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My Place

I ask not that my name shall be Engraved in halls of fame But for some service rendered here Heaven's records hold my name.

My Saviour sought not praise of men Sought not earth's gilded marts, But rather service to mankind And only favor Grace imparts.

The Great Commission to man was given

The Master shows the way. Cur faith in Him will urge us on Till dawns eternal day.

Oh haste, glad day, dispel the gloom Shed o'er the nations wide. The work He gave soon will be done We'll then with Him abide.

C. H. CASTLE.

To the Young People of Southwestern Union III

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CHARACTER

"God does not bid the youth to be less aspiring. The elements of character that make a man successful and honored among men,—the irrepressible desire for some greater good, the indomitable will, the strenuous exertion, the untiring perseverance,—are not to be crushed out." Messages to Young People. p. 25.

HEIGHTS THAT MAY BE ATTAINED

"Dear youth, what is the aim and purpose of your life? Are you ambitious for education that you may have a name and position in the world? Have you thoughts that you dare not express, that you may one

day stand upon the summit of intellectual greatness, that you may sit in deliberative and legislative councils, and help to enact laws for the nation? There is nothing wrong in these aspirations. You may every one of you make your mark. You should be content with no mean attainments. Aim high, and spare no pains to reach the standard.

"The fear of the Lord lies at the foundation of all true greatness. Integrity, unswerving integrity, is the principle that you need to carry with you into all the relations of life. Take your religion into your school life, into your boarding house, into all your pursuits. The important question with you now is, how to so choose and perfect your studies that you will maintain the solidity and purity of an untarnished Christian character, holding all temporal claims and interests in subjection to the higher claims of the gospel of Christ.

"You want now to build as you will be able to furnish, to so relate yourself to society and to life that you may answer the purpose of God in your creation. As disciples of Christ, you are not debarred from engaging in temporal pursuits; but you should carry your religion with you. Whatever the business you may qualify yourself to engage in, never entertain the idea that you cannot make a success of it without sacrificing principle.

"Balanced by religious principle, you may climb to any height you please. We would be glad to see you rising to the noble elevation God designs that you shall reach. Jesus loves the precious youth; and He is not pleased to see them grow up with uncultivated, undeveloped talents. They may become strong men of firm principle, fitted to be intrusted with high responsibilities. and to this end they may lawfully strain every nerve." Messages to Young People, pp. 36, 37.

Selected by E. A. VON POHLE.

Scientists Change

THE CHANGE of position of leading scientists, in which they refute the

old materialistic view of the universe, is fully covered by three articles in the March color Signs. Written in a comprehensive and pleasing way, these three articles by Prof. George McCready, Price, Dr. Lucas Albert Reed, and Robert Buel, should be placed in the hands of every one of our friends and neighbors who doubt the Bible Story. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more to one address. Order a liberal supply of your Book and Bible House secretary.

Sunday Law Hearing Before U. S. Senate

THREE Sunday bills are now pend-I ing before Congress. On January 13, a hearing was conducted before the U.S. Senate District Committee on one of these Sunday closing bills now pending before the Senate. The outcome of this hearing is still undetermined. It may be favorably reported out of the committee any day and pushed through with the legislative jam in the closing days of Congress. Forty-two State legislatures are now in session, many of which have Sunday bills pending. This issue and the calendar issue are growing more intense and will bring unusual responsibilities and burdens upon us in the immediate future.

For this reason every church ought to carry out the Religious Liberty Day Program on March 7 this year and make a liberal contribution to the religious liberty fund so the conferences may continue the splendid work of sending the Liberty Magazine to State officials, legislators. judges, lawyers, editors and public libraries. Every church missionary society should order at least a club of fifty Liberty Magazines to send to prominent people like mayors, councilmen, justices of the peace and the local ministers. Every Seventh-day Adventist or family should become a subscriber so they may keep informed on religious liberty issues and principles. Let each of those in meager circumstances make Religious Liberty Day a. Dollar Day. Some will do much more I am sure for this important branch of our work.

C. S. Longacre. General Secretary Religious Liberty Department.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

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Arkansas News Notes

No doubt our young people are choosing and planning for systematic reading for 1931. Let us remind you lest you should forget, the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course books. There are three courses: Senior, Junior and Primary. Much time and care has been given in the selection of these books. You can purchase these books from the Bible House at a reasonable price. Please do not delay in placing your order. These books will prove a blessing to you this year. Remember also the Home Missionary calendar and the Morn-These can ing Watch Calendar. also be purchased at our office.

Reports are coming from different parts of the field stating that our young people are planning for a definite work this year. Pray earnestly for the success of the work in Arkansas.

The meetings at Hot Springs are continuing to grow. They are well attended and the interest outside is good. A company from Little Rock went down two Saturday evenings and furnished special music. Brother Crosier reports that the donations each night are good also. Let us continue to pray for this effort.

We appreciate the hearty response to our call for special help from our members throughout the conference for the Hot Springs effort. Your donations are appreciated.

An Interesting Report

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IT WAS my privilege to meet with the Little Rock Sabbath school January 17, and I was particularly interested in the report that was rendered by the secretary. This report was from Sabbath January 10. I felt this was a very good report and thought I would pass it on to our people because it is a real example of daily study especially. I think the Little Rock Sabbath school is do-

ing good work. The Sabbath school here is under the leadership of Mrs. John Green, as superintendent, and Mr. Arthur Beem, secretary.

We certainly appreciate the faithful service of these people. Their report is as follows:

"Of the 122 members present last Sabbath, 105 reported daily study of the lesson. This shows only 17 failed to come up to the standard—were you one of these? The opening song was entitled "In the Garden", number 15 in "Gospel in Song." Brother Hansen read the scripture reading found in Jeremiah urging us to put our trust in the Lord, and then led us in prayer.

"After singing, "The Way of The Cross Leads Home." the secretary's report was given. The mission reading by our superintendent was concerning the medical missionary work Treatments are given, in Africa. operations are performed, words are spoken-it takes all of these to spread the gospel. A British official says, 'The medical man is the most important factor in destroying witchcraft, and the missionary medical men are the most influential'. though the work is small and the workers are few, yet the truth is spreading rapidly. They need hospital, training center to train the young people for the work.

"The review with the subject of "Baptism" was given by Mrs. Hanson and then the lesson for the day was taken up. Our closing song was number 19. "Oh, That will be Glory For Me."

I hope this report will be a real incentive to inspire others to come up in daily lessons study and other goals the Sabbath school in stressing.

May the Lord bless our Sabbath schools throughout the conference during 1931. W. H. HANHARDT.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

2900 Live Oak St., Dallas, Texas President—Elder F. L. Perry Sec'y-Treas.—L. R. Alexander North Texas Book and Bible House Sec'y-Treas.—L. R. Alexander

North Texas News Items

Mrs A. B. Samples, superintendent of Fort Worth colored Sabbath school, reports encouraging progress in that recently organized school.

Elder A. F. Ruf is planning to hold a ten-day effort at Wichita Falls. No doubt it will be in progress when this reaches the RECORD family. Pray for this effort and for Elder Rubendall's effort soon to start at Sidney.

The Waco church served five hundred homes of the city with *Present Truth* by the Home Bible Study League method last year. They are planning now to follow up the interested homes with selected copies of the Family Bible Teacher.

A copy of Signs of the Times for each member is the objective. This copy, read each week by us and then given to interested persons, the year round. and year by year, would cause a steady stream of new converts to be coming in to join us in the homeward journey.

The Fort Worth Sabbath school, under the superintendency of Mrs. E. H. Abbott, is planning for live wire Investment work this year. Seventy-one thousand, six hundred two dollars, and thirty-two cents were raised through this fund in 1929. What a blessing to mission lands!

Brother C. F. Kinder, our field secretary, came beaming into the office recently saying: "It's the best experience I ever had," and told of how anxious a certain young man was to get a copy of "Bible Readings." This experience came while Brother Kinder was assisting some of his colporteurs in Dallas.

Elder Rubendall was in Waco over the week end January 23 to 27. While there he met with the missionary committee. Two days were spent, in company with Brother Carter, in visiting interested people and in calling upon some of our own members and the church officers. He says there are many hopeful aspects to the work in that important city.

For people who have become interested in the truth by Home Bible Study League work, a good follow-up work would be done if they were given a six month's, or a year's subscription, to the Signs. If any of our readers would like to give a Signs subscription to some such interested one, you may send the price to the Home Missionary Department, and the paper will be sent for the period of time you may designate, and the name and address of the interested party will be sent to the donor.

The spring Investment Program leaflet will soon reach the office, and we will get them mailed to our Sabbath school officers promptly. Some superintendents are already asking about this work, and are beginning to plan to put the best possible effort into this good plan. We sincerely hope every Sabbath school superintendent will do all that can be done to get the plan before the school and get it going early in the year. Members and children who are going to invest in any kind of garden, fruit, or flowers, will want to plan early for the proper planting time.

Church officers should have the Church Officer's Gazette and make

good use of it.

Elder Crane is holding a Bible and Testimony study each Sabbath afternoon in the church at Keene. The attendance is good.

The General Conference Committee has designated Sabbath, June 13, as special Sabbath School Rally Day. It is usually held quadrennially, and is always enjoyed by God's people.

The Cleburne and Keene churches have arranged a division of territory in the city of Cleburne and each church will begin a campaign of literature evangelism, using the Home Bible Study League plan.

The Mission Board has sent out a splendid program for our church boards to use in arranging for Missions Rally Day, Sabbath, February 21. There are four such rally days each year. How they do help knit our hearts to the workers and work of missions!

Elder Rubendall spoke at Dalworth Sabbath January 31. In the afternoon he met with the Keene church in their missionary meeting. After this meeting the missionary committee met and planned to begin the Home Bible Study League work in a section of Cleburne.

Sister Minnie Johnson, of Waco, writes concerning the Review: "The articles are meat in due season, and give strength, comfort, and encouragement to the reader, also spiritual development and a closer walk with God. As Sister White has said: 'Those who consent to do without the Review and Herald lose much.'"

Since the close of our colporteur's institute in Dallas, where twelve men and women were in attendance, Brother Kinder has been very busy with these workers out in the field. He worked with six colporteurs last week and reports that every one is making sales in spite of the rains and hard times. Prayer changes things and we believe that much

prayer has changed things in North Texas. Will you not continue to pray for our colporteur forces?

Would you like to know the amounts of the Investment Fund during the years since it was started by the General Department: Here they

1925	;	\$21,860.20
1926		36,697.33
1927		47,078.64
1928		58,864.19
1929		71,602.32
1930	Report not yet	available

5 year total

\$236,102.68

A Visit to the North Texas Training Camps

(Continued from last week)

On the second floor we meet Mrs. George Taylor. This, we are told, is the largest room, forty enrolled. We see the teacher has her hands full. But all goes well. Of course, the children ask whether Brother Ruf couldn't tell them a story. He assures them one the next time, so we go on to the second room upstairs. Mrs. Moyers greets us with a smile, and introduces us to the seventh and eighth graders. These are "Junior High" boys and girls. They are quite dignified and interested in their studies. They are getting a taste of what Academy is like.

Mrs. McConnell tells us that this is a model church school. We are well pleased with the equipment and management. We take a look at their school garden, and are told that the children sold many vegetables from this garden to get their Week of Sacrifice money.

The Greyhound Bus Lines take us to Waco where one of our best equipped one-room schools in the conference is located. Mrs. T. B. Jones meets us at the door, and as we step inside we notice a small group of fine boys and girls. Just for information the conference superintendent told us that this was the first model "A" school in the conference. Mrs. Jones is teaching her fourth year at this place. However, her name has changed since she first started.

Since we cannot get direct rail or bus connection between Waco and Lufkin, we take the "Crow" route. Lufkin is about 175 miles east of Waco. We find the little church and school between Lufkin and Keltys, on the Keltys Road, just within the Lufkin city limits. We are invited in by Miss Bessie Sanders, the teacher, and places assigned. The long trip was tiresome. We are impressed with the beautiful, single, movable, chair desks. This is the only school in the conference that has this kind. This is our second youngest school. We are glad everything is going so nicely, and then say goodby, and we are off for Douglass, just about thirty-five miles north.

As we approach the school building and school, we notice the fine pine group in which it is located, nothing prettier nor more inviting. Miller meets us at the door, and of course, southern hospitality prevails, and we go in. These are country boys and girls. Their privileges for education have not been that of town children, but they are getting along nicely. Notice that fine new book case with locks, and the new teacher's desk. These show what rare talent is found among the patrons of the school. The boys and girls are a little more bashful than city folk, but they do good work.

Our next stop is in Jefferson, where about five miles out in the country is found the community known at "Berea." The junior academy is located in the center of the community. We meet Professor C. E. Fillman, the principal, who shows us items of interest, and acquaints us with the other two teachers, Miss Lauretta Wilcox, and Mrs. J. D. Wilburn. As we go through the main building we find a fine library, and science equipment. The chapel has new benches, the floors are oiled. In a separate building we find the primary grades. This is a model little room for these grades, decorated very neatly. We would like to visit all the good folk in the community, but time forbids. We must be on our way to New Hope, about thirty-five miles north of Jefferson. Here Mrs. Wallace Brewer meets us and we step in to see a nice group of boys and girls. New Hope has two nice school rooms in connection with the church building, only one, however, is in use. This was a larger school in days gone by. We are well pleased with the work done. Mrs. Brewer is an experienced teacher.

We are just about one hundred fifty miles from headquarters, and must make it by night. We are all glad for the nice trip, and for getting acquainted with our schools and teachers.

A. F. Fuf,

Sup't. of Education.

A Good Institute

VERY profitable colporteur's institute has just closed in Dallas where very intensive training was given to twelve colporteurs who will be in the work very soon. The colporteurs were in session about nine hours per day for nearly ten days. We were very fortunate in having Elder J. A. P. Green with us for the first part of the institute and Elder Wagner was with us for almost all the time. I am sure that this was an institute that will be long remembered by the colporteurs of North The spiritual side of the work was emphasized in every hour's discussion.

As these twelve men and women take their places upon the front line of service this week I want to request that our people in this union pray for their success that souls may be gathered in. There are still a number of vacancies in the front line. There is a place in the ranks for you!

C. F. KINDER.

Final Harvest Ingathering Report for 1930

MANY of our readers will be interested to see the following comparative report by churches showing the Ingathering work done in 1930 as compared with 1929. It be noted that while most churches made losses, and some of them very large losses, yet six Dalworth, churches. Cleburne, Gainesville, Salmon, Waco colored, and Wichita Falls made gains. Though included in the report of the Keene church, the college made a gain this year also. While Salmon shows a gain, yet in reality there was a loss for them as the amount reported for them was reported late in January 1930, and was the fruit of Thus, really five 1929 effort. churches and the college made gains.

In 1930 only three churches made the ten dollar goal whereas seven reached it in 1929. Two of the churches making the goal this year were assisted by Sister Eder, the Dallas colored being the only other church to sing the song of triumph.

There was a loss for the year of

\$2,360.50. The loss is not pleasant to think about and it should not all be charged up to hard times. There are some of us, I am sure, that wish we had exercised more faith, manifested more courage, and had done more right down hard labor in a noble effort to turn the tide of loss from becoming great.

Is there not some food for thought and study on the part of every conference worker, church board, and the rank and file of Adventists generally as we scan the columns of the report, which follows:

Church	1929	1930	
Avinger	\$50.02	\$3.85	
Cedar Grove	*270.00	*124.90	
Cleburne	29.45	45.37	
Clifton	*61.40	11.00	
Conference	635.15	613.69	
Corsicana (color	ed) 33.49	15.60	
Dallas (colored)	*270.00	*254.22	
Dallas First	2,046.40	1,405.44	
Dallas Mexican	43.10	33.48	
Dalworth	155.99	194.95	
Denison	197.90	52.95	
Douglass	60.89	28.10	
Fort Worth	475.22	334.87	
Gainesville	136.46	142.71	
Graham	26.50	Conf. Ch	
Henrietta	*90.65	48.40	
Hillsboro	*161.22	*121.70	
Jefferson	149.92	129.40	
Jefferson (colore	d) 11.00	1.80	
Keene	1,379.86	1,333.84	
Lufkin	122.00	59.65	
Mt. Pleasant	22.75	Conf. Ch	
Mosier Valley	15.64	10.21	
Myrtle Springs	68.50	Conf. Ch	
New Hope	75.55	3.35	
Salmon	17.85	43.80	
Sherman	*248.85	168.95	
Sulphur Springs	53.75	Conf. Ch	
Valley View	*837.37	285.19	
Waco	366.23	181.27	
Waco (colored)	31.40	36.10	
Witchita Falls	72.76	115.47	

\$8,137.35 \$5,776.85 *Churches over \$10.00 goal.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

March Color Signs

THE LEADING article in the March color Signs is by Alonzo L. Baker, and discusses in a comprehensive way what the Pope is doing with the temporal power and authority given him by the agreement of February 11, 1929. Here is a splendid article to pass to thinking friends and neighbors. Other features also make this an appealing number, so order liberally of

your Book and Bible House secretary. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more to one address.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Box 1077, Oklahoma City, Okla. President—Elder W. H. Clark Sec'y-Treas.—Lowell Estes Oklahoma Book and Bible House Sec'y-Treas.—B. E. Bridwell

Obituary

KALTENBERGER—Jacob Kaltenberger, born May 1, 1854 at Krimm, Russia, died at his home in Hitchcock, Oklahoma, December 22, 1930, having come to the age of seventy six years, seven months and twenty-two days. In 1876 he came to America, making his home at Lehigh. Kansas, locating in Oklahoma in the pioneer days. His home was near Loyal. For the past twelve years he has resided in Hitchcock.

In 1877 he was united in marriage with Anna Kathrina Lorenz. children were born to this union. In 1874 he was converted and in 1885 embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith and was a charter member of the Lehigh, Kansas Seventh-day Adventist church. He was a member of the Hitchcock, Oklahoma church at the time of his death and fell peacefully asleep in the hope of a part in the first resurrection. A large circle of friends sorrow and sympathize with Sister Kaltenberger in the hour of her sorrow. Funeral services were conducted by this writer from the Hitchcock High School Auditorium, being assisted by his old friends and neighbors, Brethren Loewen and Ornbrecht. He was laid to rest in the little cemetery eight miles east of Hitchcock where he awaits the call of the Lifegiver on the resurrection morn. W. H. CLARK.

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Obituary

HEIM—Pauline Heim nee Pelaske, was born June 17, 1867 in Blue Island, Illinois, and died of pneumonia at her home near Three Rivers, Texas, January 3, 1931. On June 20, 1883 she was united in marriage to Charles Heim. To this union seven children were born, four boys and three girls, one of the boys preceding her in death.

About eighteen years ago the light of the Seventh-day Adventist message came to her and she gladly acconted it and was united with the Seventh-day Adventist church and was true to this message until her death. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, three sons and three daughters, two brothers and one sister besides a host of other relatives and friends. Two of her daughters were present at the funeral. They do mourn, but with the hope of meeting her on the morning of the resurrection. She was a true and faithful wife and mother, a real friend and a true Christian. Her only desire was to live and minister to others and it can be said of her "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalms 116:15. Just a few hours before she passed away she earnestly prayed, especially for her family, and committee her children to their father's care, and kindly asked her husband to watch over them and to encourage them to hold fast to this message.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church at Three Rivers being based on the text of Hosea 13: 14, and interment was made in the cemetery near Three Rivers.

G. F. Eichman

South Texas News Notes

Elder E. A. von Pohle is in our field at present in the interest of our schools. We are glad to have him with us.

Elder Eichman stopped in Dallas on his way back to the office from Oklahoma City where he visited his family for a few days and attended a union conference committee meeting.

Elder F. L. Perry paid us a visit and spoke in prayer meeting Wednesday night. February 4. His talk was much appreciated.

Elder North one of our colored workers is visiting relatives in Arkansas for a few days.

Brother Kibble, pastor of the Houston colored church, reports continued success in his work. We rejoice with him over the results he has in his work.

Elder Lowden, one of the Oklahoma colored workers, paid us a visit and spoke in the colored church last Sabbath. We are glad he remembered us. He was formerly pastor of the Ephesus church several years ago.

Elder Walgren writes that he is enjoying his work at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he is assisting Elder Crosier.

Brother Van Landingham and Brother von Pohle have been visiting the church schools for the last ten days.

Elder Benton, the home missionary secretary of the Southwestern Union Conference, was in our field last week. On Sunday night, January 25, he spoke in the San Antonio church.

Brother J. S. McMullen has been very busy the last few days taking care of the church remittances.

Elder H. J. Miller, our union colored evangelist, has been in San Antonio for several days looking after the colored work during Elder North's absense. He left Wednesday for Houston to be in attendance at the colored worker's meeting.

The colored workers' meeting for the Southwestern Union is being held in Houston Texas. A number of our colored members from the Ephesus church in San Antonio are attending this meeting.

TEXICO CONFERENCE

419 Rencher St., Clovis, New Mexico President—Elder E. T. Wilson Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Day Texico Book and Bible House Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Day

Texico News Notes

Let us remember that March 7 is Religious Liberty Day, and then all plan to have something for this fund with which to carry on this phase of our work. The usual opportunity will be given to renew

subscriptions for the *Liberty* Magazine at a reduced rate, so let us do our share in helping to educate our neighbors and friends before the day of persecution bursts upon the world.

Good word comes from different parts of the field relative to missionary work among neighbors, and we are are hoping to see that statement in the Testimonies fulfilled soon, which tells of a large number going forth visiting the people in their homes, and studying the Bible with them. The world is just now passing through one of the severest tests of all its history, and the third angel's message is the answer to the question, "What does it all mean?" So let us be faithful now that we may be saved when Jesus comes.

One way to do home missionary work in your community is to invite your neighbors to your own home for a cottage prayer-meeting, and you will have opportunity to sing the good old gospel songs, and read a Scripture lesson and pray together, over life's problems, asking God to save your children from the evil of the world. Many people are longing for such an opportunity, and every Seventh-day Adventist home ought to be open for such service.

Christ the Layman's Example

"CHRIST'S work is to be our example. Constantly He went about doing good. In the temple and the synagogue, in the streets of the cities, in the market-place and the workshop, by the seaside and among the hills, He preached the gospel and healed the sick. His life was one of unselfish service, and it is to be our lesson-book." Testimonies Vol. 9:31.

Oh, what a "Lesson-book!" May God help us to study it more diligently in this hour of the world's greatest need of the gospel, and may we be inspired to respond to the call for an all-member evangelism among this people.

Again we are told that, "If we are making the life and teachings of Christ our study, every passing event will furnish a text for an impressive discourse." Testimonies Vol. 9:63. Then shall we not take up our great lesson book and study to show ourselves approved unto Him, workmen that shall not be ashamed in that great day when all will be called upon to give an account of how they have used the Lord's entrusted talents?

One of the ways we shall be able to carry out this divine instruction is found on another page and expressed in the following language: "The Lord is calling upon His people to take up different lines of work... Church-members are to do evangelistic work in the homes of their neighbors who have not received full evidence of the truth for this time.

"Many of God's people are to go forth with our publications into places where the third angel's message has never been proclaimed." Testimonies Vol. 9:33.

"Lend your neighbors some of our smaller books." Id. 35.

E. T. WILSON.

Texico's Colporteur Institute

THERE is no way to compare the colporteur institute just closed with others which have been held in our conference, for we have never met under similar circumstances, but this much can be said of the one just closed, and that is, it was the very best we have ever attended, for the men and women attending the institute this year have a determination that this writer has never seen manifested before. He feels sure that these faithful literature ministers are going to a lost world with a determination to put in full time, knowing that the time is indeed short, and we confidently expect to see more souls won for Christ during 1931 than during any previous year.

It was inspiring to listen to the ringing testimonies from day to day, as the institute advanced, and the spirituality of the instructions given were more and more marked, until Sunday morning when the general instruction hour naturally merged into a real prayer and testimony meeting, at which time all hearts were melted by the warm, sweet influence of God's Holy Spirit, and all said it was the best meeting they had attended.

Has not the hour come for our colporteurs to do a more spiritual work? And if so, do they not need a spiritual fitting up for their work? We are glad to believe that the men in charge of this phase of our evangelistic endeavor feel the need of the hour, and are putting forth strong, united effort to lead all our canvassers into a deeper spiritual life and work.

Now dear reader, will you not stop long enough to go aside and offer an earnest prayer in behalf of the faithful literature ministers as they return to their fields of labor?

E. T. WILSON.

Opening Providences in Southeast Africa

DERHAPS there are very few places in mission fields of the world where the growth of our work has been more phenomenal than in the South East African Union Mission Field, and more especially in the northern part, or the North Nyasaland Field. Our people have doubtless quite generally heard about the large company of native Seventh-day Baptists who embraced the message in that section of the field last year. This experience has been unique in several ways. Mission work has been carried on by Protestant societies in that section for more than forty years. The native people have had access to schools and have heard the gospel as it was presented by these societies. Several tribes have portions of the Scripture in their own dialect. But to more than a thousand natives at least in that section, the instruction they were receiving was not satisfying. Then some of those dissatisfied natives were led far from home, and came into contact with our work. Their hearts were won. The story went back to their people. calls came for our workers. And within two years and three months from the time of entering that new section we have more than one thousand baptized believers there.

The only way we can account for this wonderful experience is by the working of the Holy Spirit. When Pastor James Malinki returned from the General Conference a few weeks ago, we heard him tell a large congregation of natives that the work can be finished in the European



THE SIGNS HELPED TO WIN 122 NEW MEMBERS

HIS fine group of Seventh-day Adventist members represents in part the 122 new converts to the truth who were baptized at Wichita, Kansas, a few months ago by Elder R. L. Boothby. During his series of meetings the greatest help he had was a club of 250 Signs of the Times a week, these serving him as so many Bible workers in the homes of interested persons. Elder Boothby is very enthusiastic in his praise of what the Signs meant to him in bringing people to the meetings, and in following up interests awakened. It was the only literature he had.

This experience can well encourage every church leader, and all our people everywhere to throw all their energies into this pres-

ent Signs of the Times campaign.

During February, the Signs and its work is coming to the attention of our people everywhere. Opportunity is given to increase personal missionary work with it through the year, to mail it to relatives and friends, and generally to increase its circulation and influence. Will you not pray and work for the success of this great missionary effort? Think of the people who, through your efforts with the Signs, may later on help to make up an Adventist congregation like this one.

The Lord's Spirit is working in a wonderful way, and everything in the world is staged for the Signs to do the greatest work in its history.

J. R. FERREN.

countries in two weeks, and that Jesus will come just as soon as the people in Africa can be told the mes-We believe that Pastor Malinki's statement is true, and not only so, but that God is definitely working in a multitude of ways to bring the message to this African people quickly. About two months ago Elder Pearson was in a native village in North Nyasaland, where a little naked lad of not more than six years lay in a state of coma for several days. When the parents and friends supposed that the boy was about to die, he suddenly revived. stood upon his feet and began to talk in the Zulu tongue to those who gath. ered around him. The people occupying the village and vicinity had migrated from far-away Zululand many years ago. Although the parents of this child were descendants of Zulu parents they spoke only Chinyanie in their home, and the child in his normal mind could speak no Zulu, and cannot now. But that day he told those folk gathered around him, in the Zulu tongue, that the Seventhday Adventists were right people, that their's was the true church, and that his people ought to join themselves to that people. This experience made a deep impression upon the minds of those villagers, and among those who have joined the

Bible class since that day is the boy's mother and father.

The medical work is helping us to gain access to new and thickly populated districts quickly. Our leper colonies at Malamulo and Mwami Missions are filled, and patients are being turned away for lack of facilities. Fifteen patients have been discharged from these two institutions this year, apparently cured. what is better, ten were baptized to become members of Christ's body. The government recognizes the distinct value of our medical service, and quickly grants permission for us to enter with it. Only two weeks ago a certain government native commissioner remarked to me that he did not like Seventh-day Adventist doctrine, which causes confusion among natives as to the day they should observe, "but," said he, "their medical work is a great blessing to the natives, and I would gladly tolerate their doctrine in order to receive their medical assistance in my territory." How we need more missionary doctors to answer such appeals.

Naturally these providential openings tax us beyond all our limits, financial and physical. It is now more than a year since permission was granted by the governor of Portuguese East Africa for us to open up our work in that territory. This

is one of the few political divisions of Africa which we have not entered. The door has been open for a year. More than three millions of native people are waiting for us to send a family to open up work among them. In this union-the Southeast African -we have to deal with three separate European governments. Largely through our medical work, God has given us favour with these governments. He has given us favor with tribes and chiefs, and is working miracles to turn the hearts of the natives to the truth quickly. Cannot we curtail our personal wants a little closer and bring in a few more dollars to help take the message to Africa, since God has so graciously and so apparently prepared the way before us? Does not Pastor Malinki say well that "Jesus will come as soon as the people of Africa can be told the message?" May the Lord help us to show our faith in the speedy triumph of the gospel, by our "works" at the time of the next thirteenth Sabbath offering which is to come to our needy field.

O. U. Giddings, Blantyre, Nyasaland, East Africa.

A Golden Wedding Anniversary

ON THE evening of February 1 Brother and Sister J. H. Dortch celebrated their golden wedding at Keene, within five miles of the place where they were married fifty years ago.

Almost a hundred friends from Keene and surrounding towns were guests at the anniversary celebration. The rooms were beautifully decorated in white and gold. A program befitting a jubilee occasion of this kind was carried out. Elder Van Kirk in the opening talk told something of the life history of Brother and Sister Dortch, and Elder Eichman of San Antonio talked of the significance of the celebration. There were several readings and songs, but perhaps the most beautiful part of the program was the thanksgiving service lead by Brother and Sister Dortch, in which appropriate texts of Scripture were repeated by various persons.

Of the bridal pair's own family there were present only their daughter, Mrs. Flora Moyers, and Mrs. Dortch's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dysart of McKinney. During the evening the son, Mr.

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W. M. Brinegar DR				\$ 1.50		\$15.50
Harry VoughtBR		12	72.00	11.00	83.00	7.75
Workers 2	133	28	130.50	28.50	159.00	23.25
OKLAHOMA C	ONF	EREN	CE—Week	Ending Jai	nuarv 31, 19	31
J. P. WilliamsGC	38		\$	\$9.25	\$14.75	\$2.50
Mrs. S. G. PayneDR		7	25.50		25.50	*****
C. L. GrenzBR		1	8.00	2.00	10.00	1.25
B. E. Yankeor		5	21.00	.25	24.50	1.25
Sam Chrispensor	13	1	4.00	2.25	6.25	2.25
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Workers 7	106	16	68.50	25.00	93.50	11.75
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S. L. DonleyBR		24	136.00	6.75	148.25	24.75
Melvin Collinsот		19	68.50	*****	68.50	*****
O. L. WattsGC	90	20	92.00	1.75	92.75	28.75
A. E. GoodmanRJ	55	18	54.00	13.90	67.90	6.60
Rafael Luna HELPS		2	9.00	.50	15.60	15.60
Jesse Suezer HELPS		1	4.00	6.25 \cdot		10.25
Geneva JensenMAG			.25	*****	9.25	9.50
Mrs. A. GoodmanRJ	7	3	9.00	2.25	11.25	2.25
Workers 8 GRAND TOTAL:	425	86	372.75	52.25	424.75	97.70
Workers 17	664	130	\$571.75	\$105.75	\$677.25	\$132.70

Claude Dortch of Huntsville, Alabama talked by long distance to his parents, and a letter was read from the grandson, Carl Moyers of Pacific Union College.

Many beautiful gifts were presented to the couple by their friends, and many good wishes both written and spoken were extended to them. We feel thankful that these dear people have been spared to us so long and hope that their good cheer and wise counsel may go with us to the end. LETHA TAYLOR.

Special Legislative Offer

THE Fort Worth Star-Telegram is making a special offer during the session of the Texas legislature as follows:

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SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

S. W. J. C. News Notes

Mrs. Jennings visited her daughter, Anna Mae, this past week.

The chapel hour on Monday was turned over to the "Mizpah" staff who convinced some students that they want an annual. They hope to persuade all students before the annual is published. If you want one too just send one dollar to the "Mizpah."

Dorothy Laue, Dorothy Ellis, Ruth Carson, Eva Scott, Ivah Ruth Spear, and Geneva Ackerman took charge of the morning worship in North Hall.

The college prayer bands have changed leaders for the second semester. New bands met on Tuesday.

Elsie Stout visited her sisters, Hattie Stout and Mrs. M. S. Hoyt, from Tuesday to Thursday.

Dorothy Laue, Florence Baker, and Estelle Draper spent the week-end at the home of Estelle in Dallas.

Professor Toews talked at chapel on Wednesday on the physical conditions of California.

At Culture Club on Wednesday evening Wesley Crane sang "Pal O' Mine", Everett Calhoun gave a talk on "Marriage or a Career for Women," and Professor Ryden played several solos.

Miss Johnson visited Mrs. Kingman of Dallas over the week-end.

Isabel Williamson spent the weekend at her home in Dallas.

At chapel on Thursday Reverend and Mrs. Glenn Hutton of Cleburne entertained the students with a musical program. Reverend Hutton played a trombone solo, sang a solo, and played a solo on the saw besides rendering several duets with his wife.

Saturday night the mixed chorus rendered "Light Will Come Out of the Darkness."

President P. L. Thompson, of Union College, spent the week-end in Keene. He spoke to the students at vespers Friday evening, to the church at eleven o'clock on Sabbath morning, and to the Missionary Volunteer meeting Sabbath afternoon. His addresses were greatly appreciated by young and old.

Mrs. W. E. Haggard, of Houston, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Abel, and her daughter, Dorothy.

Mrs. C. L. Butterfield, of Charlotte, Carolina, is visiting son-in-law and daughter, Professor and Mrs. A. L. Toews.

Mr. Byron Alexander, one of our college students, was operated on for appendicitis at a Cleburne Sanitarium last Friday. He is reported doing well.

Mr. L. N. Carter has been confined to his home for several days with a very severe cold.

An I. Q. Test

MUESDAY evening at senior class meeting Miss Johnson and Miss Gilbert came in and asked Mr. Calhoun, the president, if they might have five minutes to give the seniors an "I. Q." test. They explained that this was a new regulation so after much hesitation Mr. Calhoun consented. The "I. Q." test turned out to be a series of jokes on the various

Miss Johnson then scattered beans all down the center of the room. The boys made a mad rush to see who could collect the most. To see about twenty dignified seniors on all fours was quite comical.

The boys bid beans on the names of the girls. After securing partners another puzzle was worked out which said, "Eats are on the way." After refreshments were served all the seniors congratulated Misses Johnson and Gilbert on their being able to so completely surprise every senior with such a pleasant entertainment.

A SENIOR.

Signs Campaign is now on.