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## CHOOSING OFFICERS

"Enfeebled and defective, needing constantly to be warned and counseled, the church is nevertheless the object of Christ's supreme regard." Vol. 7, p. 16.

"Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care. Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those who are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticising and discouraging." Vol. 6, p. 42, par. 1.

In view of this statement from the Spirit of Prophecy it must be apparent that one chosen as an officer in the church accepts a position of service to God and His people for whom He has made the greatest sacrifice ever made known to the human race. The position is not one of superiority, but one solely for fostering the best interests of God's own organization.

The selection and election of church officers therefore becomes at once a matter of great importance. Official positions are not to be looked upon as prizes to be sought for.

In proceeding with this important business, a suitable committee should be appointed, composed of those who have the welfare of the church at heart. It may not be advisable to place on this committee the best talent of the church for officers lest it result in embarrassment either by the committee choosing officers from their own number or depriving the church of its best material.

The duties of the church officers is generally understood, yet we are constantly face to face with the fact that there are those newly come to the truth who are not familiar with the organization of the church, hence instruction is in order occasionally.

The elder, where there is no pastor, is the chief officer of the church. As such, however, it is not expected, nor in order, that he alone direct in church affairs. A church board composed of the officers, constitutes the board, the actions of which should be submitted to the church as a body, generally for

adoption or ratification before committing the church to any policy.

Another office of great importance is that of treasurer. The vast amount of money received and disbursed through the General Conference treasury, comes in mostly in small amounts from the individuals making up the church membership. All these funds are sacred to the work of God, whether received for the local work of the church or for the support of the ministry or mission operations in lands across the water.

The treasurer should first of all be a consecrated individual with a deep love for the truth and a sense of the sacredness of the position of custodian of the funds intrusted to his or her care.

If possible, one with some real business ability, one who can manage successfully his own financial affairs, one capable of helping the church to devise methods of meeting all their financial burdens and responsibilities, should be chosen.

The magnitude of our organization requires a very careful study whereby we may make our receipts care for all our obligations. Debts should invariably be avoided. Careful planning and equitable distribution of the financial requirements will greatly help in avoiding embarrassment when unusual demands are made which come to churches from time to time.

Therefore in the choosing of men and women to serve the church, which is the object of God's tenderest care, it should be with the greatest endeavor to secure for every office the most suitable person.

C. H. CASTLE.

## PRESIDENT FOR SOUTH TEXAS

Soon after the departure of Elder Elliott the executive committee of the South Texas Conference was called together at San Antonio for the purpose of electing a man to succeed Elder Elliott who had accepted a call to the presidency of the East Caribbean Union, with headquarters at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The entire committee was present

and gave very careful and prayerful consideration to a list of about eight names, several of which were submitted by the union conference president.

The unanimous choice fell upon Elder F. L. Perry, who has been laboring in the various parts of South America, in nearly every conference capacity and thus is eminently qualified for the task before him.

Elder Perry served very acceptably as president of the North Texas Conference for nearly two years, resigning to accept a call to return to South America, from which it was necessary to return for health reasons. These have now been overcome and he is ready for full work. Elder Perry has written his acceptance and will leave from Huntsville, Alabama, where he has been teaching Bible in the Oakwood Junior College, in a few days and he hopes before the 20th of the month to be at San Antonio to take full charge. We bespeak for Elder Perry the fullest support from our loyal South Texas believers. Elder Perry has one advantage in that he can use the Spanish language both in public work and private conversation.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

## BY THE WAY No. 5

Continuing our journey north from Boston we drove along the Maine coast where waves of the old Atlantic unceasingly roll. Upon my desk a small smooth rock from the shore serves as a paper weight.

In Portland we saw the birthplace of Longfellow. Not far from this house is the large red brick house where he died after having lived there for many years.

Driving northwest from Portland we passed some most beautiful scenery among the forests and hills of old New England. Light frosts had turned the leaves of the forest to every color and tint known and presented a vast bouquet for miles and miles of the most gorgeous coloring. Every mountain-side appeared to be one great and glorious bouquet. It was truly a sight

never to be forgotten. Notwithstanding the curse of sin resting upon the earth, God has left abundant evidence of his handiwork, which man cannot duplicate.

A peculiar formation of rock in the mountains of New Hampshire, viewed at the correct angle, shows very plainly the clear outline of a man's face and has come to be known as the "Old Man of the Mountain." Viewed from any other point, it is only a jagged rock projecting out of the mountain side.

We drove for many miles along the shore of Lake Champlain in New York State, up into Canada, back into New York and on down to Niagara Falls. We viewed this wonderful waterfall from the American side, then crossed over to Canada and got a different view. In the evening on the Canadian side, very powerful lights of different colors are thrown upon the falling water and the effect thus produced will never be effaced from one's memory. Truly nature is wonderful in its manifestations. The roar of the falls could be heard during the wak-

ing moments of the night, many blocks away, where we spent the night.

While in New York we stood upon the old foundation of the first Seventh-day Adventist church ever dedicated by this people. This is at Buck's Bridge, New York. My father was once a member of this church. On my desk, serving as a paper weight, is a piece of granite that was chipped from one of the stones that constituted a part of the foundation.

C. H. CASTLE.

#### THE FALL COUNCIL ACTS On Management of Church Schools

Whereas, The church school is a department of the church organization, the same as the Sabbath School, the Missionary Volunteer Society, and other departments of the church, and

Whereas, the responsibility to lead and direct *all* the spiritual endeavors and departments of the church is lodged in the church pastor or elder with the other officers of the church, therefore

Voted for the favorable considera-

tion of the churches the adoption of the following plan of management of our church schools:

1. That the church board be the school board.
2. That the church pastor or elder act as chairman in this as in all other regular meetings of the church board.
3. That where necessary, a committee of the church board and others if desired, be appointed to attend to the routine matters pertaining to the conducting of the school.
4. That the school funds be handled by the church treasurer or his assistant as are all other church funds.
5. That in places where several churches co-operate in conducting a union school a central managing board be elected from the union's church boards.
6. That the leader of the Home and School Association be a member of the church board.

E. A. POHLE.

**ARKANSAS CONFERENCE**  
1215 Marshall St., Little Rock, Ark.  
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Sec'y-Treas.—Ella Winn  
Arkansas Book and Bible House  
Sec'y-Treas.—Jas. B. Ross

#### SPRINGDALE, HIWASSEE, DECATUR AND GENTRY

When I last wrote to the RECORD I had just arrived at Springdale where the oldest church in the conference is located. We had a good meeting in the church Sunday night. That night one sister was received into the church who accepted the truth as a result of attending the meetings I conducted in the church over a year ago. It was like getting back home to spend a little while in Springdale.

Tuesday I went to Hiwassee. I had a nice walk of about two miles north of town to where the Bringer family lives. A service was held in the little church in town that night. There are fourteen members in this church.

Decatur was my next stop, where we had a meeting in the church Wednesday night. A number of visitors were present and some of them are studying the truth with Sister Cheney.

Then I came on to Gentry where I remained over the Sabbath. Some of the families have moved away from Gentry, but others have come to take

their places. The number remains about the same. Three services and a business meeting were held. Officers for another year were elected. I was very glad to see Brother and Sister Bainer again. They are now living here having returned from a seven-year term of missionary work in South America. There is a good spirit in the Gentry church and school and things are moving along well.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE**  
2900 Live Oak St., Dallas, Texas  
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Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner  
North Texas Book & Bible House  
Sec'y-Treas. † C. G. Ortner

#### NORTH TEXAS NEWS ITEMS

Elder Rubendall spent the past week at Lufkin in the interest of the home missionary work.

Elder and Mrs. White, and Brother Ortner and family, visited the Fort Worth effort on a recent Sunday night. The attendance was very good.

Brother Ortner visited with our Denison and Sherman believers Sabbath, December 1, and returned just in time to join the Dallas singing band for the night.

The quarterlies for the first quarter of 1929 are in the office, and we are

glad to receive your orders for quarterlies and other Sabbath School supplies early.

Elder Benton and Elder Ruf, who both attended the Regional Missionary Volunteer Convention at College View, each spent several days in the office the past week.

Elder Stemple White and Mrs. White are now comfortably settled at 4401 Roseland Street. Elder White plans to begin Sunday night meetings in the church by the first of the year.

The selling of the Home Workers books is going in good shape. At least three or four new workers have started with these good books the past week. This is the time to sell our small books.

Elder Benton and Professor Tucker spent part of Thursday following up some of their Harvest Ingathering efforts at Cleburne. Their labors were crowned with success. The place reserved for Elder Benton on the Honor Roll of the Harvest Ingathering Tidings will be amply occupied the next time the Bulletin is issued.

We are glad to report that our missionary secretaries in the churches have been very active in calling attention of our church members to the splendid Home Missionary wall Calendars for 1929. We know this to be

the fact, because 125 at least have been mailed out from our office. We still have a small supply on hand. They come at twenty-five cents per copy. If you want one, please get your order in early.

THE ELEVENTH HOUR SHOWING

It is with much hope that we will, as a conference, pass last year's mark, that we pass this information on to the field. You will notice that the accompanying report reveals some very interesting facts which are very different from the former report. Six districts out of the eight show a gain over last year, covering, of course, a period of eleven months only.

The Dallas church, which has stood high for the past two years, has redeemed itself during the month of November, inasmuch as the report reveals a gain over last year. Hillsboro and Cedar Grove have come out strong also during the month of November. These two places were visited by Sister Eder. A report was received at the office yesterday that fifty-one dollars were raised at Clifton in two days. This was the first stop Sister Eder made on an extended tour through the south west part of the field. We feel confident that Clifton will come in with a gain by the end of the year.

Professor Parrish, who is in a special way fostering the singing work of the college, was at Dallas Tuesday, where he and the writer scouted for more territory. An exceptionally good section of Highland Park was selected, and set apart for our college young people. We feel confident that they will meet with much success in that section.

Brother Jacob Wust, of Henrietta, has been working to get his hundred dollars raised, the amount which he raised last year, and was credited to the Henrietta church. We feel sure Henrietta will redeem its good name through the faithful efforts of our brethren in that field.

Brother Watkins, together with Elder Miller, our union evangelist, is developing plans by which they will bring Corsicana on the map for 1929.

Let us not be deceived by the fact that we show a gain for 1928, because last year during December over thirteen hundred dollars were received at the conference office from the various churches and companies. If we want to show a gain for the year, which we

NORTH TEXAS COMPARATIVE HARVEST INGATHERING STATEMENT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS, 1928-1927

Dist. and Church	Members	Harvest	Harvest
		Ingathering 1928	Ingathering 1927
Clifton .....	5	.....	.....
Cleburne .....	14	37.99	45.81
Fort Worth .....	128	502.97	366.92
Hillsboro .....	20	181.40	84.25
Keene .....	345	250.80	343.36
Isolated .....	19	53.75	34.40
<b>Total Dist. 1 .....</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>1,026.91</b>	<b>874.74</b>
Cedar Grove .....	6	191.28	56.00
Dallas .....	275	1,603.68	1,570.16
Dalworth .....	63	40.25	149.74
Isolated .....	7	10.50	11.20
<b>Total Dist. 2 .....</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>1,845.71</b>	<b>1,787.10</b>
Douglass .....	22	39.75	1.25
Lufkin .....	17	35.85	81.71
Salmon .....	10	.....	11.50
Waco .....	65	460.32	607.32
Isolated .....	20	24.52	25.50
<b>Total Dist. 3 .....</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>560.44</b>	<b>728.28</b>
Avinger .....	16	30.86	.....
Berea .....	163	210.99	181.63
Myrtle Springs .....	10	88.70	14.25
New Hope .....	36	24.70	18.47
Sulphur Springs .....	12	65.74	12.53
Isolated .....	10	44.35	28.00
<b>Total Dist. 4 .....</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>465.34</b>	<b>254.88</b>
Denison .....	26	166.26	108.17
Gainesville .....	12	162.10	69.11
Sherman .....	21	235.05	158.20
Valley View .....	59	752.55	835.70
Isolated .....	2	2.92	3.20
<b>Total Dist. 5 .....</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,318.88</b>	<b>1,174.38</b>
Henrietta .....	6	.....	100.00
Wichita Falls .....	37	34.50	184.72
Isolated .....	18	119.13	57.40
<b>Total Dist. 6 .....</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>153.63</b>	<b>342.12</b>
Spanish Dist. 7 .....	5	31.32	27.73
Beulah .....	26	214.00	130.64
Corsicana .....	8	.....	97.66
Jefferson .....	8	.....	1.50
Mosier Valley .....	11	15.17	6.50
Waco .....	22	36.68	.....
Isolated .....	.....	3.00	.....
<b>Total Dist. 8 .....</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>268.85</b>	<b>236.30</b>
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>5,671.08</b>	<b>5,425.53</b>

should do in keeping with our past three years records, we must come in strong during the month of December.  
C. G. ORTNER.

THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT

I was pleased to see in the *Review* of November 27, that the Northeast

district more than doubled the amount of Harvest Ingathering money raised in it during the first ten months of 1928 as compared with the same period of the year 1927. And yet, according to our membership, if each of us had made our goal of ten dollars we would have raised \$2,470 instead of the nearly \$313 which is a little more than one-eighth of our quota.

However, I am glad that we raised as much as we did; and I hope there will yet come in some delayed remittances before the year closes, that will more nearly represent our quota for the year 1928. Surely the expanding cause of God is in crying need of the funds.

The year is near its end. Our accounts for 1928 on the books above will soon be closed. I wonder if we are satisfied with our accomplishments for the cause of God during the closing year?

I had some very interesting experiences while soliciting for missions. Some who felt friendly to our cause became enthusiastic when we told them of God's providences in the mission fields. Some wished they had five dollars to give instead of the dollar which they did give. One young man said he wished he could go across the water and labor for such appreciative people. It was a pleasure to meet such people and tell them our mission story.

If we are not satisfied with our work for the past, the future is still before us. Let us bear the mission cause in mind and plan for it. Let us budget our offerings and labor to increase them. Our interest in missions will increase; the plan of salvation will become more real to us; our hearts will long for Christ's coming; and we will purify our hearts even as He is pure. And soon, if faithful we will hear from the joyful lips of these redeemed heathen their expressions of gratitude to us for the part we have had in their salvation.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

#### CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETINGS IN NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

For some time the conference committee has been giving thought to a series of church officers' meetings to be held in the North Texas Conference. Plans have been completed in part for such meetings to be held, one in the Southeast District, one in the Northeast District, one in the Central, and one in the North and Southwest

Districts, combined, and a meeting at Waco for the colored church officers from all over the conference.

These meetings will last four days, including one Sabbath. Where two such meetings come the same week, the Sabbath will be utilized at both ends of the week, and the forces divided, some being at one meeting, and some at another, for Sabbath.

As soon as returns are received from correspondence between the office and the church officials, so that we know just how plans will be made, further announcements will appear setting forth where the meetings will be held. The first meeting will be held at Douglass, and the church officers from Salmon and Lufkin will be invited to meet with the brethren at Douglass. This meeting will be held January 2-5, 1929, and the other meetings will follow. The one at Berea will be held January 5-8, inviting the church officers from Marshall, New Hope, Avinger, Mt. Pleasant, and Sulphur Springs. Watch for further announcements regarding the other meetings.

It will be the plan that all church officers will be invited from the churches named, and provision will be made for their keep while at the convention. Also arrangements have been made to pay the transportation charges. This, however, will be taken up by personal correspondence with the church elders, or other church officers, and arrangements will be made covering all expense.

We trust our churches will have their elections as early in December as possible, so that plans will have time to mature, looking forward to a full attendance of the desired church officers at these important meetings.

Help from the Southwestern Union Conference will be given in these meetings, as well as the departmental and official workers of the North Texas Conference. More about this later.

R. L. BENTON.

#### WON TO CHRIST BY A HUMBLE LAYMAN

We had just come from Sabbath morning worship held with our church at Wichita Falls, Texas, and were around the fireside of Elder and Mrs. H. B. French. A sister who is isolated had attended the service this day, and, in their truly Christian and hospitable way, Elder and Sister French had in-

vited her and me to their home.

I turned to the isolated sister and said:

"Sister, how long have you been in the truth? And how did the message find you?"

She answered substantially as follows:

"I was baptized twelve years ago by Elder Crane. About eighteen years ago my husband, who is a Baptist, was attending some meetings of his church and an Adventist brother gave him some tracts. These he brought home and I read them. Five years later my son bought some books at a neighbor's auction sale, and among them was a Bible Readings. This I read through very interestedly, and studied it with my Bible.

"But, do you know, every page that dealt with the Sabbath question had been cut out of the book. I would consult the index for a Sabbath subject, but when I turned to the page it was sure to be gone

"Soon a Seventh-day Adventist family moved into our neighborhood. I called on them and asked them to loan me a Bible Readings, which was complete, and in it read the message of God's Sabbath and began to keep it and was soon baptized.

"I do not know the man's name who gave my husband the tracts, but that was what started my interest. Two of my children were small and these are in the truth today. With their wives they are attending our institutions to get a training for the work. It has been a struggle and a sacrifice to educate them in our own school, but it paid."

Moral: Laymen can win souls!

But the story is not ended. As I write these words I am on my way to hold my first meeting with a company of people who are interested through this sister's efforts in the Harvest Ingathering and other home missionary work. She has turned in \$24.70 Ingathering money and plans to do more. Who knows how many souls she will save at home and in fields afar? Who can tell how many souls her children will reach when they get into the work? And it all started with some tracts given out by humble, praying laymen!

Ps. 126:5,6.

C. W. RUBENDALL  
Home Mis'y Sec'y

#### AFTER DEATH, WHAT?

This question is one that concerns every individual, and has been studied by the greatest minds of all time. In

The January color *Signs*. G. R. Fattic in a most interesting way brings out the answer to all the little problems brought up in the discussion of this question. An excellent article for your friends and neighbors. Ask your Bible House secretary for a supply of this January color *Signs*. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more to one address.

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 Sec'y-Treas.—Lowell Estes  
 Oklahoma Book and Bible House  
 Sec'y-Treas.—B. E. Bridwell

**OKLAHOMA NEWS ITEMS**

Among recent callers at the office were, Elder Bernard Voth of Enid, having recently located there; Sisters Wells, Sparks and three other sisters of the Henryetta church; John C. Nephew, on his way to the canvassing field.

Elder Dart has started his Week of Prayer tour among the isolated almost a week early and will not return until after the Week of Prayer closes. He is making a trip through the east part of the state.

Elder Gant is in attendance at the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Convention at College View, Nebraska, and will go directly to his Week of Prayer assignments from there.

C. M. Norman, and family, are spending a week at Forgan delivering some books and holding evening meetings. Brother and Sister Guthrie of that place have created an interest by the distribution of literature, Bible readings and Christian help work. The prospect is good for results if developed.

Elder Clark has just returned from his trip to College View, Nebraska, having gone by way of Nevada, Iowa, where he occupied the pulpit Sabbath and visited with his daughter living there. Elder Clark has been traveling for nearly twenty years but had a new experience on this trip. He was riding the Mid-continent Special north of Des Moines when it crashed into the rear end of another passenger train held up by a stalled freight. He was fortunate enough to come out without a scratch and with his first aid packet had opportunity to minister to the injured. Twenty of the passengers on the two trains suffered injury. None were killed.

A revised list of subscriptions to the RECORD has been sent in and we would be greatly aided in perfecting this list if church elders and missionary secretaries will ascertain whether or not any families in their congregations are not receiving the RECORD and report the same to this office.

**ANOTHER ADVENTIST  
 PHYSICIAN IN OKLAHOMA**

Dr. A. J. Hetherington, who has had long experience in some of our leading sanitariums and has spent a number of years in mission fields, has located in Oklahoma City. His home and office combined is at 2014 Gatewood Avenue. Doctor Hetherington is a loyal and faithful Seventh-day Adventist and is prepared to give some of the very best and latest physio-therapy treatments. He will be equipped to give other treatment and laboratory tests. Doctor Hetherington will also respond to calls of a regular medical practice.

Persons desiring to have his service or to consult him, whenever possible should write and make appointment ahead. However if this is not possible—Remember the address—  
 2014 Gatewood Avenue.

**AMONG THE ISOLATED**

Leaving Oklahoma City Friday afternoon with a stop east of Harrah and another at Meeker, I "Detoured" to the Anvil church. Only a remnant there at present. Notice of my coming had not been received but a warm welcome was given. The Sabbath was spent with the few members who have not been meeting regularly for some time.

Sunday I drove over to Boley where Brother Young is still faithful. He gave his subscription for several periodicals and sent his usual generous offering to missions.

The next stop was at Castle to see an aged sister who is looking for the Savior, that blessed hope. A few miles farther at Okemah a few more souls are keeping the Sabbath, talking with their friends, circulating some literature, and hoping outside help to raise up a church. Visiting in their homes the hours pass rapidly and Monday noon I went on to McAlester. Just a few at this place and the love of truth burns in their hearts.

At this writing I am in the home of a sister who has been isolated for many years never having even Sabbath School with others but all this time has had the good old *Review* as a constant helper.  
 C. J. DART.

**SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE**  
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**SOUTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES**

Miss Lotta E. Bell, normal instructor of Southwestern Junior College, visited the San Antonio Sabbath School and church Sabbath, having attended the Teachers' Institute held in the city, November 29 and 30.

Word has been received from Elder W. R. Elliott that due to the boat being held up on which he had planned to sail November 27, he will not be able to sail from New York until December 6.

The Home Missionary Calendars are in the office. Be sure to order yours now. They are well suited to be used as holiday gifts to friends or relatives. But above all, every Seventh-day Adventist home should have the official denominational calendar on the wall. The price is only twenty-five cents.

Mrs. J. W. Wilson and family, of Falfurrias, spent a few days at San Antonio last week. The San Antonio church were very pleased to have Mrs. Wilson and children meet with them on Sabbath.

Elder H. J. Miller, union conference colored evangelist, stopped at the office Sunday morning.

Mr. W. R. Willenberg, of Beaumont, is now visiting in North Texas. We are very sorry to have Mrs. Willenberg away, and we hope she will soon return.

Brother M. M. Young is at Laredo this week doing what he can to help and encourage the colored believers there.

Mrs. Paul Grascchel and daughter, Frances; Mrs. Walter Nipper and daughter, Virginia; Francis Gary, Mrs. P. E. VanLandingham, and Mr. Bob Thornton spent the Thanksgiving holidays at Keene.

Mrs. P. E. VanLandingham is spending a few days with Mrs. C. C. Heim of Uvalde, doing Harvest In-gathering work.

Isolated and home department members do not fail to send your Sabbath School offerings in by the close of this quarter, December 29, so they may be included in this quarter's report. We want as large an offering as possible for the Inter-American Division this

## COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

quarter—for it is to this field to which Elder Elliott has gone.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones, of Sandia, spent several days in San Antonio last week. While here Mrs. Jones attended the Teachers' Institute.

The Sabbath School quarterlies for the first quarter of 1929 are now in stock at your Book and Bible House. Order your supply now so as not to miss your daily lesson study. Start the New Year out right!

Part III of the little books, "Isaiah, the Gospel Prophet," will be used throughout the first quarter of 1929. These little books have been prepared by Elder M. L. Andreason, and as those of you know who have had access to them, these little booklets are very helpful indeed in the study of the Sabbath School lesson for we have very little in print on the book of Isaiah. These are also in stock at the Book and Bible House, and are being sold for the small sum of twenty-five cents per copy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGee and baby, Mrs. J. R. McGee, and Mrs. Wilburn, all of Houston, are spending several days in San Antonio.

Miss Helen McGee, of Houston, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Keene.

Miss Laura Mae Berry and Mr. Henry McGee, both of Houston, were united in marriage Saturday evening, December 1, at Keene, Texas. Both young people are former students of Southwestern Junior College. An account of the wedding will be given in a later issue.

### A CALL TO LABOR

"Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." Christ's Object Lessons, p. 326.

Do you desire a place in the eternal kingdom? Are you looking forward to the coming of Jesus that you may go home with Him? If so, there is a place on earth for you to work as the above statement indicates. There is a place for every able-bodied man to work in the Lord's vineyard. The publishing work was ordained by the Lord as a means of placing before the world the truth for this time. It is

### ARKANSAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 1, 1928

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Tot. Val.	Val. Del.
W. A. Ballew	PP	?	....	.....	.....	.....	405.00
Killis Boyce	RJ	180	....	.....	.....	.....	510.00
B. G. Maguire	PP	79	1	7.50	6.50	13.00	209.75
Ella Boyce	RJ	75	....	.....	.....	.....	150.00
E. A. Huelsenbeck	PP	31	....	.....	2.50	2.50	38.50
C. E. Rudisaile	PP	15	3	16.50	8.00	24.50	1.00

Workers 6 380 4 24.00 16.50 40.00 1,314.25

### OKLAHOMA COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 1, 1928

Paul Kirkham	OD	54	....	.....	.....	.....	138.75
R. D. Whitney	RJ	29	....	.....	.....	.....	139.00
J. F. Stringer	GC	16	....	.....	.....	.....	28.50
Ewell Walker	RJ	5	3	9.00	4.50	13.50	14.75
W. R. Barlett	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	27.50

Workers 5 104 3 9.00 4.50 13.50 348.50

### SOUTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THREE WEEKS

W. H. Atherly	RJ	84	105	319.50	50.75	370.25	101.00
Nora Burk	RJ	29	....	.....	3.75	3.75	5.50
Florence Hill	HP	42	3	16.00	2.75	18.75	22.95
C. H. McColrey	OD	81	14	54.00	3.75	57.75	23.80
Wm. McKenkie	RJ	93	22	69.00	18.04	87.04	6.50
Marion Runnels	RJ	82	13	40.00	14.50	54.50	53.50
Tomas Requenez	OD	41	10	38.25	10.70	48.95	28.70

Workers 7 452 167 536.75 104.24 640.99 241.95

### TEXICO COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 1, 1928.

G. W. Calloway	GC	50	8	41.50	17.25	58.75	.....
C. Moore	HP	34	1	7.00	.....	7.00	56.00
Mrs. McNeeley	OD	....	....	.....	4.00	4.00	14.25
Mrs. Harkey	HP	18	....	44.80	.....	4.80	12.50
J. C. Curry	GC	110	....	.....	.....	.....	656.95

Workers 5 212 9 93.30 21.25 114.55 739.70

Grand Totals, Workers 23 1148 183 663.95 145.49 809.54 2,644.40

missionary work of the highest order. Colporteurs are needed. The work is down, and members of the South Texas Conference, a great many of you promised at camp meeting that you would co-operate with us in this work. We are planning on an institute beginning January 8. If any one is interested in this work, and would like to attend the institute that he may be better prepared for service we would be glad to hear from you.

"If you do not feel that it is an honor to be a partaker of the sufferings of Christ; if you feel no burden of soul for those who are ready to perish; if you are unwilling to sacrifice that you may save means for the work that is to be done, there will be no room for you in the kingdom of God." Test. Vol. IX:103.

D. VANCAMPEN.

The Annual Offering for missions will be taken in all the churches on next Sabbath.

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### OBITUARY

Mrs. Lillian Yanicky was born March 19, 1895, in Benton, Arkansas and died November 17, 1928, at Lubbock, Texas. Her husband, one daughter, and a brother and sister are left to mourn but not as those who have no hope. She sleeps in Jesus as her closing experience was one of deep confidence and trust in Him. We laid her to rest in the family lot at San Angelo, Texas, where she awaits the return of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were spoken from I Thess. 4:16-18, by the writer, assisted by Brother Taylor and Brother Jackson, the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of San Angelo, of which she was a former member.

J. Z. WALKER.

### BROTHERLY LOVE FROM ANOTHER ANGLE

Much is said in the Bible and the writings of Sister White relative to our attitude toward a worthy brother, but just now there is a statement found in Volume four of the Testimonies which may be new to some of us, but it will serve to clear up a question in the minds of many concerning pledges.

"A church is responsible for the pledges of its individual members. If they see that there is a brother who is neglecting to fulfill his vows, they should labor with him kindly but plainly. If he is not in circumstances which render it possible for him to pay his vow, and he is a worthy member and has a willing heart, then let the church compassionately help him: Thus they can bridge over the difficulty, and receive a blessing themselves.

"God would have the members of his church consider their obligations to Him as binding as their indebtedness to the merchant or the market. Let everyone review his past life and see if any unpaid, unredeemed pledges have been neglected, then make extra exertions to pay the uttermost farthing, for we must all meet and abide the final issue of a tribunal where nothing will stand the test but integrity and veracity." Volume four, page 476.

\*While the above is a strong statement, yet brethren and sisters, is it not true that some of us need strong statements in order that we may see our duty to God as well as to the "merchant" and the "market"?

May the dear Lord make our hearts warm toward his truth until there shall not be an unpaid pledge on December 31, 1928 is my prayer.

E. T. WILSON.

### UNION COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

The Union College Orchestra gave a program in the College chapel Saturday evening, December 1. They were assisted by Clara Culver, vocal soloist; Theodora Ridgeway, violinist, and Catherine Turner, piano soloist.

Elder C. L. Bond spoke to the students at the chapel hour on Monday morning. He stressed the importance of showing our appreciation of the sacrifices which our parents are continually making for us.

The Clock Tower campaign came to a close at 7:30 Monday evening. The Academy students were the winning group, having turned in an average of

six subscriptions per member. The college senior group came second with an average of 414 per member. Alten Bringle won the grand prize, a floor lamp, by turning in 106 subscriptions. Miss Genevieve Robeson won the weekly prize by turning in twenty-six subscriptions Monday morning.

In honor of the birthday of their son, Wilfred, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Emery entertained the following young people at their home Saturday night: Misses Loa McNay, Olive Peckover, Kathryn Lutz, Hilda Marie Wilhelm, Verna McWilliams, Verd Nelle Rice, and Messrs. Evan Copeland, Karl Schmitz, George Campbell, Walter Carroll, Elmer Robertson, and Leonard Thompson. Miss Minnie Olson was the faculty chaperon.

Elder C. L. Bond, assistant secretary of the Missionary Volunteer department of the general conference, spoke to the girls of North Hall at their worship hour Sunday evening. His subject was the Power and Importance of Prayer.

The South Hall orchestra gave the program at the regular meeting of the North Hall Kappa Theta society Wednesday evening.

At the meeting of Sigma Iota Kappa in South Hall Thursday evening, Professor Walther spoke to the boys on Franz Schubert and the reasons for his fame. He also played, as a violin solo, one of Schubert's compositions, "Sonatine in G Minor." He was accompanied at the piano by Professor Verne W. Thompson.

Mrs. Will Stegall, who is visiting her aunt and brother in Dallas, came to Keene Friday to visit her many friends who formerly lived in Graysville, Tennessee. Mrs. Stegall plans to leave Sunday.

## S. W. J. COLLEGE

### SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

We were all glad to see President Kellogg on his return Wednesday from a trip to the East.

At seven-thirty on the evening of December 2, a group of their many friends gathered at the home of Elder and Mrs. H. S. Miller to celebrate with them the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. After a short,

appropriate program of readings and music, Elder and Mrs. Miller were presented with a set of silver as a token of the good will of their friends. Refreshments of ice cream and bridal cake were served at the close of the program.

The campus is being improved by many small trees which have been set out along the walk from the Administration Building to the Girls' Dormitory.

Professor Tucker talked to the students in Vesper service Friday evening on the subject of selling everything that we have in our lives which might prove to be a hindrance to us in our Christian experience, and buying that treasure which will mean eternal life.

Saturday night the students who couldn't go with the Harvest Ingathering bands enjoyed games on the campus.

All four of the bands went out Saturday night, two to Fort Worth and two to Dallas. Professor Tucker's band has the honor of finishing their campaign first as they received over \$44.00 Saturday night, thus putting them "over the top" of their \$200.00 goal. Altogether the bands received over \$100.00 for their night's work.

Wednesday night there was a joint meeting of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Culture Clubs in the parlor of North Hall. Miss Laura Morton, representing the girls, gave a talk on the subject of "Boy Wanted," and Mr. Everett Calhoun, in behalf of the boys answered with a talk on "Girl Wanted." Misses Evangeline Green and Josephine Harper each gave vocal selections.

### CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF TWO!

Pursuing an argument built upon the hypothesis that "maternal ignorance is common," John Louis Horn continues (in *The Nation's Schools* for November, 1928) under the sub-caption *Environment versus Heredity*:

"These more obvious considerations are, it seems to me, not comparable in importance to the intensely interesting assertion of Dr. A. L. Gesell, on the basis of studies of pre-school children at the Yale Clinic, that individual differences do not affect the dynamic organization of the individual or his personality make-up. The traits and trends of the baby's personality, he contends, depend more on conditioning environment than on specific inher-



itance. 'It is almost dismaying,' says Dr. Gesell, 'to note how promptly and how relentlessly the conditioning process begins. It begins, literally, in birth.'

"If, then, to follow the same student, we can distinguish between instinctive and cultural behavior in earliest infancy, and if conditioned behavior may be regarded as the mechanism by which personality grows and takes its place in the social fabric, if the first outlines of a personality are laid down in infancy, is not the *importance of sound pre-school guidance and development* made clear?" (Italics by the writer.)

Yes, most assuredly, Dr. Horn is right. And when we note the conclusion reached in his most interesting article that "for the present" children shall be sent to school "at about the age of two" we cannot judge him as being far afield, in the light of observation of modern home-life and child-rearing. Hearts "over-charged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and *cares of this life*" are the basic causes of the parental ignorance and neglect that leads to this conclusion—*Children to school at the age of two.*

**ATTENTION, Parents of Southwestern Union Conference:** Do the conditions in *your* home warrant the conclusion that your children, at the tender age of two, should be taken from you whose God-given duty it is to train for the kingdom of Heaven?

Honestly now, parents, is our child-training such as will assure the promise of Proverbs 22:6? What do we *know* about proper child-training, from the cradle to maturity? What do we *not* know? In the day of judgment, now convened, we parents, like Korah of old, shall be held responsible, not only for fragmentary knowledge which we may have stumbled upon, but, also, for what we might have known by diligent search of those sources of child-training knowledge that God has so mercifully placed within our reach.

If you would be informed, purchase from your Conference Bible House, or borrow from your church library, "Education," "Counsels to Teachers, Parents and Students" and "Ministry of Healing,"—all by Mrs. E. G. White. And then join your local Home and School Association, contributing your bit to increase interest in the most seriously absorbing problem of the age—*preparing our children to meet their God.*

CHESTER E. KELLOGG,

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the opening of a nurses' training class on May 1, 1929, at the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium, in addition to the one opening September 1 each year. This class is

limited to fourteen girls and two boys. High school graduates who are interested in the nurses' course should write early to the superintendent of nurses, Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium, Boulder, Colorado.

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S. W. J. C. Opens Second Semester Work

JANUARY 15, 1929

If you were unable, for any reason, to enroll last September for a full year's work, your school invites you to consider that

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Romans 13:11.