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## Our Annual Week of Prayer

**T**HE annual week of prayer that has been observed for many years by Seventh-day Adventists has been appointed for December 12-19. The unusual world conditions are a special call to all of our people to make this season an unusual season of seeking a fuller and richer experience with God.

From every land there comes to us information of exceptional interest in our message. In spite of shortage of funds and consequent curtailment of our evangelical forces, God is graciously blessing the efforts of our workers, and a greater harvest of souls is being garnered.

The result of our efforts over the proposed calendar change at the recent meeting of the League of Nations is evidence that God still rules in the councils of men. When from a human viewpoint everything pointed to action which would have hurled us into a sea of trouble, God over-ruled and men for no reason but God's influence changed their attitude and the proponents of the calendar scheme were defeated. For this and many other evidences of God's leading we should be supremely thankful.

It is a proper time to plan for meetings and, brethren, will you not give time and attention to this season? Will you not so arrange your work that visits may be made to those of your church who may be in some way discouraged? Will you not seek in every way to encourage such?

Every church officer and conference laborer should really shoulder this burden. God wants us to be co-laborers with Him. Most of us have time that can be put into such an effort. Will you not endeavor to enlist our church members in such an effort?

Then, too, there is the Annual Offering Sabbath, December 19, the last church offering of the year except the thirteenth Sabbath offering.

With a sadly depleted mission treasury, can we not plan to increase our offerings of last year to double what we gave then? The time to finish this work hastens on apace. God is depending on us. Will you fail Him now?

M. B. VAN KIRK, *President,*  
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## Important Changes

**T**HE recent Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee held at Omaha, Nebraska, will be long remembered as one of the most important held in many years. The attention of our people has already been called to the reduced budgets we were obliged to vote to our foreign mission work. The knowledge of what this reduction will mean to the world-wide work of this message is a great appeal to every believer and worker. We face, not only new opportunities, but new conditions in this work. To courageously meet these new opportunities and conditions is the task and responsibility of the leadership of the movement.

In the face of present world conditions, people everywhere are more responsive to the truths of this message. As they lose faith in the stability of the things of this world they see in the coming of Christ the only solution for the problems that perplex and distress them.

One of the outstanding meetings at the Omaha Council was one session participated in by local and union conference presidents in giving reports of successful soul-winning efforts in their fields. The great emphasis put upon evangelism by the Autumn Council of a year ago was seen to have borne much fruit. Good sized churches have been raised up by the personal efforts of conference presidents and office workers. The year 1931 promises to be the best soul-winning year we have experienced for a number of years. The net gain in souls won to this cause

during the second quarter of this year in North America is 3422. This work has been done despite the serious financial depression. Our conferences have had to operate on a greatly reduced tithe income. In many cases they are not able without help to maintain a skeleton organization with which to carry on the work. Many workers have been dropped from conference employ. Many young men of great promise as successful evangelists have been laid off or have been unable to find appointments.

The leaders of the cause have worked upon this situation with great concern. In the face of such unparalleled soul-winning opportunities why should we maintain so many organizations, when a simplification of our work would release many men from office holding to engage in active evangelism?

Facing this serious problem the General Conference officers spent some time previous to the Council in an endeavor to find a solution. Their suggestions were laid before a large committee of union and local conference presidents and after further consideration were brought before the entire delegation. The proposal was to reshape the present territorial lines of our twelve North American union conferences in such a way as to provide for eight. This arrangement for our union organizations will release four complete corps of officers and secretaries.

The recommendations covering this matter were adopted by the Council. Joint meetings of the committees of the unions effected by these recommendations were held during the Council and arrangements made for calling joint sessions of the union conference constituencies to consider and pass upon these important matters.

Actions were also passed by the Council recommending that our union conferences give study to uniting a number of local conferences. If these recommendations are carried out it will mean the merging of ten or twelve local conference organizations. In a number of cases where conferences are now struggling along in a

weak condition, spending a large part of their income to maintain their staff of officers, they will be uniting with other fields become stronger and more efficient with the united field administered by one staff of officers. Already some unions are taking steps to put these recommendations into effect.

Another action of the Council that aroused much interest was the one limiting the tenure of office. In the case of local conference officers and departmental secretaries it is fixed at six years in any one position, in union conferences at eight years, and in the division and General Conference at twelve years. This plan will bring about an interchange of labor that will prove a great blessing to every field.

Widespread interest on the part of our lay brethren and sisters, as well as workers, has been created by these actions. We have received many expressions of hearty approval. They assure us that these actions have brought new hope and courage to them, and that they look upon these things as the most progressive measures adopted in years. All can see the need of efficiency in our administrative work and using more of our funds in active evangelism. All thoughtful observers readily agree that the cause will greatly benefit by a more frequent interchange of leadership.

We are greatly encouraged by the assurances of hearty cooperation on the part of the brethren concerned in these amalgamations of fields and changes in leadership. For men to put the cause of God first rather than personal position or favored location is always the right attitude. The interests of the cause are greater than the personal interest of any one connected with the cause, and should always come first.

We ask all to pray earnestly that the Lord will give much wisdom and grace to those charged with the responsibility of working out the actions of the Autumn Council.

J. L. McELHANY.

## Harvest Ingathering Experience No. 9

SINCE my last article under this heading I have visited many of our churches in the various conferences, and find a determined spirit to keep right on as long as there is some-

one to be told about our work and solicited for an offering. I found the brethren in Arkansas working faithfully and cheerfully. Elder Rubendall is right out with the people leading them on and he is quite set to see that last year's record is reached. I believe he will succeed.

In South Texas I found they are going forward regardless of frozen banks, and they are finding that calamities stir the people up to think the more seriously, so on they go, getting funds for missions. At Beaumont, where we have a church of sisters, they have gone out and gathered, and are still gathering with hopes of keeping the missionaries at their posts. In Houston I found Elder Leffler had led his forces on to the tune of \$350.00 and as I held the closing meeting with the church, he called the workers to the front at the close and they assured me they would do their level best to make it the full one thousand dollars by the year's end. Professor Taylor, in charge of the Junior Academy, said the school would be responsible for \$25.00 of this added sum, although they had already reached their goal of \$150.00. I really believe they will get the full amount.

In North Texas I found the churches are many of them still pressing on and will make an extra effort in keeping with the appeal from Elder Watson. Brother Amundson, pastor in Dallas, assured me they would make a real effort to raise theirs to a point we hoped for, and I think they will.

Oklahoma is still pressing on. I visited the church at Cushing and find Brother Loewen is courageous in his leadership, and although he is holding a series of meetings at Perkins, he still believes they will raise more in the Ingathering work.

A letter from Elder Hanhardt indicates that they are working right on through the snow and winter weather to the end of the year, if need be, in order to find all the money that is available for the Ingathering Fund in Texico.

With all these encouraging omens, and knowing we are already around \$17,000.00 in the union, I am very much encouraged to believe we will at least raise \$20,000.00 which would be eighty per cent of the \$25,000.00 raised last year. And—what a pleasant surprise it would be if from the old Southwest where wheat, oil and

cotton is our dependence, and it has been in such straits, if we would actually raise the full amount of last year. It is not impossible. If every one who has worked will find at least one more person to solicit, and think of at least one person to write to, asking for an offering, and then every member who has not gone out will endeavor to share this work by placing from \$1.00 to \$5.00 from his own funds into the Ingathering fund to even things up—well, we would get the full amount, that's all.

As we press on during the few short days left us in November and all through December, let us each encourage the other and altogether go forward determined to do our very best.

The faithful efforts of our brethren have been greatly appreciated. Elder Van Kirk phoned me just a few days ago that he greatly appreciated the efforts that had been made, and this appreciation is properly passed on to you.

R. L. BENTON.

## "Watchman, What of the Night?"

WE are living in a perilous time—when the watchmen on the walls of Zion need to be sensitive to prevailing and approaching dangers. Signs of the end of the world and the coming of the Lord are increasing on every hand, and the people in all lands are asking more and more, in the words of the prophet: "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" (Isa. 21:11).

The present unsettled conditions of the world are causing millions of people to ponder their meaning, and thousands of these are making direct appeals to those who are blessed with light and special understanding. They are asking, "What do these things mean? Watchman, what of the night? Tell us. We desire to know."

With the coming of the present perilous times, God is pouring out His spirit upon all flesh. It is a time of struggle between light and darkness, and a special providential day for message teaching. The people, as a whole, are more ready for God's special message to the world at this time than they have been for generations in the past, and they are asking, "Watchman, what of the night?" But who are the watchman to whom

the people are appealing? Are they confined to the ranks of ordained ministers?

Every individual to whom God has revealed the light of His special message has been appointed a watchman, from whom the people are to receive the warnings of coming dangers, (See Testimonies Volume 9, page 19). If they fail to see the dangers and to give the warning, they will have the punishment of the unfaithful watchman. In the Bible we find no excuses for failure on the part of an appointed watchman.

No conditions will justify failure on his part, for God has promised to care for all of his needs if he is faithful in his calling. But the punishment for failing to be true to the calling is equal to great remorse and final destruction. No individual can accept the light of truth and be free from personal responsibility as a watchman. Every believer ought to seriously study the instructions given to watchman, in the Bible and the Testimonies, and to apply them to himself or herself at this time when the climax of all dangers has been reached, and when there is more need of faithful watchmen than ever before in the history of the world. The call of all present day watchmen is for obedience to God's special message—message teaching, the first and all absorbing duty of every believer in God's last message to the world.

D. W. REAVIS.

### The Divine Way of Facing Depression

**W**OULD you like to know the secret of happiness amid the gloom of depression? Can you, through your tears, when men say that we have reached the zero hour, see a joyous way out? Read in the Special Holiday number of *The Life Boat* Pastor H. S. Prenier's article, and you will be able to "Count it all joy when you fall into depression. God has a divine way out!"

If you want to give something different for Christmas—something that would say all the things you wanted to say but couldn't, something that would speak of your thoughtfulness every day in the year, then give *The Life Boat*. The fortunate recipients of your gift subscriptions will be notified with an attractive greeting card bearing your name.

Single copies of this December Special may be had for fifteen cents, and yearly subscriptions for \$1.00. Address the Life Boat, Hinsdale, Illinois.

### The Home Worker's Corner No. 5

**O**NE of our sisters in writing about her work says: "Last week I worked thirty-three hours and took \$70.00 worth of orders. Some of the best people thanked me again and again for bringing the Bible Pictures and Stories set."

Another worker writes: "I have revisited some of the homes where I previously sold books and I found some of them on library tables."

A home worker says: "These books sell well and they also appeal to the people. I canvassed a woman who had two children with her on the street. She gave me an order for a set of the story books."

The Southland needs hundreds of our people who will go to the homes and present these good books, securing orders for Christmas delivery. Will you not have a part in the work?

H. R. GAY.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE  
1215 Marshall St., Little Rock, Ark.  
President—Elder R. P. Montgomery  
Sec'y-Treas.—Ella Winn  
Arkansas Book and Bible House  
Sec'y-Treas.—Ella Winn

### With Elder and Mrs. Hopkins at Bonnerdale

**S**ABBATH morning with my family, I drove out to the Bonnerdale church. We reached there in time for Sabbath school. Sister Hopkins is superintendent and has a fine school. The church was well filled; the interest is good, and there seems to be harmony and love among the members. I spoke to the church at the 11:00 o'clock hour on the subject of "Unwavering Confidence" based on Hebrews 10:23, 35.

Elder and Sister Hopkins have been with the Bonnerdale church for some time, and their earnest labors in the church have been greatly appreciated by the church, and by the conference. This is a good example of the help a sustentation beneficiary may render in a conference. Others could do such

a work if they would locate with some small church where their services are needed.

After partaking of a good dinner at the Hopkins home we drove back about seventeen miles to another church, Tryon City, where a houseful of believers and friends had gathered for a three o'clock service. "Ye are complete in Him." Colossians 2:10. A church school is being conducted at this place for the first time, the teacher being Miss Rankin, a Keene student. After the service we drove on home, where we arrived about six in the evening. It was a good day and a great pleasure to meet with our dear people in both of these churches.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

### Arkansas News Notes

In Gentry we have a junior academy, being conducted by Miss Pearl E. Pride; Mrs. E. A. Nixon and Mr. Glenn Ross teaching the church school grades. This school is doing most excellent work and is accommodating students from various places. Miss Pride is very desirous of securing a Victrola for use in her work. Anyone having a machine of this kind which could be donated to a good cause would do well to correspond with Miss Pride. Her address is Route 2, Gentry, Arkansas.

Elder Montgomery and family and Miss McGee spent Sabbath November 14 with the Lucky and Tryon City churches.

Elder Rubendall and Brother Young are visiting among the isolated members and believers in the south and southwestern part of the state. They expect to be away from the office about two weeks. Watch for a report of this trip later.

The Little Rock singing band has gone over the \$200 mark by a little more than \$10.00. It is really inspiring to spend an evening out in the open with this happy group of workers. Organize a band for this purpose and spend a few nights on the streets in your best residential sections. You will be surprised at the results.

Elder Cooperwood writes from the Marianna church that they went out on the streets one evening and came in with \$5.00. They have begun late but—there are a number of evenings between now and Christmas. Why

not go out two or three times each week until that time.

We were glad to have Brother R. E. X. Haughey call at the office this week. He is from the DeQueen church.

The following isolated members have sent in good sized checks for tithe recently: Mrs. Edith Coffman, Mrs. J. H. Barnes, Jesse Jones, J. A. Hedrick, J. A. Cross, R. R. Burdick, Mrs. A. P. Malone, Mrs. Maggie Hayen, Miss Lottie Dickerson, Mrs. R. V. Keith, Mrs. Florence Abbott, J. W. Jones, Mrs. Kate Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barnard.

The following isolated members have had a part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1931: Miss Emma Songer, Miss Clara Opitz, Mrs. S. E. Rogers, Mrs. Kate Davidson, Mrs. May Stanford, Mrs. Augusta Osburn, Henry Malone, Miss Ellen Dewey, Mrs. Florence Abbott, Doctor and Mrs. H. M. B. Hardin, Mrs. A. W. Elderton, Mrs. J. E. Bird, Mrs. Mollie McCormick, Mrs. Effie W. Taylor. Dear isolated member, if your name is not in this list, will you not make an effort to place it there?

Please Take Notice: We have our supply of quarterlies on hand for the first quarter of 1932. Please order your supply early. Remember that during December Christmas time comes, and during about a week or ten days the mails will be more or less congested. It will be best if you will order not later than the 15th to insure your getting your supplies on time. Please take note also that the Memory Verse cards should be renewed in many cases, as well as the Picture Rolls. It is very necessary that our Sabbath Schools have these supplies in order to accomplish what they should.

Say it with books! We are soon coming to the time of the year when our thoughts leave self to some extent and turn to our friends and neighbors. We like to give little gifts of remembrance. What is better for this than a worth-while book? We handle them for all ages, and all purposes. Please make your decision and order early, so that you will have them in plenty of time.



## Tryon Church Notes

THE new church organized at Tryon, about seven miles out from Hot Springs, had the privilege of entertaining representatives from five different churches last Sabbath, Elder Montgomery and family and Miss Helen McGee of Little Rock, Brother Miller of Hope, a large crowd from Bonnerdale, another from Hot Springs, besides the local members. Elder Montgomery preached at 3 p. m.

Our church school, with Miss Velma Rankin as teacher, is moving on smoothly and some of the children of the new believers declare they never want to attend anything else but a church school.

"The Other's Society," with Mrs. Harb Mooney as leader, has made up a goodly supply of quilts and other articles for sale to help meet the next payment on the lot. So far all expenses for the building have been met and last week Brother Peterson had the good fortune to secure sufficient lumber for the inside ceiling free.

We are expecting another family to locate in our midst soon, and there is room for more.

## Meetings at Tryon City

CLOSED a short meeting at Tryon City last Sunday night. The little church there felt that they needed a little help as they have been meeting with some opposition from other churches, and also some misunderstandings within. The services were real well attended by outside people, as well as by the members. Most of them expressed themselves as having been helped by the meetings, and several outsiders were greatly interested.

They have a church school there with about twenty pupils. Although the building is well ventilated with cracks on three sides so the cold breezes came whizzing through, the school goes on, and the parents are determined it shall not stop.

There is quite an interest at Malvern now on the part of some who wish to learn about the Sabbath truth. I gave them a study on "True Israel" last Monday night, after which they kept me there answering questions for nearly an hour longer. One man told me he would like to spend a day with me studying that question for he wants to know the truth.

This meeting not having been announced before, Sister Battreal went from door to door and invited the people, and to our great surprise they nearly filled the house.

I attended the committee meeting at Little Rock on Tuesday, then drove to Texarkana Wednesday and attended the prayer meeting that night, which was well attended by the church members. Thursday afternoon found me sick, and I was still feeling badly when I boarded the train Friday night for Fort Smith. We held Sabbath school at Fort Smith and Van Buren, each of which was followed by a sermon. Our good and faithful members enjoy visits from our workers, and they take courage in the Lord. This is Sunday night and we have had a good meeting; I am now writing this in the K. C. S. station as I wait for the 12:40 a. m. train to take me back to Texarkana. Don't forget to pray for the work in Arkansas.

ISAAC BAKER.

## NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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## Obituary

CHATTEN—William Ware Chatten was born in Pittsylvania, Virginia, June 10, 1845, and died in Dallas, Texas, November 6, 1931, aged eighty-six years four months and twenty-six days. In 1900 Brother Chatten and family accepted the truth under the labors of the writer and Elder J. M. Huguley at Ferris, Texas, and found it the joy of his life. Later he entered the evangelistic colporteur work in which he continued for almost thirty years, and was instrumental in bringing many into the message. To win souls to Christ was his greatest pleasure and he was absorbed in this to the very close of his life.

He had been in bad health the past few years, very feeble and bed ridden some months prior to his death, yet through it all cheerful and strong in faith. His hope, never wavering, was strong to the end. He often expressed an entire readiness and willingness to go, having no more fear of meeting death than going to the "barber shop for a shave" as he expressed it. And it was verified in his passing. He

went quietly to sleep without a struggle and died with the Bible in his hands reading it to his son.

As expressive of his interests and where his heart was, though unable to get about longer, he had by writing friends and acquaintances solicited and raised \$30.00 for missions as his last work on earth for Christ. Blessed memory of him. Surviving him are one daughter, Mrs. M. A. Norman, two sons, Charles H. and T. I., sixteen grand children, and several great-grand children who sorrow but not as those which have no hope. Funeral services were conducted in the Dallas Seventh-day Adventist church by the writer assisted by Elder F. L. Perry.

W. A. McCUTCHEN.

### North Texas Colored Department

AS a result of earnest work we have been able to make a fair accomplishment in this department this year, both in souls won and in mission funds. The baptism of seven in October brought our total to forty-four in this conference, and we have others awaiting baptism. I hope by the close of December our number will reach fifty.

The Waco church has made an excellent gain in their Sabbath school offering. Through the efforts of Sister Dearnon, the teacher of the kindergarten, that little class has led the school most of the time. We need more teachers that will put forth effort to bring the offering of their classes up.

The Corsicana church continues to hold on, a few faithful believers there keeping the coals alive. It may be yet something can be done there in a creditable way. The Dallas church has been strengthened with new members and have made a good showing in Harvest Ingathering.

We have isolated members we would like to visit often, but our limited means does not permit as we would like. However, we hope each one will do what he can. Everybody can do something. We would be glad if you would examine your record and if the work done by you is not satisfactory to the Lord, then do something the work done by you is not satisfying at once.

We are endeavoring a conference-wide mission extension work. We

want to enroll everyone in this work. With literature we must reach more people and we must be in touch with the interested people. Then we must interest more people in the truth. We have but little time to work. Some have done but little. Some less than that. Let us all get at it and make good, heavy, starred crowns. Read Revelation 22: 12.

A. K. WATKINS.

#### OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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### Oklahoma News Notes

Brother Norman, assisted by Brother Abbott of the Fort Worth Branch, is holding a colporteur's institute at Ketchum.

Elder Clark spent Sabbath with the Muskogee churches; speaking to the colored people in the afternoon and at the white church in the morning.

Elder Wasenmiller has been holding meetings with the Follett church recently.

Elder Beddoe is returning from the Sanitarium very much improved and hopeful that he will fully regain his health.

Elder Clark went to Woodward Sunday to fill an appointment on religious liberty. The meeting was held in the Nazarene church, which was well filled.

Elder Dart is continuing his effort east of Harrah, with meetings three nights a week. Last Sunday he filled an appointment for the Baptist minister, at that place.

Elder Gant and Brother Estes visited the Muskogee and Ketchum churches recently in the interest of church and church school work.

Last week Elders Nott and Clark, Brethren Estes and Norman, gave three days work on the erection of the new colored Adventist church at Tulsa. The Tulsa white church assisted in the building program and at the end of the three days the building was well closed in and is now ready for occupancy.

Elder Miller is conducting a meeting in the Oklahoma City colored church, assisted by Elder Loudon. Elder Miller is now union evangelist.

The local conference appreciates this assistance from the union.

Among recent visitors at the office were Brother and Sister F. F. Riffel and Sister Nash, and Brother Will Riffel of Enid, Jacob Voth and daughter, Ophelia, of East Cooper, Elder Carl Riffel of Altus, Brother Winkler of Little River, and Elder Clark's mother who is visiting with him.

As you read these items the Week of Sacrifice will be drawing to its close and the time for the offering to be taken drawing on. Let us once again give careful thought to the needs of the field, study our ability to give and make an offering which is truly a sacrifice. Sacrifice Week is November 21-28.

### Obituary

GORMAN—George D. Gorman, born August 23, 1908, Major County, Oklahoma, died at Chicago, September 1, 1931, at the age of twenty-three years and eight days. Death came by accident. He lived in Oklahoma until about six years ago when he removed to Chicago. He leaves to mourn his death, his parents, four brothers, five sisters and many more distant relatives, also a large circle of friends who sympathize with those who mourn. He was brought to Omega, Oklahoma, for funeral services which were conducted by the writer, September the 5th. Use of the Baptist church was kindly granted for the service. The Speece Funeral Home of Watonga had charge of arrangements. Burial was made in Kingfisher Cemetery, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. W. H. CLARK.

### Perkins, Oklahoma

"O ye of little faith." This saying was true last Sunday night as the members of the Perkins church, and the writer, gathered at the church and were discussing the weather. We came to the conclusion that there would not be very many out that night to the meeting as it was very dark and rainy. But to our surprise in an hour's time the people gathered from far and near, and the brethren had to go to a near-by hall and get two dozen chairs.

It was the privilege of the writer to go to Perkins on the 29th of October, and start a series of meetings. The first night we had around twenty-

five or thirty in attendance, and this number has grown to one hundred and fifty in one week's time. The brethren have been looking for a bigger place but have not been able to find anything thus far.

I have never been in a place where people gave such good attention and are wanting to know the truth from the Bible as they do in this meeting. The people are asking, Which day is the Sabbath? and, What about tithing? and many other subjects. We want to do all we can to show them God's way. Pray for the meeting in Perkins.

We are glad to have Mrs. John Anderson and my wife to take care of the music. GEO. LOEWEN.

#### SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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#### Week of Prayer Arrangements South Texas Conference

At a recent committee meeting it was voted to adopt the following arrangements for conference help at the various churches for the week of prayer: Elder Sturgeon, Elder Taylor, and Brother McMullen divide their time between San Antonio and Hondo. Brother McMullen and the writer arrange for the work at Austin. Elgin will be visited by the writer and Elder Taylor. The valley churches are to be served by Brethren Coble and Wagner, and Elder Benton. Elder Benton will also visit the Corpus Christi church and the Galveston company. The writer will spend a day or two at the El Campo church, and Elder Leffler will also visit the El Campo church besides Houston and Brenham and Beaumont. Elder Walgren will spend his entire time between Beaumont, Brenham, and Houston. Brother Coble and Brother Wagner will also visit La Reforma and Falfurrias. Because of the fact growing interest at Luling Elder Corwin will spend his entire time there. The writer will also give general help and may visit some churches not mentioned.

We are praying that the Lord's blessings may rest upon his people in a rich measure during the coming week of prayer. G. F. EICHMAN.

#### TEXICO CONFERENCE

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

#### Will God's Work Ever Be Finished on This Earth?

THIS writer has heard many and varied statements made relative to whether the work of the Lord would be finished on time, and how it was to be done, etc., but two statements comes to mind just now, one from the Apostle Paul, and the other from the servant of the Lord who gave messages to this Advent people for so many years.

Paul declares emphatically that, "He will finish the work," and Sister White declares just as emphatically that, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

These two statements have been a bit puzzling to many of us for years, although we know that at the present rate we are now going, it seems an impossibility to ever finish the task assigned us, but the Lord never asks us to do a thing without furnishing us plenty of power, and wisdom necessary to accomplish the task.

The servant of the Lord, referring to some of the methods which will be followed in the closing days of the message, has this to say: "Many, even among the uneducated, will proclaim the word of the Lord. Children will be impelled by the Holy Spirit to go forth to declare the message of heaven. The Spirit will be poured out upon those who yield to His promptings." Testimonies, Volume 7:27.

Again on the same page of this volume we find these words, "In the future, men in the common walks of life will be impressed by the Spirit of the Lord to leave their ordinary employment, and go forth to proclaim the last message of mercy." Then again beginning at the bottom of page twenty-six and continuing on the top of page twenty-seven of the same volume, we have this further encouraging word; "God will move upon

men in humble positions to declare the message of present truth. Many such will be seen hastening hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to give the light to those in darkness. The truth is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness."

The organization for this real laymen's movement, in the humble opinion of this writer is clearly outlined in Testimonies Volume Nine, beginning at the bottom of page 171, and continuing to the middle of page 172, and reads as follows; "There should be companies organized, and educated most thoroughly to work as nurses, as evangelists, as ministers, as canvassers, as gospel students, to perfect a character after the divine similitude. To prepare to receive the higher education in the school above, is now to be our purpose.

"From the instruction that the Lord has given me from time to time, I know that there should be workers who make medical evangelistic tours among the towns and villages. Those who do this work will gather a rich harvest of souls, from both the higher and lower classes. The way for this work is best prepared by the efforts of the faithful canvasser."

It would seem that comment would hardly be necessary, for it appears clear that the Lord has outlined a program whereby trained and untrained workers should unite in the closing work, calling some of the company, "gospel students," and especially mentions the medical workers, and says distinctly that the way is best prepared by the faithful literature minister, which ought to be a great encouragement to this band of untiring workers, who have not always seen the full fruitage of their work.

Then dear brethren of the "advent hope", let us take courage and thank God for the privilege accorded each of us of fitting into His program. Shall we not seek Him earnestly for light and wisdom concerning our individual work at such an hour as this?

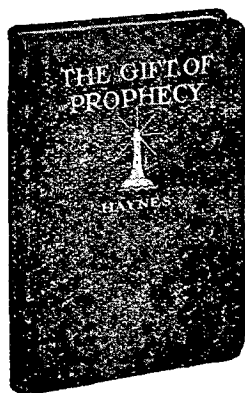
May He who began this work breath upon each of us the spirit of service, and may it be the happy lot of each to find his place, and thus hear the glad words, "well done", is my prayer. E. T. WILSON.

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## COLPORTEUR REPORTS

### SOUTH TEXAS, WEEK ENDING OCT. 14, 1931, R. R. COBLE, *Field Sec'y*

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
S. L. Donley	BR	22	10	\$ 55.00	\$ .75	\$ 55.75	\$ 5.50
Jesse Crockett	GC	23	12	14.50	.25	14.75	.....
A. G. Goodman	OT	40	2	4.00	10.00	14.00	9.00
Mrs. S. K. Guss	MAG	30	.....	.....	11.90	11.90	11.90
Alfonso Castillo	GA	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
C. Chastain	DR	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	103.50
Workers	6	163	24	73.50	22.90	96.40	134.90

### OKLAHOMA, WEEK ENDING NOV. 14, C. M. NORMAN, *Field Secretary*

Ole Fisk	OT	31	2	8.00	1.00	9.00	25.25
Mrs. M. L. Schilt	HW	30	.....	.....	5.75	9.35	853.
J. S. Hindbaugh	GC	29	.....	.....	8.00	8.00	8.00
Mrs. S. G. Payne	DR	25	1	4.50	14.50	19.00	.....
Workers	4	115	3	12.50	32.85	45.35	41.60

### TEXICO, WEEK ENDING NOV. 14, W. L. KINDER, *Field Secretary*

H. W. Uhrig	OT	15	1	3.00	.75	3.75	.....
H. W. Uhrig	OT	12	1	3.00	3.75	6.75	.75
C. Moore	DR	40	6	24.00	6.05	30.05	2.30
E. Williams	BR	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.25
Workers	4	67	8	30.00	10.55	40.55	73.30

### ARKANSAS, WEEK ENDING NOV. 14, C. N. YOUNG, *Field Secretary*

Harry Vought	BR	34	2	11.00	3.50	14.50	.....
N. O. Hibbetts	DR	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.50
Miscl. Sales	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	279.35
Workers	2	58	2	11.00	3.50	14.50	306.85
GRAND TOTAL:	Workers	16	403	37	\$127.00	\$69.80	\$196.80
							\$556.65



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# SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

## S. W. J. C. News Notes

Saturday night a recital was given by the Music and Expression Departments in the College Auditorium.

The College Band rendered the first two numbers, "Serenade" and "Military March." "I Hear You Calling Me" was a solo sung by Charles Lane. Elva Lee Bradley at the Grand, played "Sunshine." Ye Southern Warblers rendered a very pretty number entitled "A Perfect Day." Louis Sanders and O. B. Ballew played a number entitled "I Love a Little Cottage" as a cornet duet. "The Big Brown Bear" was a solo sung by Alice Mae Crutcher. Martha H. Huffhines played a piano solo entitled "Marche Fantastique." Representing the Expression Department Lee Ellen Alexander read "The Midnight Run of the Overland." A solo rendered by Juna Tipton entitled "Vale" (Farewell) was one of the prettiest numbers. "Polanaise in B flat Minor," opus 7, was a piano solo by Iva Ruth Spear. The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Professor Dortch, sang "A Love Lyric." As a closing number the College Orchestra played "Rose Dance" and "Our Student March".

Mrs. E. D. Ryden was called to her home in New York last week, because of the sudden death of her father, Mr. C. T. Schwab.

Ouida Cloninger and her brother, Ralph, have been visiting friends in Keene this past week end. They are both former students of S. W. J. C. Ralph is on his way to Loma Linda to resume his medical studies.

Clara Fick is spending a week at her home in the Rio Grande valley.

The A Cappella Choir sang at vespers Friday night. Elder Van Kirk gave an inspiring sermon.

On several recent Sundays, Elder

Miller took a group of students harvest ingathering to near by towns. They brought back the report that they had done real well in their work.

President Kellogg has returned to Keene after a business trip to the Pacific coast in the interest of the industries of the school.

Estelle Draper from Dallas has been visiting friends in Keene this week. Estelle is a former student of S. W. J. C. and assisted in the business office.

Henry McGee and wife from Houston have been visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Berry. Mr. and Mrs. McGee are both former students.

Miss Alvina Reisig a former student of S. W. J. C. writes that she is enjoying her work at Broadview College this year. She sends regards to her many friends and class mates.

Dorothy Haggard visited Martha Ann Spikes at her home in Dalworth last week end.

Dr. H. T. Huguley and his mother, Mrs. W. J. Huguley, from Dallas visited friends in Keene over Sabbath.

## Home and School Meeting

**B**ECAUSE of the scarcity of territory for Harvest Ingathering around Keene, Mrs. M. E. Little and the teachers in the Normal Department of Southwestern Junior College, were greatly puzzled as to how the children in the training school were to have a part.

Finally the plan of having an auction sale, as carried out in some of our schools in the Northwest, was decided upon. Prof. A. F. Ruf, educational secretary of the North Texas Conference, seconded the plan. When the pupils were told of the plan by which they could do their part in Harvest Ingathering they were very happy. It was pleasing to see their enthusiasm.

Professor Ruf came from Dallas, Thursday, November 12, and several others helped by offering their cars. Seven cars in all went out. The children were well chaperoned, for there were two young men and five young women who went with them besides the drivers of the cars. These children were from the seventh and eighth grades.

The children in the lower grades were anxious to do their parts too. Mrs. H. E. Miller, leader of the Home-School Association, suggested letting the children of the lower grades go and solicit in Keene and neighborhood and see what they could do. All the grades took part. It was surprising to see the result. All the stores in Keene, the industries of the college, and the homes of the village contributed liberally.

Thursday night the Home and School Association met, and after an interesting program in the college chapel, an auction was held to sell the articles brought in by the children. The chapel had been decorated for the occasion, and a large crowd was out. Mrs. Little in an introduction told how well the children had worked and expressed appreciation to all who had helped.

The auction sale was conducted by Professor Ruf and Elder R. L. Benton. It surely was inspiring to see the happy smiles on the faces of the children as their articles were sold. Vegetables and fruit, both canned and fresh, butter, eggs, nuts, mops, brooms, step-ladders, etc. The proceeds of the sale amounted to \$53.57. While this is the first experience of the boys and girls at Harvest Ingathering, it will not be their last, if present plans for next year are carried out.

ANNIE WILLESS