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UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder Van Kirk left the first part of the week for Mountain View, California where he will be in attendance at the Pacific Press Publishing Association constituency meeting and also a Union College Board meeting.

Elder Pohle spent last Sabbath with the Guthrie, Oklahoma church.

Elder Eichman occupied the pulpit in the Oklahoma City church at eleven o'clock Sabbath morning, February 2. His subject was "The Home The unit of the Church." This was the first sermon he preached since his operations.

Elder Harrison is in Dallas where the colporteurs' institute is in progress.

Elder Castle was in the Texico and South Texas Conferences last week auditing.

OUR COLLEGE

THE Southwestern Union Conference maintains but one institution as a conference enterprise—the Southwestern Junior College at Keene, Texas. This institution has grown up from a local school to an academy and now is a splendid Junior College standing in the forefront in our educational system.

Our people have rallied to its support in many ways and today we are having a good enrollment—about 300—and a good attendance. Until the fire that consumed the main building some years ago the college finances were in splendid shape. There was no debt and the treasury contained a good working capital—usually about \$20,000.00. During several years previous to the fire a good dormitory for the young men had

been erected and a substantial addition to the girls' dormitory, together with other substantial improvements, practically from the school earnings. Then came the fire and in a few hours the college building was in ashes. There was but a small insurance because the insurance companies would not accept a large policy on account of lack of fire protection.

It took all of our funds on hand as well as \$25,000 in addition, to erect the present building and provide proper fire protection. Then followed a number of years when student accounts were not promptly paid, which, together with the lack of working capital, involved the school debt, so that in 1924 when the plans to relieve our denominational educational institutions from debt were matured, we found the college \$25,000.00 in debt. This debt the union conference assumed and during the past five years has reduced from \$25,000.00 to \$12,000, in round numbers. In the meantime our industrial facilities have been matured and an industry added for the benefit of the young women. These industries have been matured without asking our brethren for any large donations, and today they are a real asset to the youth of our field.

Now the Southwestern Union Conference has matured a plan whereby it is hoped that the last dollar of the remaining debt will be paid during 1929. Space will not permit of further explanation in this number. Look for further information in the next number of the RECORD.

M. B. VAN KIRK,

President Southwestern Union Conference.

FORWARD MOVEMENT WITH THE "SIGNS"

HOW our members may preach many thousand more sermons through the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* during 1929 is now being brought forcibly to our churches throughout the United States and Canada. The time appointed for the annual *Signs of the Times* campaign

this year is February 10 to 23. The General Conference Home Missionary Department in Washington, and the *Signs of the Times* office, are furnishing interesting printed helps for ministers, church elders, missionary leaders, and our church members generally.

The *Signs of the Times* News, just received, is one of these informal and inspirational messages. It is a large four-page illustrated sheet, newspaper style, very attractive and filled with interesting items from first to last. Elder J. A. Stevens is the writer of its first story, telling of how our people preached forty millions of sermons with the *Signs* during 1928. The reports on the same page from Portland, Oregon; Orlando, Florida; South Lancaster, Mass; and other places, are live with interest and practical suggestions.

Elder J. G. Seltzer, pastor of the Central Church in Portland, for example, tells of the work of his church with 700 *Signs* a week, and what it has meant, while the missionary secretary explains how the papers were used and how they handle the expense. The Orlando, Florida, report is typical of the experience that any sanitarium church may have in using the *Signs* among the guests. Inside this sheet you learn how North Dakota churches circulated 75,000 *Signs* last year; how two hundred forty members in Sacramento, California, use 450 *Signs* a week in their city work; how a congregation in St. Louis is building a church; what an expenditure of \$19.00 for *Signs* in Norfolk, Virginia, accomplished; how Southern California sanitariums are winning patients; and how Walla Walla College students are getting a missionary training. Here also the twelve union conference presidents in the United States and Canada join in appeals to our people for a larger use of the *Signs*.

Page four carries a story of the victories in foreign lands, and an account of how a New Jersey missionary society won five persons to the truth in New York State. A message here by A. L. Baker, Associate Editor

of the *Signs*, reviews the outstanding fulfillments of prophecy of the past year under the title, "One Year Nearer the Kingdom." He features three points, "The Deadly Wound Healing," "War and Peace Talk," and "Shall He Find Faith on the Earth?"

An outline of a wonderful program of subjects and series of articles and writers for the *Signs* during 1929 is also given, with full information as to prices of single subscriptions and various size clubs. This program, and the overwhelming amount of interesting evidence that the *Signs* is a soul-winning agency, make us feel enthusiastic about the success of this *Signs* campaign. We find ourselves desirous of furnishing its able presentations of truth to our relatives, friends, and others, and feel like encouraging our readers to do the same.

The *Signs* News will be a very definite help to you in your missionary work. Be sure to get one and read it carefully when it is given out in your church. Any church elders who may not have received a supply should send a request for copies to their Book and Bible House or to the *Signs of the Times* at Mountain View, California. Even though forty millions of sermons were preached by the *Signs of the Times* in 1928, many more millions should be preached during 1929. This can easily be done by all uniting heartily in this great forward movement with the *Signs of the Times*.

We would join with Brother Baker in the closing appeal of his article—"Let us make 1929 one year nearer the kingdom in our own hearts, and in renewed zeal for the promulgation of the third angel's message in all the world." C. N. W.

THE "LIBERTY" EXTRA

THERE has come to my table today a copy of the *Liberty* extra, bearing upon the proposed change of the calendar. It is a very valuable document and every Seventh-day Adventist should have one for his own reading, and it should be studied from cover to cover, not read hurriedly, for it is of the greatest importance to us as a denomination. Then after we have digested it ourselves, the issue is so great that we should have a supply of them to give to our friends.

Some one writing in last week's RECORD stated that the issue we are

facing in the matter of calendar revision is greater, or of more vital importance, to us as a people than the Sunday law issue, and we have always, heretofore, regarded that as the gravest issue that we would ever have to meet.

The times are becoming more and more strenuous, and each issue will show by the way we act and meet it the kind of stuff that is in us. Judging by the past some will be apathetic and stupid and will fail to realize that a crisis is on until it is settled and it is too late to protest or do anything about it. Many others, and we hope the larger number, will be awake to the times and will do their best to ward off the threatened danger.

Another opportunity is given us to educate the world, not alone on the question of liberty of conscience, but upon the claims of the Sabbath of the Lord.

House Joint Resolution No. 334, the one now before Congress proposing an international conference to discuss the calendar, is so worded as to almost entirely leave out the religious side of this question, but argues strongly for the revision on the point of business efficiency, simplification of business deals and family budget. Without seeing all that is involved the arguments will please nine out of ten persons who have not given the matter serious thought. It is our duty and privilege to enlighten them.

Let us not be counted delinquent in this crisis. C. N. W.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CALENDAR

THE adoption of the proposed change of the calendar would enforce a wandering Sabbath, caused by dropping out a day each year, and two days on leap year. This new calendar, containing thirteen months of twenty-eight days each, has already been favorably considered by the League of Nations and many strong organizations, and is now under serious consideration by the United States Congress.

As the minds of people turn to this subject the questions naturally arise: "Has the calendar ever been changed during the centuries? Have these changes interfered with the free-running week? Is the week the same now as it was at creation? Can we be absolutely certain that Sunday is the

first day of the week, and Saturday the seventh and therefore the Bible Sabbath? And how can we keep a definite seventh day on a round earth? Does not the international day-line interfere with Sabbath-keeping?"

Answers to all these questions and more are contained in *Present Truth* Number 14, entitled, "The True Sabbath of the Lord." This number traces the identical seventh day all the way from the close of creation week, through the time of the patriarchs, the exodus from Egypt, the long centuries to the time of Christ, the time of the apostles, the Dark Ages, and on down to our own time. Nothing better, more comprehensive, or less expensive upon this important subject is to be found in print. Price only \$7.50 per thousand. Order now while practically everybody is interested in the subject.

THE "SIGNS" CAMPAIGN

WE ARE now in the midst of the *Signs* Campaign. It began on the tenth of this month and will close on the twenty-third. Its object is "to help our people and churches everywhere to use the *Signs of the Times* more liberally and effectively in their work for others."

Here are a few of the titles of articles that will appear during the year.

The Signs of Christ's Coming, by Frederick A. Wright, President of the Indiana Conference.

What it Means to be a Christian, by R. B. Thurber, Editor of the *Watchman*.

The Law of God, by Elder J. K. Jones, President of the New York Conference.

The Sabbath Question, by Elder N. S. Ashton, President Southern Union Conference.

Objections to Seventh-day Adventism Answered, by Elder F. D. Nichol, Associate Editor of the *Review and Herald*.

Health Articles, by some of our best doctors.

The Growth of the Catholic Power, by Elder A. L. Baker, Associate Editor.

These are only a few of the long list of splendid articles that will appear during the year, covering almost or quite every phase of Bible prophecy and Christian living. The *Signs* wins souls. Let us use more of them this year.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
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Sec'y-Treas.—J. B. Ross
Arkansas Book and Bible House
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NEW WORKERS FOR ARKANSAS FOR 1929

WE HAVE made definite arrangements for some new workers for the Arkansas Conference for 1929. Elder E. G. Crozier, a very successful evangelist of the Missouri Conference, has accepted a call to come to Arkansas. He and his family will reach our field about May 1. We plan for him to hold a tent effort in one of our largest cities early in the spring.

Mrs. Maxwell, a Bible worker from the Missouri Conference, has also accepted a call to come to Arkansas. She will work with Elder Crozier in evangelistic efforts.

We have exchanged Elder North, our colored evangelist, for Elder Coopwood, of San Antonio, Texas. Elder Coopwood will be here soon and we plan for him to do evangelistic work in Little Rock and other places.

Brother Otis Trotter has also been invited to come to Arkansas. He will work with Elder Coopwood in evangelistic efforts in behalf of the colored people of Arkansas. So let us uphold these workers with our means and our prayers.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

NOTICE

If interested in farming, trucking, dairying, or chickens, this is the country. Fine land, sociable people, good interest. Spiritual help needed badly. Two keeping the Sabbath without knowledge of the truth. Good markets, good roads. Write to Mrs. G. A. Shain, Chicot, Arkansas. —7p

MISSIONARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MISSIONARIES have translated the Bible into about seven tenths of the world's speech.

They have collected and expended more than \$30,000,000 yearly in the work of heathen evangelization.

They have demonstrated the truth that the successful church, spiritually

and materially, is the church that is most actively engaged in missionary enterprise.

Missionaries have done more than any other one class to bring peace among savage tribes.

All the museums of the world have been enriched by the plants, animals, and products of distant countries collected by the missionaries.

It was missionaries who discovered the Moabite stone, thus unlocking the records of a forgotten empire; and the Nestorian tablet, by which a new chapter in early Christian history was recovered. — *Watchman - Examiner (Baptist)*, December 16, 1926.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE
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Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner

NORTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

An institute for colporteurs is in progress here in Dallas at this writing. Elder Harrison, Brother Hooper, and Brother Abbott are leading out in the instruction. Elder Benton is also assisting. We pray that God will give us a real revival of this important branch of soul-winning work in our conference.

Elders Ruf and Rubendall spent Sabbath and Sunday, February 2-3, with the church at Dalworth, holding an informal series of studies on Sabbath School, home missionary, educational, and missionary volunteer work. Church officers and the brethren seemed to appreciate the meetings, and determined to plan for more and better work along all lines. This is as it should be. The Spirit of Prophecy says: "From all believers light is to be reflected in clear, distinct rays."

The church at Dallas is distributing several thousand of the epidemic number of the *Present Truth*. They also expect to secure a large club of *Signs* for regular, systematic, neighborhood work by the members. The colored church is also expecting to have a club of at least one *Signs* per member. The Dalworth church officers are considering the advisability of using a club of a hundred copies.

Since the church officers' institutes were held, many of our churches are ordering clubs of the *Church Officers' Gazette*. Especially should the elder, missionary secretary, and mis-

siary volunteer officers have the *Gazette*. Besides containing programs for the first Sabbath missionary service, the fifteen minute missionary service, and the missionary volunteer program, it has many other features helpful to the work of our church officers. The conference will pay one half the club rates of the *Gazettes* being used by church officers, in churches where it is so desired.

The institute for officers of the colored churches, held at Waco recently, proved a real success, and was greatly enjoyed by the brethren who gave it.

Brother Ortner was confined to his home for a few days last week by a severe cold. Elder Rubendall was prevented from keeping appointments by a bad attack of lumbago.

A WILLING SOUL-WINNER

THAT is exactly what our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, is. We hear of many experiences where this silent preacher has won and helped to win men, women, whole families, to the truth of the third angel's message. The *Signs* is willing to work. It has a winning message. It is anxious to go and tell its message of salvation from sin and warn your friends, neighbors, and relatives of the doom of the ungodly, but it has no feet or legs. It cannot travel from Mountain View, California, to its place of labor without help.

For \$1.50 you can provide for this preacher to deliver an average of eight sermons a week, 416 a year, to any person receiving mail in the United States. Clubs of five or more will be sent to one address at \$1.25 each, while clubs of a hundred may be had at ninety-five cents per copy per year. February is *Signs* month. Let us attend to it now. Remember, "More *Signs*, more souls." Every Advent believer who possibly can should have at least one silent preacher working for him this year. God will help us to do what He wants done.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

DALLAS FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

AFTER two months of hard work and much visiting, we have been able to account for most of the names on our clerk's book and to have properly transferred quite a few who live

in other states and conferences. Together with proper addresses and phone numbers we have gotten out a church directory to place in the hands of every member of the local household of faith.

It is our purpose to keep in touch with every member of the flock, and our Sabbath School home department is desirous of enrolling every church member as a member of the Sabbath School. With the creation of a cradle roll and youth's division of the Sabbath School, and the reorganization of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, and co-operation of all, we plan for strong work and spiritual progress in all phases of the work.

While encouraging all first of all to return an honest tithe to the Lord, and to be most liberal, *according to each one's ability*, in missions offerings, we properly urge every member not to forget our obligations relative to our *local church expense*. In following the cash basis, as all churches should, in our budget plans, we have adopted the plan, and urge that all members make their weekly or monthly pledges on the basis of two percent of their income, or a liberal cash pledge *according to their financial ability*, which is God's plan in giving whatever percent will carry the expense. It is never wise to assess a certain amount of money for each one, regardless of their ability to meet it.

In pursuing the policy that we should pay for our own Sabbath School supplies, taking up a few offerings at the beginning of the year to pay for certain extra supplies, we have eliminated from the Sabbath School classes the little expense envelope, and shall let the missions offerings envelope in the Sabbath School throughout the year have full right-of-way. Our Sabbath School officers also occupy the platform where they can be both seen and heard.

On our church missionary map of the city, a red tack indicates the location of each Adventist home. From these Seventh-day Adventist service stations it is our aim that light shall shine out in surrounding neighborhoods all over the city. Missionary cards are being signed by our members preparatory to proper organization of teams and bands for aggressive home missionary work. In addition to our public evangelistic work, these many sections of the city should

feed attendance at the Sunday night special services, as the scattered literature will bear a stamped invitation to such services which will be properly announced through the daily press.

We have a good church school under the efficient teaching of the Misses Berg and Woodruff, and hope to have more students enrolled the next term. The prayer meetings are largely attended. We are all of good courage, and beg an interest in your prayers in our work, even as we remember our sister churches.

STEMPLE WHITE.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE
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OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

Among recent callers at the office were Brother and Sister Barnhurst from the Ozark Mountain School. They were looking for someone to connect with the school as matron. This was made necessary because of the sad experience coming to them through the death of their daughter, Violet, who has served the home and school in this capacity for several years.

Elder Dart spent the week-end with the Duncan church, holding quarterly service with them and had planned for a baptismal service but frozen water pipes prevented the filling the baptismistry and the service was postponed. From there he went to Anadarko to join Elder Clark in the funeral service for Mrs. Dixon of that place. The Anadarko company suffers a great loss by the death of Sister Dixon who has been their standby for a number of years. Obituary and report of the funeral will appear later.

Elder Clark and Miss Harris spent Sabbath with the Muskogee church in the interest of Sabbath School work. They report a very successful rally. Weather conditions were inclement but the attendance was good.

Elder Gant spent the week-end with the church at Sapulpa and the company at Bristow.

Brother Norman spent the Sabbath with the Shawnee Church.

We are glad to write items without reporting sickness among the office force. Everybody is hard at work.

It is time for the various Reading Courses to be well under way. Evidently many have not started, so it will be well to place your order for your Reading Course, whether it be Ministerial, Missionary Volunteer, Senior, Junior or Primary, or Sabbath School teacher's or church school teacher's. Order through the Book and Bible House.

February is *Signs* month. Every Adventist should read the *Signs* and see that many others do also.

NOTICE

Colporteurs' Institute at Oklahoma City, March 4 to 14. If interested in colporteur work, write C. M. Norman, Box 1077, Oklahoma City, and arrange to attend the institute.

C. M. NORMAN.

Field Secretary, Oklahoma Conf.

DON'T READ THIS

JUST today I received a letter from Professor Kellogg of the school, stating that he had set me a message some time ago asking that if I could do so, I should write a short article for the RECORD in behalf of THE HUB the school paper. The message referred to was never delivered which accounts for the delayed article. I am sure that all who have been receiving THE HUB appreciate its weekly visits and are well pleased with the paper and it is not necessary for me to emphasize the value and merits of this paper only for the benefit of those who do not receive it.

The Oklahoma Conference is well represented at Southwestern Junior College by a large student body and I take it for granted their homes are visited regularly by THE HUB. This however provides a very small subscription list from the Oklahoma Conference and I want to urge those who are not receiving it to become readers of the same.

This paper is a four-page weekly and is filled with items and articles of interest to all who are interested in the work of Christian education, and is worthy of the moral and financial support of every Seventh-day Adventist in the conference. The subscription price is only seventy-five cents a year and it will call for a very small sacrifice to have it come to your home. If your subscription has

run out or if you have not been a subscriber why not send the seventy-five cents with your name and address at once. All remittances should be made to THE HUB, Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas.

W. H. CLARK.

OBITUARY

APPLETON—MARCUS B. APPLETON was born October 19, 1847 at Columbus, Ohio, and died at Chester, Arkansas, January 4, 1929. At the age of twenty-three years he was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and all through the years cherished the hope of a soon-coming Saviour and went to his rest confident of a part in the first resurrection. Brother Appleton has been a long time believer in this message and we are sorry not to have more detailed information of his life and death to include in this obituary.

Word of his death and a request for a minister to conduct the funeral came to the office by special delivery letter but did not reach us until an hour before the time set for the funeral which was held near Pawnee, Oklahoma, where burial was made. We were able to get in touch with the family by telephone at the time of the service and learned that arrangements had been made to go forward with the funeral. We were sorry, indeed, that for any reason we could not be of service to the relatives and friends in the hour of their sorrow. Mrs. Carrie Arganbright, one of our isolated sisters living at Jet, Oklahoma, is a daughter of the deceased and sent us the information and dates used above.

W. H. CLARK.

SIX TO ONE

THROUGH a record kept for some time of the favorable and the unfavorable letters received by *Present Truth*, voluntarily written by people not in any way associated with our people, the encouraging fact is revealed that six times as many of these *Present Truth* readers speak in the highest terms of the contents of this paper as those who find no interest in it. In view of the millions of copies of *Present Truth* going out each year and the daily letters coming to *Present Truth* from many of these millions of people, the average of six

favorable to one unfavorable is a remarkable revelation of the influence and power of the simple message as presented in this message-teacher.

There are two positive classes of people with whom we must deal in all of our literature work—the message-susceptible, and the message-resisting classes. Our work is to find, and to deliver the message to the first class; and, to feel sorry for, but not to be disconcerted by the second class.

\$500,000,000 FOR COLDS

THE common cold is one of the most annoying, expensive, and incorrigible scourges of our modern civilization. It is estimated that there are 100,000,000 colds in the head in the United States each year, and that the time lost as a result of these colds is worth over a billion dollars.

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OUR FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

THOSE parting words of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", still point out to the remnant church the greatest duty and the most important work with which God has charged his people. While it is necessary to "Begin at Jerusalem", and essential that a strong, growing work be maintained at the home base, yet the real spirit of the Christian religion is a missionary spirit. We are to be ever advancing into new territory, building up new centers, and making new conquests in souls won for the kingdom. And so the giving of mission offerings is a vital element in every Christian's life. Our gifts, and the spirit of the giving shows the work of divine grace upon the heart.

Somehow, we feel that our foreign mission offerings in South Texas should be greatly increased during 1929. We are not at all satisfied with the thirty-one and a half cents per week per member of 1928. As I look over the North American Division report for last year, I see but two conferences in all North America that gave less per capita than we did. Now we certainly must all wish to do bet-

ter this year. And I believe that we can do much better.

Think of it. We have the greatest, the most precious truth ever entrusted to men; we believe that when this truth has found its way into every land, and has been fully preached to all mankind, that then Jesus will come, sin and sickness and all evil will be forever banished, and the Kingdom of God will come, and we show our faith and confidence in this work by giving just four and one-half cents a day! Surely we can do at least twice as much as that. And so our committee has asked that efforts be made to lead our churches and isolated believers into larger and more systematic giving, and we shall try to do so.

First, I want to suggest that all the responsibility does not rest upon the officers. Every conference worker should feel it his duty to lead out in teaching and practicing a liberal spirit toward our foreign work. I think that every church elder, with his committee, ought to take upon himself the duty to see that his church does its part faithfully and well. Why not decide, as a church, what you ought to do in this regard, and then all work together for the accomplishment of your goal?

Second, the use of the Pledge Card for mission offerings has been recommended to us. These cards have been sent out to the churches. Will not every church as well as the isolated ones, take hold of this plan. Let us give it a good, fair trial. Certainly the work is of sufficient importance for us to plan for its support and decide thoughtfully what we each one should do during this year. Let us make this year the banner year in mission giving for South Texas by raising our full quota of sixty cents a week.

F. L. PERRY.

A NEW WORKER

RECENTLY while at La Reforma with Elder F. L. Perry we were able to secure the services of Brother Alvarado for the evangelistic canvassing. Brother Alvarado is a fine, substantial man, and we believe that he will make a good colporteur. He understands the value of the printed page, for he accepted the truth through that medium, and we feel sure that he will be able to impress upon others the importance of reading this literature.

D. VAN CAMPEN.

OUR LATE INSTITUTE

WE ARE rather late about reporting our institute for South Texas which is now three weeks in the past. We had only six workers present. There were others who were not permitted to be in attendance on account of sickness, and our faithful "Captive," while here in the city, could not attend any of the colporteur meetings because of illness. Brother Abbott was with us, and he gave us some timely instruction. We were also fortunate in having our conference president, Elder F. L. Perry, with us, and he also gave us valuable help. We believe the book work is going to progress in South Texas this year as there are others who have had some years of experience in the work who are planning to be with us in the near future. Pray for us in this field that many souls may be saved as a result of our efforts.. D. VAN CAMPEN.

TEXICO CONFERENCE
 419 Rencher St., Clovis New Mex.
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 Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater
 Texico Book and Bible House
 Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater

CAN YE NOT DISCERN THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES?

A SERIOUS charge was brought against the people of God in the Saviour's day, because they failed to inform themselves relative to the "signs of the times" in which they lived.

The apostle Paul, one of the clearest writers on the "present truth" which naturally deals with fulfilling prophecy, admonishes those who are of the number that know the time, that they should arouse themselves, for says he, "Our salvation is nearer than when we believed." In other words, time is much shorter than when you accepted the message, hence it is no time now to go to sleep on guard.

In order that the remnant might not be left without an effective weapon of warfare, the Lord caused to be brought into existence the national weekly, the *Signs of the Times*, and from February 10-23 all our churches including the isolated believers will rally to a campaign for a larger circulation of this Heaven-sent messenger of light on Bible prophecy. So it is hoped that every one in the Texico Conference will do his best to in-

crease the *Signs* clubs, and in every possible way help to get this great preacher into the homes of our neighbors for 1929. E. T. WILSON.

TEXICO NEWS NOTES

Brother F. E. Wilson says he has met a young man who for three months has bitterly fought the truth and now has declared himself convicted that he has resisted the message of God. He says he is willing to go anywhere to hear it. His wife's prayers have prevailed in his behalf. Brother Wilson has been working in the neighborhood of Lizarra where he says some families are deeply interested in the truth. He expects to win enough converts to erect a church building soon.

We are sorry to lose one of our colporteurs, Brother J. C. Curry and family, from this field. Brother Currey is now located in Arizona where he will continue with the colporteur work.

Elder J. Z. Walker was called to Kansas on account of the sickness of his mother. He reports her improving.

Our institute, which was held here in Clovis during part of the month of January, is over. We are glad to report that the colporteurs are entering their new fields full of courage and enthusiasm to make this year the biggest year in the history of Texico in value of orders and deliveries.

ARE WE STANDING FOUR-SQUARE FOR GOD

HUSBANDS, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it, with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5: 25-27.

With a picture of Christ's purchased possession before us, knowing full well that only those who measure up to this high standard will belong to that "present" which the Master is to receive to Himself when He comes, then ought we not to ask ourselves the question, "Am I standing where God can take me with that glorious church?"

There are many expressions found in the Bible which clearly indicate that

some of God's people in all ages have thought their spiritual condition was far better than it was in reality. One of these expressions is found in Isaiah 58, where the professed followers of the Lord complain that their fasting and affliction of soul have not been noticed by God.

Again in the days of the Saviour this same truth is brought to our minds when He declares plainly that, "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7: 21.

Forty-seven years ago the servant of the Lord wrote a message in the form of an appeal to our people, which was to be read at the camp meetings. The writer came to this message a few days ago, while reading one of the volumes of the Testimonies through, and it contained such a startling paragraph relative to the spiritual blindness of the church and the cause, that he takes the liberty of quoting it in full here.

"The church has turned back from following Christ her leader, and is steadily retreating toward Egypt. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. Doubt and even disbelief of the Testimonies of the Spirit of God, is leavening our churches everywhere. Satan would have it thus. Ministers who preach self instead of Christ would have it thus. The testimonies are unread and unappreciated. God has spoken to you. Light has been shining from His Word, and from the Testimonies, and both have been slighted and disregarded. The result is apparent in the lack of purity and devotion and earnest faith among us." Volume 5, page 217.

With this solemn charge before us, shall we not, while it is early in 1929, question our own hearts, and if we find that we are contributing to this great lack of spiritual power by retreating toward Egypt, may we not renew our covenant with God by a solemn promise that we will stand four-square for all that this great message stands for? May the Lord grant that we as preachers and laymen may be what our holy profession calls for. E. T. WILSON.

THE OLD LANDMARKS

(Continued from last week)

"When He comes, He is not to cleanse us from our sins, to remove

from us the defects of our characters, or to cure us of the infirmities of our tempers and dispositions. If wrought for us at all, this work will all be accomplished for us before that time. When the Lord comes, those who are holy will be holy still. Those who have preserved their bodies and spirits in holiness, in sanctification and honor, will then receive the finishing touch of immortality. But those who are unjust, unsanctified, and filthy, will remain so forever. No work will then be done for them to remove their defects, and give them holy characters. The refiner does not then sit to pursue His refining process and remove their sins and their corruption. This is all to be done in these hours of probation. It is now that this work is to be accomplished for us.—Test. Vol. 2, page 355.

“Probation is almost ended, and you are unready. Oh that the words of warning might burn into your soul: Get ready! Get ready!! Get ready!!! Work while the day lasts; for the night cometh when no man can work.”—Test. Vol. 2, page 401.

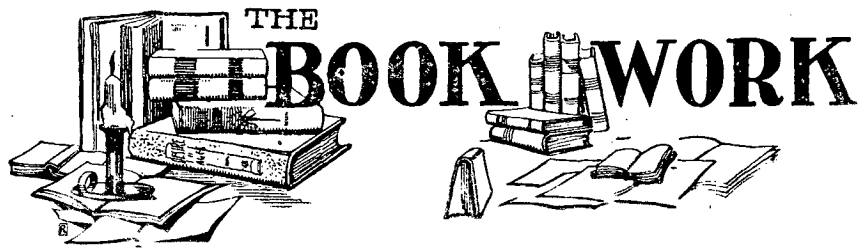
I. A. CRANE.

**203,000 CIGARETTES
A MINUTE**

STEADY increase in the consumption of cigarettes in the United States, as indicated in the latest government reports, will carry the American production this year for the first time well above the hundred billion mark, in the estimate of conservative observers familiar with the tobacco industry. The government will receive from this source of taxation not far from \$300,000,000, or practically twice the receipt in 1922. Cigarette production is more than six times greater than it was when the World War started and twice as great as at the close of the war.

The two factors principally held accountable for this phenomenal increase are the experiences of soldiers enjoying the relaxation of cigarettes during the strain of war and the increase in the number of women who smoke.

The statistics in the cigarette industry, when interpreted, illustrate the huge proportions of this comparative newcomer among the industrial giants. In 1914 16,000,000,000 cigarettes were manufactured in the United States. Three years later this figure had



OKLAHOMA COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 2, 1929

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Tot. Val.	Val.-Del
Orpha Zimmerman	HP	40	7	45.50	7.00	52.50	4.50
J. S. Hindbaugh	RJ	48	32	98.00	47.25	145.25	28.75
Mrs. Hindbaugh	RJ	9	7	21.00	2.00	23.00	2.00
E. H. Carter	BR	53	11	63.75	20.50	84.25	72.75
J. P. Williams	GC	19			15.00	15.00	7.00
Workers	5	170	57	228.25	91.75	320.00	115.00

SOUTH TEXAS COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 2,

W. H. Atherly	RJ	155	125	381.00	50.00	431.00	223.50
Geo. W. Baldwin	RJ	126	18	78.00	22.75	100.75	55.50
Wm. McKenzie	RJ	34	2	7.00	2.00	9.00	25.00
C. H. McColrey	OD	113	17	72.50	1.25	73.75	42.75
Tomas Requenez	ODW	50	40	77.75	2.10	79.85	26.35
Mrs. G. G. Watts	Mis	10	4	2.50		2.50	3.00
Workers	6	488	206	618.75	78.10	696.85	376.05

TEXICO COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 2, 1929

G. W. Calloway	GC	41	8	31.00	22.00	53.00	88.50
C. F. Kinder	BR	33	4	29.50	39.50	69.00	95.75
P. Miriles	HP	80		43.45		43.45	24.55
Workers	3	154	13	103.95	61.50	165.45	208.00

ARKANSAS COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 2, 1929

B. G. Maguire	PP	46	21	121.50	51.00	172.50	67.00
R. Livermore	GC	28	15	92.50	38.00	130.50	7.50
E. A. Huelsenbeck	PP	19	1	5.50	6.25	11.75	1.75
Workers	3	93	37	219.50	95.25	314.75	76.25

GRAND TOTAL:

Workers	17	925	313	1170.45	326.60	1496.05	776.10
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doubled, and by 1919 it had trebled. In 1924 production reached 72,000,000,000, and it increased by 10,000,000,000 in each of the next two years. The production in 1927 was approximately 97,000,000,000, and this year it is expected to go over the hundred-billion mark with some six billion to spare. This would figure out that in the United States last year nearly 185,000 cigarettes were lighted each minute, and in the first eight months of this year more than 203,000 cigarettes were consumed every minute.

To keep only one of the cigarette manufacturing plants supplied with sufficient tobacco for one day's operation, crops harvested from 148 acres are required. The factory each morning buys from the government \$96,000

of revenue stamps to place on the day's production of packages. From this one manufacturing plant alone,—and, though it is large, it is only one of many,—the day's production of cigarettes fills three freight cars.

Aggressive advertising has grown to very great proportions and is undoubtedly an important factor in determining the smoking habits of the American people. It is estimated that the three principal manufacturers of cigarettes last year spent as much as \$60,000,000 in advertising. Their outlay for 1928 for this purpose probably will not be far from \$75,000,000.

Newspaper advertising has been generally found to be most effective. Last year cigarette manufacturers

were the third largest advertisers in American newspapers on the basis of lineage, representing nearly thirteen percent of the total United States newspaper appropriations of advertisers.—*New York Times, November 25, 1928.*

Miss Beulah M. Crane, of St. Helena, California, is at home enjoying a visit with her parents, Elder and Mrs. I. A. Crane. Beulah is a former graduate of Southwestern Junior College, having left here for St. Helena over five years ago. After completing the nurses course at St. Helena, she has served as assistant superintendent of nurses at that place for the past two years. After a few weeks she will return there after a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. Mabel Gephord, at Snyder, Oklahoma.

S. W. J. COLLEGE

NEWS NOTES

The Missionary Volunteer program Sabbath was given by the program band sponsored by Mr. John Phillips and Miss Laura Morton. The life and ideals of Abraham Lincoln were discussed by the various speakers and special music was furnished by Professor Thompson. Those taking part on the program were: Misses: Nellie Beem, Freda Myrtle Crowley, Violet Doles, and Messrs: Willard Wolcott, Kenneth Deem, and Clarence Dert.

Saturday night the students and village were given an opportunity to attend an art exhibit which was held in the chapel under the auspices of the Home and School Association. The walls of the chapel were covered with reproductions of great masters, and Professor Ryden gave a lecture on the lives of some of the artists and their pictures.

We are glad to see Professor Tucker back after his absence of a week or more. Professor Tucker has been pricing and buying lumber for use in our planing mill.

After a week of rainy weather the cold wave, bringing sleet and snow, Friday was a welcome change. The students especially, are enjoying the novelty of snow in Keene.

Friday evening the Vesper service was conducted in a new and interesting way. Mrs. Nora Mattison spoke

to the girls in the parlor of North Hall and Elder Benton talked to the young men of West Hall. Mrs. Mattison related experiences in her own life showing the guiding hand of the Lord in the experiences which befell her and told how she had been led to find the work which the Lord had for her. Elder Benton's talk was based upon Daniel's experience of purposing in his heart to stand firm for God under all circumstances. After vesper service the Spanish Mission Band met in North Hall and the Asiatic in West Hall. We are glad to see such an interest being taken in the mission bands and Seminar.

The Senior Class was organized Saturday night and the following officers elected: College President: Richard Fisher, College Secretary-Treasurer, Vernon Becker; Academic President, Maurice Dunn, Academic Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Luta Pilgreen, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Miss Hazel Haas; Class Pastor. C. E. Fillman; Class Sponsor, Professor J. L. Thompson.

A new feature has been introduced into our Sabbath School this quarter. It is a German Sabbath School class conducted by Professor Zumbaum, head of the German department of Southwestern Junior College. German quarterlies are used and German is spoken exclusively throughout the lesson study. We have a large German constituency in this union and able workers are needed to carry on the work in this language. We believe that this class not only makes our Sabbath School more interesting but also furnishes a training for the young people in becoming fluent in speaking German. The members of the class are: Misses Hannah Ruf and Elda Fick; Messrs: Wilbert Meier, Harold Winters, Gordon Sturdevant, Branson Chrispens, C. L. Grenz.

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The HUB staff would greatly appreciate it if you would hunt up this letter, sit down and fill out the subscription blank and send it together with seventy-five cents to THE HUB. You will no doubt receive much greater value than this in the amount of student news that you will receive during the coming year from reading THE HUB. THE HUB STAFF.

Robert Benton, Editor.

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