ortner is making splendid progress with the school in Clovis. She has fifteen enrolled,—a bright, happy little bunch are they.

—Let us not forget our pledges made at camp-meeting. A few yet remain unpaid from last year. Also the tithe, let us be faithful in bringing that in.

—Can we not manage to increase our fifty-cent-a-week fund to missions? The crying needs of the field should inspire us to give liberally now to the cause of God.

—Just at this juncture a letter was received from Brother Bray in which he enclosed a check for \$42.40. This puts him "over the top" \$5.65 on his goal of \$50.00. He says that he hopes to make it \$75.00.

—Sister T. W. Heflin, who has been working in El Paso in the campaign went out Friday, October 1, and in about three hours received \$10.60. She had already turned in to the church treasurer \$7.75.

—Now brethren these reports only show what we can do when we once put ourselves to the task. How many will enter the campaign at once and help to gather in the means that is needed to help finish the work of God on the earth?

—Elder Lagrone has closed his effort at Post, at least for the present. He had been using the Presbyterian church but as they have secured a pastor, he had to give up the building. However, he feels encouraged over the prospects at Post.

—Miss Emma Kregs, of Albuquerque, has also been having some success in the work. She sends in through the Albuquerque church treasurer \$6.00. The Albuquerque church had received 300 papers. These were soon gone, so had to order another three hundred from the office. We hope to have a good report from more of the members soon.

—From the Clyde church report we glean the following items of interest.

Sister R. L. Blackwelder has collected \$13.25; Brother Blackwelder \$6.00; Brother Spies, \$2.10 and Brother Chitty \$5.50.

—Elder Serna reports four new Sabbath keepers among the Spanish as a result of his labors in El Paso. On account of Sister Serna's health they have returned to their home in Stafford, Ariz.

—Miss Wilhelmina Riehl, of whom we spoke last week, left Monday for her new field of labor in El Paso. Before leaving she collected in Clovis \$14.20 to apply on her Harvest Ingathering goal.

—Elder Spies informs us by letter that he has reached his new field of labor, Wichita Falls. He states that things are rather run down there at present, but he hopes to be able to bring things to life soon.

Oklahoma Conf.

Oklahoma City, Okla.
Box 1077

President - Elder M. B. Van Kirk
Sec.-Treas. - Burton Castle

NEWS NOTES

—Mrs. L. E. Cox, formerly of South Texas, but later of the Southern California Conference, arrived in the city Tuesday evening last week. She is to help the Oklahoma City church raise the money to pay for the church which is being rebuilt in the city.

—Miss Basel writes from Bartlesville as follows: "We are getting along nicely in the Harvest Ingathering. Four of us went about four miles to Dewey after Sabbath and worked two and one-half hours, using seventy papers and altogether we received thirty dollars on our goal. Next Sabbath night we hope to gather much more on the streets here at Bartlesville."

—Elder H. J. Miller writes that he has recently visited the negro churches at Muskogee and Tulsa. He reports a good spirit in each church. At Muskogee, the 13th Sabbath offering was \$45.63, and the total for the quarter was \$109.05. The tithe from this church for the quarter was \$202.09. The Tulsa church has set their goal for \$100.00 for Harvest Ingathering and are striving hard with excellent prospects to go over it. Three were baptized and the Lord's Supper celebrated last Sabbath afternoon. At

Southwestern Union Record

A WEEKLY JOURNAL

M. E. ELLIS.....Editor
M. LUKENS.....C. E. SMITH
Associate Editors

Published by the Southwestern Union
Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Entered October 24, 1902, at Keene,
Texas, as second-class matter, under act
of Congress of March 3, 1897.

Subscription price, per year.....\$.50

Boley, the meetings have been transferred to a hall and the prospects are very encouraging. Elder North is stationed at Boley for the present.

—Brother Voss writes from Oilton that his meetings are still well attended. There are several there who are keeping the Sabbath and desire baptism. This will be arranged soon.

—Brother Newton is busy staining and decorating the walls of the Oklahoma City church. We have secured several carpenters and are going on with the finishing in spite of the strike.

—Our president, Elder Van Kirk, left evening after Sabbath over the Rock Island for Indianapolis where he will attend the General Conference Committee Fall Council. He will be gone about two weeks.

—The children of the Oklahoma City church were in the streets accompanied by a grown person Saturday evening, October 9, preceding Senator Harding's speech and in their soliciting got about \$169.00. Pretty good for an evening's work.

—Our hearts were made very sad upon receiving indirect news on Friday, October 8, of the death of Elder G. F. Haffner. This news was later confirmed by a letter from Elder G. F. Eichman, who attended the funeral which was held at Shattuck, Okla., Sunday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. Elders Boettcher, Simon and Hein were present, each taking part in the service. The letter from Elder Eichman says that Elder Haffner underwent a surgical operation, Sunday, September 26, and died Friday, October 1. Elder Haffner was for a number of years president of this Conference and our hearts go out in loving sympathy to his bereaved wife and family. We trust that they all will be comforted by their remembrances of his faith in this message and that God will grant special favor to his aged parents and to his wife and children in this hour of their supreme grief.

—Read Elder Eichman's report in another column.

—Elder Clausen visited El Reno Sabbath, October 9.

—Miss Garrett will spend a few days on her visiting trip at Indianapolis attending the educational secretaries' meeting.

—Sabbath, October 9, Elder Barr baptized eight more converts at Perry, making seventeen baptisms and eight more keeping the Sabbath preparing for baptism.

—Brother Fillman writes that he is at home for a few days. He will return to Claremore by Friday, October 15. He is holding some meeting at the Claremore church.

—Sister Gibson has had some very interesting experiences in Harvest Ingathering work. It seemed for a time that the mayor was planning to stop the soliciting but she went to her room and engaged in earnest prayer. Soon the telephone rang and the mayor called her and said he had decided to let her go on with her work. Was not that an answer to prayer?

—Sabbath, October 9, was the day of the Harvest Ingathering program in Oklahoma City. Speeches were made by Elders Lukens, Van Kirk, Potter, Brother Dart, and others. Then the church proceeded to set its Harvest Ingathering goal at \$2000.00. If this is reached, it will amount to half as much as was raised in the Conference last year. Let every church follow this good example.

—Elder Barr closed his work at Perry and he and family are spending a week resting with Sister Barr's relatives at Tulsa. From there he goes to Dallas to assist in that campaign and after that will go to Little Rock for a short time. He will be back in this conference early in the summer and if God wills, will open the city campaign in Ardmore that was to have been carried on this winter.

Elder Sturgeon is finding a large amount of work to do at Perry. There is a good interest in a schoolhouse in the country about two miles out. He writes: "The interest here and around Perry is certainly alive and keeps us on the jump." We are glad for this result of our first medical evangelistic campaign conducted solely by local conference help and it is a further demonstration that when men follow in God's plans, He brings in the souls.

S W. J. C. NEWS NOTES

—The two new porch swings are much enjoyed by the girls of North Hall.

—The girls of the commercial department surprised Miss Leslie with a handkerchief shower, Wednesday evening. It was her birthday.

—A young ladies' seminar was organized last Sabbath with Mrs. Ac-Moody leader. This band plans to carry on active missionary work during the school year.

—The girls of North Hall are showing real school spirit in their plans to help make the dormitory more home-like. The past week they have been busy raising a fund with which to purchase a Victrola and some pictures for the parlor.

—The Foreign Mission Band was organized Friday evening. As has been the custom in past years, the band divided into two divisions, the Asiatic and the Latin-American. Each division will study the religious, people, and mission problems of the respective countries. Both these fields present many urgent needs and we trust that a number of students from S. W. J. C. will, in the near future, respond to their call.

FOR SALE.—An independent, cash wholesale business. For particulars, address A. F. Smith, 2730 Wyandotte St., Denver Colo. 47

WANTED at once.—Gentleman and lady nurse. Graduates of our institutions. Must be qualified to take charge of treatment rooms and conduct classes. Married couple preferred. Apply Dr. Gaede's Sanitarium, Weatherford, Okla. 47.

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 1921. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

WANTED.—A middle-aged or elderly lady to care for child 2 years of age. Room and board furnished. References given and required. Write at once, stating salary desired. Mrs. W. G. Hall, Quinlan, Texas, Rt. 4 47
WANTED AT ONCE.—An Adventist girl or middle-aged woman to work in Adventist bakery. Good pay and home. Mrs. Fred Austin, 613 E. 2nd St., Little Rock, Ark. 49