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FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP INSPIRES FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP No. 5

A work left to run itself runs in one direction only—into the ground. A work even having some general aspects of being looked after, if divided up and parceled out and given into the hands of several persons already burdened with a full complement of other duties, may cripple along for years and still have the name of at least existing; but a work that is aggressive and progressive, that enlists the energies of the people, that captures their attention and secures their co-operative effort, is a work that is educational in principle, that is being carefully planned for, systematically developed, painstakingly recorded, and centrally directed. If our people ever rise to any great degree of faithfulness in stewardship, it will be because of a great change in the understanding of, and a deeper faith in, the possibilities of the missionary resources of our people when under competent direction.

In "Gospel Workers," p. 236, under the caption, "Conference Presidents," this instruction is given to conference officers: "If the officers of a conference bear successfully the burdens laid upon them, they must pray, they must believe, they must trust God to use them as His agents in keeping the churches of the conference in good working order. This is their part of the vinyard to cultivate. There must be far more personal responsibility,

far more thinking and planning, far more mental power brought into the labor put forth for the Master."

From "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, p. 431, we quote: "It is evident that all the sermons that have been preached have not developed a large class of self-denying workers. This subject is to be considered as involving the most serious results. Our future for eternity is at stake. The churches are withering up because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing light."

"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out whereby the talent of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this."—Vol. IX, p. 116.

But there are some who do realize it. I wish to quote a few sentences from the personal letter of a General Conference worker on this point: "The fact is, we are losing thousands and thousands of dollars, and failing to reach the same number of people, because the men right next to the people in the home churches are not up and awake and alive to the privileges within their reach. Now, this seems quite a sweeping statement, but I do not say it in any criticising spirit, for the fact stands out more and more

prominent every year that this is the actual truth. If this same thing [systematic plans for developing missionary stewardship] could be developed in our local conferences, we might easily double the work we are doing in foreign fields, and the home field get along, not only as well, but many-fold better, because with all this there would be awakened in the hearts of our people a desire to do practical, sensible missionary work at home." And in those strikingly true statements you have in a nutshell the whole situation as it exists today over more than nine-tenths of our field.

We give these quotations to show that our present plans, the plans we have been working on, have serious weaknesses. But there is a brighter side to the picture. In the first place, we have very definite, detailed instruction as to just what is needed to better the situation. We quote but one statement from the scores that might be given on this point:—

"In every church there is talent, which, with the right kind of labor, might be developed to become a great help in this work. That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church,—talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church and also for unbelievers. It is training, education that is needed."—Vol. IX, p. 117.

There are many indications that the dawn of a brighter day in church missionary activity is breaking. In the few conferences where the first glimmer of this dawn has been caught by faith, and where time, money, and

the development of church missionary men have been unstintedly given for work, with special emphasis laid on faithful stewardship, results so gratifying from every point of view have accrued, that the most skeptical should be convinced that the Lord is abundantly willing and able to bless a step taken in faith towards carrying out the work that He says is the work needed "NOW."

May God hasten the lagging steps of His workers, quicken our hearts with the fire of zeal for His work, open our eyes to the possibilities of the present situation, and quickly bring in the long-looked-for day of the missionary revival, in which "the entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit."—Vol. VIII, p. 47.

M. E. ELLIS.

A TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA (Continued)

By R. L. Pierce

While in Brazil I had the pleasure of meeting a number of workers from the States, particularly from the Lake and Southwestern Unions. Among these I will mention the following:

Prof. T. W. Steen, who went to Brazil from the Adelpian Academy, at Holly, Mich., is the principal and business manager of the "Seminario Adventista," at Santo Amaro Sao Paulo. Prof. Steen seemed to be thoroughly happy in his work, and I could hardly speak too highly of the splendid service that he is rendering both as principal and as an economical manager. Among the other members of the faculty are Prof. G. B. Taylor, as preceptor, and Miss Mabel Patterson, who is the preceptress, matron, and normal director. Both came from the Lake Union. Prof. Taylor was the son of the late C. L. Taylor, author of "The Marked Bible"; also, of the Sister Taylor who was preceptress at the Southern Junior College year before last. Prof. Taylor holds the record for acquiring the Portuguese language. I was told that in six weeks he was able to speak it in public.

Elder F. W. Spies, whose name is almost synonymous with that of Brazil, as he has been there for something over 28 years is the president of the South Brazil Union Conference. Elder Spies is also a brother of Mrs. Morris Lukens of the Southwestern Union. Associated with him is Broth-

er C. E. Schofield as secretary and treasurer; also Prof. Walter E. Murray, a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College, who is the union educational secretary; and Brother Ennis V. Moore, as home missionary secretary. Brother Moore was formerly connected with the East Michigan Conference.

At the time of my visit, Elder E. M. Davis and family of the Southwestern Union, were located in the city of Sao Paulo. Elder Davis was acting as pastor of the Sao Paulo church, speaking through an interpreter. However, he was making good progress in the study of the language, and while I was there arrangements were being made to give Elder Davis the superintendency of a local mission conference.

Sao Bernardo, a suburb of Sao Paulo, where our publishing house is located, is on the main railway running from Sao Paulo to Santos. Brother W. H. Williams, Prof. H. U. Stevens, and I left Sao Bernardo early one morning, and after riding about an hour we came to the top of the cable part of the railroad. At this point is the beginning of a descent down the mountain side of nearly 2500 feet. This is accomplished by means of five divisions, or pairs of cables, each division of which is fully one mile in length. A train is divided into sections, with a small engine to each section which "grabs" the cable. As can be imagined, the incline is very steep, especially in some places. As the section of one train goes down, the section of another train is pulled up. However, the "right-of-way" is so narrow at many points, that there are only three tracks except in the middle of each division where the sections pass and at each end. At these places there are of course four tracks. In order to prevent the mountains from washing out the roadbed there is a large amount of terracing with brick and cement; also, an ample number of conduits for carrying off the water. The ride is an exceptionally scenic one, while it is said to be the best kept up piece of road bed in the world. Perhaps one reason for this is the fact that the government absorbs all profits of the road above 11 per cent, and the more money that the owners can spend in keeping their road in good repair the better off they are financially.

While in Santos we had the opportunity to go to the top of a mountain called "Monte Sarrat do Milagre" before our boat left for Buenos Aires.

The name of this mountain means "To the Virgin of Miracles." This mountain is only about 1500 feet high but as the path winds back and forth it required a full half hour of hard walking for us to reach the top where there is a Catholic chapel for healing. In this chapel there is a good sized room for worship similar to that in the usual Catholic church. However, hung around the walls of the room there was a large number of wax heads, hands, limbs, and other parts of the human body. These are hung up as an offering to the Virgin of Miracles with a prayer that the individual may be healed of some ailment in the corresponding part of his or her body. For instance, if a person has a sore foot, he will purchase a wax foot and hang it on the wall in this room. It is said that these wax models are kept for sale in the chapel by the priests who receive a good price for them.

In another room there were thousands of photographs, paintings, and other articles given by individuals as thank-offerings for being healed of some disease, or for escape from shipwreck or some other calamity. There were so many of these that not only were the side walls literally covered, but more than half of the ceiling also. The photographs were so close together that they overlapped each other. Among these offerings we observed a woman's hair switch, and other articles too personal to mention.

We were informed that often the most ardent devotees crawl all the way up that mountain on their hands and knees in order to be forgiven of some sin. It seems almost too horrible to believe, and yet it shows the religious inclination of the people and how anxious they are to have their sins forgiven. It is also indicative of the greatest curse to South America which has kept the people in ignorance and darkness for so many years. But the rays of truth and light are now breaking through in many places, and the efforts being put forth by our missionaries are yielding abundant results.

As we have witnessed the actual conditions in which so many of the people in South America are now living, we can but better appreciate the following words of the poet:

"I'm thinking of the mission fields

This truth has never stirred,

Where thousands sit in darkness deep

Without God's holy Word.

Send them, send them, missionaries

true;

Send them, send them, more than one or two.
 There should be a hundred where there is but one,
 We must keep on sending until the work is done."
 (To be continued)

AN IMPORTANT DATE IN HISTORY

September six will mark the opening of another year of activity for S. W. J. C. Many inquiries are being daily received in regard to rates, work to be had, amount necessary to take one through the year, and many other points. In fact there has been a steady stream of such inquiries all summer long.

The management of the school has been making great exertions to have everything in readiness for the opening day, but the building of the new building is such a large undertaking that that will probably not be all finished for some time. But other big improvements have been made, and a new steel water tower and tank is being erected, new water mains and hydrants for ample fire protection are to be installed and in every way possible the whole college plant is being put in excellent shape.

Enthusiastic S. W. J. C. meetings have been held at all the camp-meetings, and the last one held at Oklahoma City last Friday afternoon in which bout twelve or fifteen students and teachers and board members made short, stirring speeches was one of the best ones held this year.

Be on hand September six—don't let any ordinary thing keep you away from S. W. J. C. this year if you need the training for the work that she can give you.

Note:—The following article is so extremely true and right to the point, that we quote it entire. It is written by Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas in the North-

ern Union Reaper.

A GREAT MISTAKE

It is a great mistake to think we are too hard up to give. We must get that out of our minds. It is true that much is being said about hard times, and financial conditions are not so favorable as they were, but, really, it seems that offerings to missions is about the only thing in which we are economizing; we still have about the same things to eat and to wear; use just as much gasoline for automobiles

and take just as many rides for pleasure. Not many are eliminating things that seem necessary to their own happiness, and does it not seem ungrateful to begin economizing by doing less for the cause of God, when He is the source of all our blessings? Really, should we dare to plead hard times in this fruitful land so filled with bounties, with homes and loved ones and freedom to worship God? Perhaps if we do, some of these blessings may be taken from us until we shall know what hard times really are. Some of the countries of Europe know, and compared to their condition, we are rich indeed.

We must learn to make the things of God first in all our plans and then with his help we can do all that is required for the support of His work. We are coming up to the closing scenes, the "home stretch" in the giving of the gospel to all the world. What a wonderful privilege it is to have a part in it. Our hearts must be in this work, and then we shall have that out-pouring of His Spirit which will finish the work quickly. Do we really know what it is to sacrifice for the cause of God? Shall we not remember the example of the Haitian brother, spoken of in the September "Sabbath School Worker," who wore his Prince Albert coat for eighteen years, but had not missed giving a note to the Bank of Heaven every quarter since he was baptized. Shall we not consider our ways, appreciate God's blessings and continue to give liberally to finish the work?

Mrs. FLORA V. DORCAS.

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60-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR 7 MONTHS ENDING JULY 31, 1921

	White	Colored
Quota	7170.80	834.35
Amount Received	3054.34	606.24
Amount Short	4116.46	228.11

NEWS NOTES

—A series of meetings have just been opened at Searcy, with Elders Hickman and Baker in charge. A strong company is connected with this effort: Brother Hooper and wife have charge of the music, Sister Hansen

of the medical talks, and Sister Hopkins will do Bible work. In addition to this the Searcy church is prepared to give some splendid help. Elder Hickman made a short trip to the office the other day for supplies, and reports that the interest is good.

—Brother D. M. Twiggs has been spending some time looking after the work in Little Rock.

—Elder H. Clay Griffin will leave his home in Gentry the first of next week for an extended visit with relatives in Utah. His daughter, Ida, will accompany him.

—Elder and Mrs. J. I. Taylor and Miss Rosa Taylor spent the ten days just following camp-meeting visiting with relatives in Texas. They report a most enjoyable trip. Elder Taylor is now planning to visit the company at Doddridge and the church at Hope before he takes up definitely the work of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

AN ENCOURAGING NOTE

When the report of the work of the Missionary Volunteers in Arkansas was made up for the past quarter the value of the Present Truth campaign was apparent. The total amount of papers distributed was twice the number for any other quarter for over a year, and amounted to 4095. We are glad indeed for the interest the young people took in the Present Truth campaign, and are now awaiting anxiously the results of the work with the "Leaves of Autumn." As young people we can do a great work sowing the seed of gospel truth, so let us be of good courage, for with God's help we are well able to do the work he wants us to do.

LORENA E. WILCOX.

TENT MEETING AT SEARCY

Our meeting at Searcy has now been in progress just one week last night. The attendance has been good ranging from about 150 to 250. The tent is 40x60 and well seated but it will not hold the people some nights.

The Baptists have been running a revival meeting every since and before we started our meeting, but they closed last night so we are expecting that the attendance will be still larger this week.

The people have given the best of order and attention and some, are taking a deep interest in what they are hearing.

We solicit the prayer of the brethren

ren and sisters in behalf of the effort that many souls may be led into the light of the third angels message.

Your brother in Christ,
ISAAC BAKER.

OBITUARIES

TAYLOR.—Silas Taylor was born at Little Rock, Ark., June 19, 1907, and died June 19, 1921, by an accident, drowning in a lake. He was a faithful member of the Sabbath school and young people's society, and is survived by his mother, a stepfather, grandmother, one aunt and four uncles. His mother, grandmother, and two uncles are rejoicing in the truth. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

FRAMPTON.—Arthur Frampton, Jr., was born September, 1915, and died by an accident, August 10, 1921. He was the only boy and youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frampton. He is survived by his parents and three sisters, and a host of other relatives. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

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60-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR 7 MONTHS SENDING JULY 31, 1921

	White	Colored
Quota	34525.40	1835.57
Amount Received	17879.85	1033.93
Amount Short	16545.55	801.64

KETCHUM

We have a nice, commodious church and school house three and one-half miles southwest of Ketchum. We are planning on a school this year. We find we have room for several students in each grade, including the tenth grade. Two or three families could be located here. We want families who are interested in the church and school work, who believe this message is soon to close. You can help us and we can help you in this school work. Address R. W. Sufficool, Ketchum, Okla.

OBITUARY

FILLMAN.—Jessie S. Fillman was born in Pennsylvania November 11, 1840, and died at the home of his son, Elder Fillman, August 11, 1921, where he was cared for through his last sickness. He was a good man and a faithful church member. Services were held at the Ketchum church where he was laid to rest.

R. W. SUFFICOOL.

OBITUARY

BRINK.—Mrs. Isabelle Rolland Brink was born June 30, 1860, at Sturgeon, Mo., and died at her home south of Gage, Okla., August 13, 1921, with heart trouble. Her age was 61 years, 6 months, and 14 days. She was married to G. W. Brink, August 5, 1875. To this union 13 children were born, four of which have preceded her in death. Mrs. Brink has loved her Savior, and 22 years ago was converted and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church. She lived the message of her Savior and remained a true and faithful member of this church. She was a lovable mother. The names of her children are: Mrs. T. C. Harrison, Hubert, Okla.; Mrs. W. L. Brink, Branson, Colo.; Mrs. Fannie May Froage, Gage, Okla.; Mrs. Ella Meyers, Canadian, Texas; Mrs. Della Breiderwell, Des Moines, New Mexico; Mr. James N. Brink, Trinidad, Colo.; Mrs. Myrtle Jacoby, Gage, Okla.; Miss Eliza Jane Brink, Gage, Okla. All her living children but one were present at the funeral, as well as several other relatives from various localities.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large congregation at the Methodist church at Gage, Okla., from Rev. 20:6, and John 11:25, 26.

A. G. STEINERT.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For twenty-seven years the believers in the third angel's message have been assembling in some city or town of Oklahoma in annual conference. During this time the personnel of the believers has changed many times. Many of the pioneer believers have been laid away to await the summons of the Life-giver. Others have removed to other states, while many new believers have been added from year to year and many of their faces appear in this annual gathering. The year just past has been full of perplex-

ity. Financial conditions have been strained and our Conference has been no exception to the rule. Whereas last year we carried a full complement of workers, their number has been gradually reduced. At the close of our camp-meeting last year we had forty-four workers on our payroll; today we have twenty-nine, and one of these working half time. We are glad we have been able to keep up the salaries of this large force of laborers, but unless our tithe increases materially, some adjustment will be necessary.

Our plans to build up several strong city churches have been successful as will be seen when the details are mentioned later. Our departments have been manned by individual secretaries and the results obtained have shown the wisdom of the move.

Several changes in conference departmental secretaries have been planned and some of them have been made. Brother Kirkham, who has been so successful as our colporteur leader, has been called to the work in South Texas. He has concluded after carefully studying the situation that he will accept this call. He has a large field in which to operate and we assure our sister conference that in securing Brother Kirkham they have a good leader. As we say goodbye to him, it is with a sincere desire that God will abundantly bless him and his good wife and family. We have secured the services of Brother C. N. Young, who has had many years experience as a successful colporteur and has done excellent work as field secretary of Texico.

A brief review of our departments may be in place here although we shall expect the secretary of each to present a more detailed report at the proper time.

Probably the greatest record ever made by the colporteurs was made in the year 1920. We delivered books to the amount of seventy-one thousand dollars. The sales thus far this year have been \$36,368.98 and the deliveries to date \$18,574.19. Thus we see that God still blesses our colporteurs in their efforts to extend this message. The Sabbath school department has made commendable progress both in the matter of daily study of the lesson and donations. Sister Lukens, our secretary, will tell you of many interesting experiences.

The home missionary department is one of our most important lines. Here is a systematic plan to keep every

one at work. We have not yet reached a measure of fifty per cent of our possibilities. The field is unlimited and God desires His servants to step into every opportunity opened to them. While our Harvest Ingathering last year amounted to over \$7,000, there is no good reason why it should not reach \$20,000 if every one would do his part. Then the results in souls that have come to several of our churches demonstrates what may be done when everyone does something in a definite way towards the finishing of this message as the results of the efforts at Carmen and Coodys Bluff show. One of our greatest problems is the securing of the reports of work done.

The work of educating our children is a very important matter. Our conference managed to conduct more schools than in any previous year and to carry them through in spite of difficult financial conditions.

Miss Garrett, who has been at the head of our educational work for the past eleven years has resigned and after hearing her reasons, although very lothe to part with her in this capacity the committee felt that consideration should be given her wishes so planned to release her at this meeting. In casting about to fill her place the members of the executive committee carefully considered the needs of the conference and available material and have invited Miss Letha Taylor to take Miss Garrett's place. These suggestions, of course, are subject to the approval of this body of delegates. It was a bit embarrassing to assume these responsibilities on the eve of the organization of this conference session but it seemed folly to leave the selection of persons to fill these important places until this gathering and then to have no cue to suggest. Of course, we recognize your authority and so do these individuals whom we have suggested and we gladly leave these suggestions to your body for ratification.

The evangelistic efforts of the past twelve months have been productive of good results. Aside from the smaller meetings which have been conducted by our brethren in different parts of the conference, there have been three city campaigns carried on. One was at Muskogee under the leadership of Elder L. B. Schick. With him were associated Elder R. W. Leach, Brother and Sister Long, Sister Schick, and Mrs. Francis Thomas. The meeting was conducted along

medical evangelistic lines and continued from the last Sunday in September 1920 to Sunday night, March 13, 1921, a period of five and one-half months. Forty-four members were added to the church and there were seventeen others who were keeping the Sabbath at the close of the effort, making sixty-one Sabbath keepers in all.

May 15, 1921, this same company, except Elder Leach and Sister Thomas and with the addition of Elder Fillman, opened a campaign in Shawnee. The meetings were held in a large, new pavilion and continued until August 8. The results show a church of thirty members organized August 13 and 29 others keeping the Sabbath. This totals 120 Sabbath keepers to the credit of this campaign in ten months. In more detail it means an average of 12 believers each month which would give a credit of two persons to each member of this campaign monthly.

The same date of the opening of the campaign at Shawnee, Elder Barr and his company, consisting of himself and wife, Brother and Sister Burger, Brother Alton Hughes and Miss Viola Joplin, began a like effort in Sapulpa. This company was increased later by Brother and Sister Hanhardt of the Southwestern Junior College music department, and Miss Emma Ortner, who became Mrs. Alton Hughes a short time after the opening of the effort. Because of the continued interest this meeting is still in progress which accounts for the absence of this body of workers from the camp. They will attend by relays.

On Sabbath, August 13, assisted by Elder McDonald, Elder Barr baptized fifty-two believers, one had been previously baptized and five others are fully ready, sickness making a delay necessary, and there are twenty others keeping the Sabbath. Last Sabbath their Sabbath school numbered one hundred fifty. When this campaign began it numbered about twenty-five.

There has been an average of eight workers continually in this effort. Allowing fourteen weeks to date, this averages five Sabbath keepers each week of the effort with the final result still in question as the interest seems to warrant our expecting others to take a stand for God's truth.

We should in justice mention that Elder Fillman added eight to the Ketchum church last April. Elder

McDonald secured fifteen Sabbath-keepers at Coalton, all alone this summer. Elder Sturgeon has baptized several at Perry and others are awaiting baptism. Brother Grant has secured a good company at and near Stigler. I think all of our laborers can report some fruit at a result of their work during the past year.

We do not have an accurate method of determining just how many left the state. We estimate, however, by comparing the membership of last year which was reported as 2071 with the present membership 2212 that we made a gain of 165; while this may not be exact, it is very near the present standing.

Three churches have been organized during the year, viz.: Sand Springs, with a membership of eighteen; Stigler, with a membership of nineteen, and Shawnee, with membership of thirty. We understand that these churches have elected delegates who are here to request admission to this conference.

The work for our colored people has been going forward under difficulties. The Tulsa riot which resulted in the loss of our church building was a great calamity; however, our colored brethren have stood the test nobly and are doing their best to overcome the difficulties that are incident to this calamity, and they are faithful to the truth.

We had planned to hold an effort for the colored people at Okmulgee, but an end of our large tent was lost in transporting the outfit from Boley where it was stored. The truck man delivered the goods on the ground where the tent was pitched when no one was there and when coming later for his pay, declared he delivered the full number of bundles. After our refusal to pay transportation charges until goods were delivered, he attached the goods, thus bringing us into a lawsuit. This resulted, after several weeks' delay; in judgment in favor of the conference, less transportation charges. A few days later the end of the tent was found at Okemah but it was too late to carry out this project. Elder Miller assisted the Arkansas Conference in holding an effort for the colored people in Fort Smith. We will receive help from them in return for this favor next year.

Our tract society reported sales to the amount of \$77,000 retail during the year 1920. The sales the first half of 1921 show a decrease but still

they are good. Brother Stilson is ably assisted by Sister Mabel Killion. When Brother Castle, our conference treasurer, was called away in July to take the work of treasurer and auditor of the Southeastern Union Conference, it seemed best to the committee to ask Brother Stilson to undertake both the work of conference treasurer and tract society secretary; to make this possible, the committee elected Miss Daisy Guy assistant treasurer of the conference and Mrs. Killion assistant secretary and treasurer of the tract society. This arrangement, if we can carry it out with out loss in efficiency, is a saving of \$125.00 each month. In the short time it has been in operation it has seemed to work very well. We have not as yet organized a direct medical department but this work has been emphasized in connection with our evangelical work. The religious liberty department found opportunity for active work and through its influence copies of the book, "Freedom", were sent to every editor of a daily paper, every member of the state legislature and many others. Our people responded nobly with means to support this campaign. The conference is sending out over 1200 copies of the magazine, Liberty, to these same men including judges, lawyers, etc. Now is the time for a very active effort on the part of every Seventh-day Adventist. We must educate people along the lines of correct principles. The religious law advocates are working throughout the length and breadth of the land and some day through the influence of their efforts their purposes will be accomplished.

Regarding the result of the evangelical efforts which have been mentioned, it may be said that 279 baptisms have been reported which has enlarged our membership to 2212. Our churches report names dropped as follows: Deaths eleven, apostacies forty-one, and transfers by letter, many of whom left the state, to the number of two hundred and fifty-one. I believe every worker now in active service in evangelical lines can honestly report some fruit.

Our tithe receipts for the first six months of 1921 are reported to me as \$23484.25. The receipts for the same period of 1920 were \$37595.82 which is \$13532.35 more than the first six months of the current year. The cutting off of this large sum from our income has seriously hampered our op-

erations.

We have expended about \$6000.00 more in salaries and administrative expense than we have received. This was made possible only through the appropriation of more than \$2000.00, by the tract society and some surplus funds that have accumulated.

We have now come to the place where we must either revise our plans, reduce our wages and workers or secure a larger income. We believe if we could secure funds with which to carry on active campaigns in two more cities this winter that the added income from increase in membership would meet our running expenses. It is your responsibility to study these questions and plan for some solution of these problems.

With the opening of this, the 27th conference session, the active responsibilities are turned to this body of delegates. As we review the results of our efforts to carry this message during the past twelve months, our hearts well with gratitude to our heavenly Father and to Jesus our Savior for the manifest blessings which came from their hands. Amidst our financial difficulties God has led us safely and has not failed to provide. None of our laborers have undergone serious illness. We are conscious of personal weaknesses and as we take a retrospective view we see where a number of mistakes have been made.

Among the important matters that should engage a part of the attention of this gathering is the financial provision for meeting the mission quota which to date is more than \$16,000.00 in arrears! The planning for our work so that no retrograde movement may come. To keep up the program that has been begun, that of establishing a working church in every large city, some added income must be secured.

The time has come for this body of delegates to assume the responsibilities and as your servants, your executive committee, gladly turn these responsibilities to you. Careful and prayerful consideration should be given to the election of your officers for the ensuing year. A few wise and simple plans may properly be suggested for the guidance of your incoming executive committee. While we should take sufficient time to consider any and all important questions let no unnecessary time be spent in frivolous discussion.

May God give His blessing to this body of delegates and enbue them

with wisdom that they may choose the proper officers and lay broad and wise plans for the carrying forward of this work another year.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

THE SHAWNEE CAMPAIGN

Sabbath, August 13, the date which we had set for organizing the church and to which we had been looking forward for some weeks finally came. Elder Van Kirk was present and after examining the candidates and finding them to be Seventh-day Adventists in all respects, he organized a church of thirty members. Immediately after the church was organized, we went to Broadway Park where we baptized the new members.

Our effort had been running for thirteen weeks when we organized. The tent has been crowded every Sunday night and on the last Sunday night the tent was more than filled by an interested audience to hear the "Eastern Question."

The newspaper has been very liberal in giving us space in which to report outlines of the lectures and give notices. These newspaper items were read by hundreds of people who did not attend the meetings at the tent.

The workers connected with the effort, Brother and Sister Long, Elder Fillman, Miss Riffle and Mrs. Schick have worked hard. The success of the meeting, in a large measure is due to the faithful and untiring efforts of these workers.

While we have taken the tent down the work in Shawnee is not finished. We have secured a hall down in the city where we hold our Sabbath services and which we will use for the Sunday night meetings.

Besides the thirty who are now organized into a church, we have twenty nine others who have started to keep the Sabbath and who will shortly be ready for baptism; also a long list who manifest a good interest in the truth, and we hope to see some of these take a firm stand on the truth very shortly. In the course of a few weeks we expect to add quite a few of these who are interested and keeping the Sabbath, to the church.

We solicit the prayers of our people in a very definite way that the Lord may continue to bless the work in Shawnee, and that it may continue to grow and that the new church there may prove to be a bright light for the third angel's message.

L. B. SCHICK.

COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, For Week Ending August 20, 1921

Name	Address	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	Total	Del.
J. F. Stringer, G. P.		GC	40	1	5.00	1.00	6.00	13.00
H. E. Crane, Temple		BR	19	14	79.50	.25	79.75	
Mabel Nielson, Waxahachie		OD	18	6	18.00	.80	18.80	
Ruth James, Waxahachie		OD	17	13	39.00	5.10	44.10	
Rosa Graves, Hillsboro		OD	13	2	6.00	.50	6.50	
Workers 5			107	36	147.50	7.65	155.15	13.00

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, For Week Ending August 13, 1921

M. E. Black, Bastrop		BR	64	7	44.50	3.00	47.50	
M. Castillo, Laredo		HM	62	20	68.00	19.50	87.50	
J. Kible, Columbus		OD	54	20	61.00	3.75	64.75	
J. Castillo, Joyce		HM-PG	54	10	46.50	12.00	58.50	
W. McKenzie, Columbus		OD	53	23	70.00	2.75	72.75	10.75
A. C. Griffin, Guadalupe		OD	43	11	51.50	1.80	53.30	
M. E. Black, Bastrop*		BR	42	3	18.50	.50	19.00	
M. E. Sylvester, Elgin		OD	42	5	16.00	1.50	17.50	
G. A. King, Humble		BR	42					88.50
C. Stuart, Lockhart		GC	40	3	15.00		15.00	6.25
R. E. Lynn, Caldwell		DR	32	6	31.00		31.00	
Roy Griffin, Goose Creek		BR	31	17	93.00	5.35	98.35	
E. J. Black, Bastrop *		BR	45	18	114.00	3.50	117.50	3.50
S. A. Runnels, San Antonio		BR	17	7	41.55		41.55	6.00
U. M. Cooke, Nueces		PP	18			16.75	16.75	16.75
Gary Emerson, Leming		OD	16	3	13.50	3.65	17.15	3.65
E. M. Adair, Kinksville		HM	13	1	3.50	7.90	11.40	39.75
Workers 16 *2 weeks			668	168	687.55	81.95	769.50	175.15

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, For Week Ending August 20, 1921

U. M. Cooke, Corpus Christi	DR-PP	76	164					1014.50
A. F. Brewer, Humble	BR	120	38	197.50	12.25	209.75		90.75
John Kibble, Weimar	OD	60	20	60.13	1.75	61.88		1.75
C. M. Norman, San Antonio	BR	38	21	112.00		112.00		12.50
G. A. King, Houston	BR	36	12	62.00	4.00	66.00		
S. A. Runnels, San Antonio	BR	32	14	69.78		69.78		
E. M. Adair, Falfurrias	HM	17	2	7.00		7.00		45.15
M. D. Sylvester, Giddings	OD	14	21	65.50	1.25	66.75		
A. C. Griffin, N. Braunfels	OD	14	1	3.00	.50	3.50		
E. J. Black, Bastrop	BR	4						2.00
G. Emerson, Floresville	HM	52			1.80	1.80		294.00
Workers 11		463	293	576.91	21.55	598.46		1460.65

TEXICO CONFERENCE, For Week Ending August 20, 1921

J. D. Wilburn	BR	23	4	22.00	11.25	33.25		109.25
B. L. Bartlett	OD-BR	26	2	8.00	1.75	9.75		86.25
Anna Daniels	OD	23						62.50
Edward Stairs	GC	29						61.00
Nellie Daniels	OD	24						44.25
B. L. Bartlett	DR-OD	36	10	49.00	9.25	58.25		9.00
M. E. McNeely	BR	26	3	15.00	2.50	17.50		7.25
Nellie Daniels	OD	22	7	21.00	4.25	25.25		6.00
Anna Daniels	OD	24	6	23.00	6.50	29.50		2.50
J. D. Wilburn	BR	4	2	10.00	7.50	17.50		
Bibles				79.25		79.25		106.00
Misc.				258.90		258.90		258.90
Magazines				10.00		10.00		10.00
Workers 6		237	34	496.15	43.00	539.15		762.90

WANTED: Home for bright boy 11 years old, with school privileges. Parents offer to pay reasonable sum for care. Boy speaks only Spanish at

present, and parents living in Mexico City, desire to educate him in the States. Parents are members of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Ad-

dress: Señora Josephina Illingsworth, 9a Jesus Carranza, 108, Int. 6, Mexico City, D. F., Mexico.

FOREIGN HARVEST INGATHERING MAGAZINES

On the date when this is written (August 23), our foreign Harvest Ingathering magazines are ready and all orders filled in the following languages: Bohemian, Danish-Norwegian, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian, Swedish, and Yiddish. By the time this announcement appears in print, the Serbian and Finnish editions will undoubtedly be ready and orders all filled. This leaves only the Rumanian and up to the present time we have not received the translated manuscript for this from Europe. We hope it will come very soon and if it does the magazines can be printed in a few days.

We feel confident that those who expect to use foreign magazines this year received their supply abundantly early (that is, if they ordered early), for with the exception of the languages mentioned above and one or two others, all our Harvest Ingathering orders were filled the first week in August. Orders received since that time have been filled the same day they arrived.

Please note that the French and Portuguese editions are already exhausted and no more can be printed. Fifteen thousand copies were printed in French and as this is four thousand more than were used last year, the brethren felt the supply would be ample. But they are all gone and those who ordered late will be disappointed, much to our regret.

This is the first year we have printed a Portuguese edition and so the brethren could only estimate how many would be needed. Four thousand were printed and these have all been sent out.

At present we have an abundant supply in the other languages. Since there are so many Italians in this country, a large edition was printed in this language and also in the Polish and it is hoped our people will make a special effort to reach the people of these nationalities wherever they are found.

In harmony with the announcement in the Review by Brother Crisler, of the Shanghai, China, office, we cabled for a supply of Chinese Harvest Ingathering magazines. We delayed the

order two weeks past the date set so that all might have time to get their orders to us. Quite a number of orders came in later, however, and these were forwarded to China by mail. We do not know when these Chinese papers will arrive, but we do not expect those ordered by cable before September 15. They may not come as soon as that. We will forward them as soon as received. Up to this time we have no definite word regarding the price, but they will all be charged at a certain rate per copy, as this is the plan adopted for the Chinese edition.

Splendid reports are already being received of early work in soliciting among the foreign-speaking people. Sister Mozar writes from Connecticut: "About a week ago, I started to solicit for missions. I used quite a few Hungarian papers and some Italian. I have a little over \$60.00 now and want to get at least \$100.00."

You can usually make your goal most easily if you work among the foreign-speaking people.

S. N. CURTISS,
Brookfield, Ill.

PRICES PAID FOR NEW MEMBERS

It is estimated that the cost of each new member added to the denomination through the usual evangelical method is \$145.00. The following statements, therefore, are interesting and worthy of serious reflection:

A brother in Charleston, South Carolina, says four years ago he received 4 copies of Present Truth which weighed upon his mind for four years and finally led him to give his heart to the Lord and unite with the S. D. A. church, having been a Baptist for sixteen years. These 4 copies of Present Truth cost 2 cents four years ago, with postage of 1 cent, making a total of 3 cents.

A sister in New Hampshire received 10 copies of Present Truth sent to her by the publishers. These confirmed her upon the Sabbath question and she is now keeping the Sabbath; cost 10 cents.

A brother in Texas received 3 copies of Present Truth. He began keeping the Sabbath, and immediately paid for the circulation of 2,000,000 copies of Present Truth, "The Definite Seventh Day." In other words, in one year after he began the observance of the Sabbath, he taught the Sabbath through the Present Truth to about 10,000,000. Bringing this brother

into the truth cost some one mailing the papers to him a few moments of time, and 1 1-2 cents for the papers with 1 cent postage; total 2 1-2 cents. We now know of 9 individuals keeping the Sabbath and belonging to the church as the result of this individual's effort. Doubtless there are many more of whom we do not know at the present time.

There are scores of other cases similar to these, all of which emphasize the economy and efficiency of the use of Present Truth in all evangelical work.

D. W. REAVIS.

TO USERS OF PRINTING EVERYWHERE

Dear Friends:—We printed two short articles in these columns last winter regarding the work of the College Press, the printing department of S. W. J. C., and asking for your patronage. We have been receiving orders for printing ever since. But we want more of your business—we want ALL of it.

We have received orders in the last five months from eight or ten large firms in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Cleburne that came to us because some one for whom we had done work had recommended us, and now they are satisfied customers, too. We can do any kind of work you want done, or, if you want something that is out of our line in the printing or publishing work we can GET it done FOR you, cheaper than you can get it done yourself.

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AND THE REASON WE ASK FOR YOUR BUSINESS—every job of work you send here helps some person through school. We have had a dozen applications for work in our office from students who understand printing, and want to work their way through school. We can help only two or three because the most of our people get what printing they want done somewhere else than from the

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THE COLLEGE PRESS,
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Keene, Texas.

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FOR SALE.—Land, improved and unimproved, at reasonable price. Near 10-grade intermediate school. Also, have some farms for rent. Located in Wharton Co., Tex., 50 miles from the gulf, with the climate tempered summer and winter by the gulf breeze. Those contemplating a change in the fall would do well to write early. Chas. Putnam, El Campo, Tex. 3mo.

FOR SALE: Brown, or natural rice.

I still have some rice, and will sell it as long as it lasts at \$4.00 per hundred F. O. B. El Campo. It is fanned and re-cleaned before being shipped, and is free from weevil and trash. The new rice will be higher when it comes in. Chas. Putnam, El Campo, Texas. 37

At Dr. Gaede's Sanitarium four lady nurses are wanted to take up the nurses' training course, beginning September 19. Address: Dr. D. Gaede, Weatherford, Okla. 35

Study at Home.—There's a way. Lincoln found it, so can you. The Fireside Correspondence School will show you the way. White for new catalog today. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

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