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## The Railroads

**D**URING 1932 the railroads in the United States carried nearly four hundred eighty million passengers with only one fatality due to passenger train accident. While these millions thus rode in safety and comfort, approximately twenty-nine thousand five hundred people were killed in automobile accidents.

While the railroads were earning one dollar from 1923-1929, they earned only twenty-nine cents in 1932. This drop in earnings, directly and indirectly, sent two million men off the payrolls.

While the general depression had to do with this decrease, another contributing factor is the fact that motor bus transportation on tax supported highways, was given nearly one hundred forty million dollars of passenger business heretofore given to the railroads.

The railroads were pioneers in building large portions of the nation. They are the backbone of our industrial and agricultural structures today. As a contribution to the nation-wide recovery program, the railroads have reduced fares to a point below the cost of privately-owned transportation.

A return to rail travel is a return to safe transportation, and a helpful step in the direction of recovery from unemployment. One can now travel in coaches for two cents per mile, and in pullmans for three cents per mile, plus the pullman berth fare. These safe and dependable pioneer carriers are entitled to an expression of appreciation on the part of the public as would be shown in a return of legitimate business.

With the return of licensed liquors will come increased danger on

the public highways; thus safety and economy, coupled with comfort and dependability, point the way back to the pioneers in transportation,—the railroads. R. L. BENTON.

## Tithe Covenant Day

**S**ABBATH, January 27, has been designated "Tithe Pledge Day", to be observed in all our churches. Beautiful covenant cards have been prepared by the General Conference Treasury Department and are being supplied free to all our churches to be placed in the hands of our church members. Our ministers and church elders are requested to speak that day on the moral obligation of the tithing system, and our entire membership is to be invited to sign covenant cards pledging themselves to absolute loyalty to this heaven-born system of financing the work of God in our conferences.

The new year 1934 should mark the greatest advance in our work in the history of the church, and the responsibility for financing this advance should rest proportionately upon each member of the church. We earnestly appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist to start the new year by making a covenant with God like that made by Jacob at Bethel when he said, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou givest me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28: 20-22.

W. H. BRANSON,  
General Conference Vice-Pres.,  
for North America.

## Do You Have Foreign Neighbors?

**W**E USUALLY remember our foreign neighbors during Ingathering. They give on the average more readily to charity and missions than

do Americans. Some half million Ingathering magazines have been circulated among them during the past season. Now, what about them during the year? Is it right to remember them only when we want their money? Of course not, so let us place in their hands the foreign *Present Truth*.

It comes in Bohemian, Danish-Norwegian, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Russian, Slovakian besides the Jewish little paper. Then let us not forget the Spanish "Centenela", a fine magazine for the Spanish-speaking. This literature has been placed at a very low figure and your Book and Bible House will be glad to have your order and you will have the privilege of seeing some of these foreign neighbors accept the truth.

## The Home Missionary Dep't of the Southwestern Union

HENRY F. BROWN, Secretary

## Why We want Better Reporting of Home Missionary Activities

**I**NGATHERERS have discovered that if a report of the home missionary activities in the form of a welfare report is placed in the hand of a prospective donor to our work he becomes intensely interested. He sees that we are doing real welfare work in his district. This has been tried in two of our conferences this year to good success. Doubtless it will be used in each conference next year.

Now it is easy to see that with but thirty-nine per cent of our members reporting our welfare report is incomplete and is not a fair representation of our work to the community. With this added incentive, why can not one hundred per cent of our members report this year. Make it a practice to note down each Sabbath the missionary visits, the cases assisted, and the other items done. This will help materially in our next year's Ingathering work. Start the

new year right; report your missionary work done.

The Southwestern Union is the fourth in the list of nine union conferences in North America in percentage of reporting membership, with thirty-nine per cent reporting. Quarterly we will list the conferences in the RECORD in order of the reporting membership. Help your conference be the best. We hope in this to secure at least seventy-five per cent of our members as regular reporters.

HENRY F. BROWN.

### Watchman Missionaries

SISTER N. R. Hickman is our "Watchman Missionary" in the Oklahoma Conference. She takes hundreds of the good magazine and makes monthly visits to the towns around her home. Some of her experiences are thrilling to listen to. "At Woodward I found one of the men at the first window in the bank extremely interested. He had gotten *Watchman* now and then—every time he had a chance from me—and in the meanwhile he had sent for *Signs and Present Truth* for a year in an effort to learn more of the prophecies. He is now studying Daniel and Revelation. I find so many people who are anxious to hear the truth."

Sister, why do not you dedicate half of your time—or all of it—to

selling the "Watchman?" You can earn a good living, meet interesting and interested people, and do good. Your own soul will be watered as is Sister Hickman's.

### New Watchman Workers Needed in the Southwest

AS THE year of 1933 passes into history it is interesting to look back upon the record made by our own Southland magazine, *The Watchman*, and see how richly God has blessed its distribution by our faithful workers.

About a year ago the price of single copies was reduced to ten cents a copy, the subscription price to \$1.00 a year. This step was right in keeping with the times, and the average circulation of the magazine for 1933 is more than three times what it was in 1932. Our colporteurs and laity in the Southwest have rallied to the appeals made by our field leaders to get out and support *The Watchman*... Our total circulation of the magazine in the Southwestern Union during 1933 was 66,883, while in 1932 only 26,428 copies were distributed.

In every conference we need more regular *Watchman* sales representatives. The low price of the magazine, the attractive and appealing manner in which *The Watchman* is presented,

combine to make single copy or yearly subscription sales one of our most effective and convenient methods of presenting God's truth for this time. You want a part in finishing the work. Then get started as a *Watchman* representative. There is still plenty of territory unworked in the Southwest. Consult your field secretary for details.

L. L. SKINNER.

### Our Church School Teachers Cooperate

WITHOUT exception as far as our observation goes our church-school teachers cooperate fully with the churches in their Ingathering work. As an illustration we cite the case of Miss J. Mable Woods of New Orleans who is teaching the church school in Shreveport. Miss Woods reached her goal in her home church, but wanted to do her part in Shreveport and went ahead and got \$12.00 more! That is the way our church school teachers spell cooperation.

### The College and Ingathering

THE S. W. J. C. has received over \$600.00 in Ingathering. Most of this has been brought in by the enthusiastic singing bands. Those who sang Christmas eve brought in over \$55.00.

## SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE WORKERS' MEETING

### Workers' Meeting Opens

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF SOUTHWESTERN UNION WORKERS ASSEMBLE IN KEENE

MORE than twenty-four hours before the opening meeting of the union workers' council, the delegates began to arrive. The first trickle started on January 2, and by mid-forenoon of January 3 this had increased to a steady stream. The river of visitors was flowing bankfull by mid-afternoon of January 3. Heavy rains throughout a large part of the field and a bitter north wind seemed to have no effect in dampening the spirits or cooling the ardor of the happy throng that surged into the union conference office to register and find locations. By midnight all but

about a dozen of those scheduled to attend the meetings had arrived.

The residents of Keene are doing their utmost to accommodate the large number of guests. They are giving substantial evidence of the fact that open-handed and warm-hearted hospitality is a part of their practical every-day experience. In spite of the best that Keene can do, however, it has been necessary to locate about twenty of the visitors in the city of Cleburne, five miles away.

One hundred seventy-five conference workers, including the church school teachers, make up the list of those who are attending this important convention. The General Conference has been particularly generous in furnishing us strong help for the various lines of work which are being studied. W. H. Branson, vice-

president of the General Conference for North America, will arrive Sabbath morning. Meade McGuire arrived Wednesday morning and will take an active part in the instruction given every day. N. Z. Town, of the General Conference Publishing Department, is with us for the entire session to present the possibilities of the literature work as only a veteran like himself can do.

C. A. Russell, of the General Conference Educational Department, is being spared from other exacting duties so that he can be associated with our union secretary, G. R. Fatic, in strengthening the educational work throughout the Southwest. We are expecting also E. F. Hackman from the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference and G. A. Huse, general manager of the

Southern Publishing Association. We feel that we are greatly favored in securing the type of leadership which these men represent, and it is our plan to give them a free hand in contributing to the success of the council.

The executive board of the Keene church has granted us the use of the entire building during the workers' meeting. The janitor gets up at four o'clock in the morning to prepare for the day's activities. From then until ten o'clock at night the walls of the hallowed building resound with the tread of many feet, the accents of many earnest voices, and the strains of many a noble hymn. An offering is being received at each evening service to assist in defraying the extra expenses for light and heat.

Napoleon Bonaparte found out how an army advances. We are obliged to agree with him that there is not much prospect of a successful gathering of any kind without adequate provision for supplying temporal food to the visitors, along with the intellectual and spiritual instruction which they are receiving. Southwestern Junior College is enjoying a larger enrollment this year than for some time in the past, but in spite of the tax it makes upon the facilities of the culinary department, Miss Ruth Foote, the matron, is shouldering the burden of furnishing breakfast and dinner to the visitors. It is necessary to serve each of these meals twice, once for the students in the regular way, and then again for the visitors. We are indebted to the college management for taking care of these vital dining arrangements in such a satisfactory way. The evening meal, consisting of a light lunch, is prepared by the ladies of the Dorcas Society of the Keene church, and their plan puts the finishing touch on a well-fed day.

At the time of writing (Thursday morning) the weather has moderated considerably. We hope that reasonably good weather may prevail during the time of the council. It is the earnest purpose of the union committee that everyone who attends the meetings shall be comfortable physically, stimulated intellectually, and blessed with all heavenly blessings in Christ Jesus.

### Opening Service

IT WAS the purpose of R. L. Benton, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, to have the entire union committee seated on the platform at the time of the opening of the first service of the workers' council. This plan he was not able to carry out in full, but most of the committee was there. G. F. Eichman, president of the Texas Conference, and in whose territory the meeting is being held, spoke a few words of welcome on behalf of the conference and of the church.

Elder Benton next introduced the various members of the union conference committee and the other brethren who were on the platform. For an opening hymn "Jesus, I Come to Thee" was used. C. W. Dortch, of the College Music Department, presided at the organ, and Willard Johnson wielded the baton and led the singing. Prayer was offered by J. J. Reising, president of the Oklahoma Conference. Henry F. Brown, home missionary secretary for the union, has been appointed the official announcer for the council. He explained the daily program, also giving other timely information to the visitors. A male quartet from the college rendered an inspiring selection entitled "The Twenty-Fourth of Matthew." Elder Benton laid his open Bible on the pulpit, and the council was under way.

### Partakers and Takers

DIGEST OF ELDER R. L. BENTON'S  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE OPENING  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

GREAT and mighty have been the achievements of men during this generation, but greater and mightier than anything that man has done or will do is that which God will do.

By the power of man, we have been able to save time, we have been able to save distance, we have been able to save labor. By the gospel, which is the power of God, God has chosen to save man for eternal life. The gospel, says Paul, "is the power of God unto salvation." Jesus was sent to this world. It is written of Him. "They shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their

sins." I want you to think for a few moments tonight about the mighty power of the gospel to save men and women from sin.

The movement to which we belong was foretold in prophecy. It was a movement that was to begin with the last generation and close with the coming of the Lord. That movement is described by the symbol of an angel carrying the everlasting gospel to every nook and corner of the world. The third angel's message has entered nearly five hundred languages. Nineteen hundred thirty-three has been the greatest year for soul-winning in the history of this movement.

We are familiar with all of that. I want us to ask ourselves tonight, Why did God provide a movement in the last generation whose objective and whose sole business was to carry the gospel to all the world, when the gospel has been preached all through the ages? That has been the program with which the church has been charged in every generation. Why, then, in the last generation does God specialize and point out and picture a people that will be distinguished from all other people, when their business is to do the same thing which the church in every age has been commissioned to do, that is, preach the gospel?

I hope, brethren, that in this meeting we will become so charged with the thought that our business all the time and everywhere is to preach the gospel, that when the council is over we will have been true to the motto given on the front page of the program. It is this: "To press together in prayer and study for a clearer vision of larger accomplishments in the Master's vineyard; and the Southwest in particular." I hope we will go from here knowing for certain that we are both partakers and takers of the gospel. Can you name anything greater or mightier than that? I know that men have ascended eleven miles up into the air. I know several have crossed the ocean in a few hours. I know that in this generation we have discovered many luxuries and made marvelous advances in scientific lines; but brethren, none of these things compare with being partakers and takers of the gospel. To achieve this is the whole purpose of our meeting.

I return again to the question, Why did God plan to raise up a people in the last generation and distinguish them from all other people by charging them with a work that has been laid at the doorstep of every religious organization since time began? There is a reason. Our mission is to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. The gospel is the power of God to save men from sin. If we are true preachers, true partakers of the gospel, we will preach power to save men. We will experience that power ourselves. When this group here tonight, representing the leadership in the territory of the Southwestern Union Conference, are fully partakers of the power that God has to save men and women from sin, we will go out preaching that power, and people will accept it and be saved. That is God's program.

But why ask people in the last generation to do this? The people of God in every age have been charged with that responsibility and yet God singles out this people in the last generation from all other people, and gives them this work of preaching the gospel and tells them that the entire world is their field. When we go out to preach the power of God to save men from sin in the way that God intended it to be preached in the last generation, we will have no competition. We will have opposition, but not competition. The whole field is ours. God has charged this people, this movement, this remnant church in the last generation, to go out and do a thing that will never be done unless we do it.

In II Timothy 3 we read, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." Men will be in the condition of "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." They will be carrying on the form of preaching the gospel, they will be church folks, religious organizations in the last days, preaching away with all their might, having a good form, but lacking in power. If we go out as they go out, what will be the difference between our work and theirs? Did you notice the things that are in the hearts of those who are denying the power? They are lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers,

lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. If we go out to preach with those things in our hearts, we cannot do any more than they are doing.

I thank God for a people in the last generation whom He has entrusted with the power of God that is to be carried to men to save them from sin. I want to take that power. I want to take it into my home, into my life, into the church, into the village, into the conference, and wherever I go. I believe we all want to be able to go out with the power of God in our hearts to save men. We are gathered to this council to study how better to avail ourselves of these heavenly resources. Let us, then, as the program says, press together in prayer and study for a clearer vision of larger accomplishments. Let us be partakers of the gospel ourselves and takers of it in all its fullness of divine power out into the great Southwest that it may save men and hasten the Master's kingdom.

### Reports from the Workers' Meeting

IT IS our plan to pass on to the field, through the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD, as comprehensive a report of the proceedings at Keene from January 3 to 10 as the exigencies of time, space, and financial ability allow. We aim to present a digest of some of the sermons, brief and pithy extracts from the round table discussions, "hot shots" from departmental sessions, as well as short descriptions of affairs in general. We want every reader of the RECORD to feel that he attends the council, even though he had to sit behind a post on the back seat.

### Finishing the Work

THE most important thing for us workers at this meeting is to properly relate ourselves to the finishing of God's work," said Elder J. J. Reiswig as he spoke to the nearly two hundred conference workers and teachers of the Southwestern Union Conference that had met for the first morning Bible study of the workers Council in the church at Keene, Texas.

Elder Reiswig emphasized the im-

portance of these meetings and the fact that the success of the meetings depends upon our getting a new vision of our responsibilities and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. "It is not more plans that we need, or new plans, but the power of God to finish our work," he said. A quotation was read from "Acts of the Apostles" p. 209 which told us that if those who are teaching the Word of God would lift Christ higher and still higher their ministry would be far more successful. In order to lift Christ we must see Him for ourselves and have that complete conversion that Peter needed when the Master said to him, "When thou art converted strengthen thy brethren." We ought to go back to our homes determined to win twice as many souls for Christ as we did during the past year. Elder Reiswig reminded us of the words of Jesus when He said, "Have faith in God."

"We need our people to unite with us in this great program." This was emphasized by the speaker after reading to us a quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy given in the *Review and Herald* which is as follows:

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know especially what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have enlightened, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God." —*Review and Herald, July 21, 1896.*

"When the churches become living, working churches, then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere requests." E. E. BEDDOF.

### Did you Hear This?

The General Conference set us a goal for membership gain in 1933, and at the time when seventy-five per cent of the goal was due, we had reached seventy-one per cent. But we are not winning souls fast enough, and we are not satisfied.

The message as given from many pulpits today has in it no Creator, and therefore no Redeemer; for when

you have taken away the Creator, you have taken away the Redeemer, and then the power is gone.

We must be men that will not incur financial obligations and then run off and leave them. One of the things that has sadly marred the leadership in this movement is that we have been too careless in this direction.

We do not talk alike as we should on some things. We wobble among ourselves on the Spirit of Prophecy. Then the question of the light given us on health reform comes up, and we wobble some more. If God has given us a message on health reform, let us get it clearly in our hearts. The fact that someone comes around and tries to get you to live on potato peelings and bran is nothing against what God has said about health reform.

"The Lord God of Israel is hungry for fruit."

### The Babylon Studies

**E**LDER Meade McGuire, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association the General Conference, is conducting an intensely interesting series of studies on Babylon, ancient and modern. It is not possible for us to publish in the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD anything like a comprehensive report of these studies, but we shall endeavor to give the reader just a few hints of the general scope of what Elder McGuire is bringing before the workers. He spoke in part as follows:

The studies are based on the message of Revelation 14 and are directed toward the point of understanding more fully the last message that we are to give and what it means to escape the awful doom of those described in this chapter of Revelation who worship the beast. Then follows the message of Revelation 18, which presents that other angel who comes down from heaven and lightens the earth with his glory. Just when that fourth mighty angel comes down to unite his voice with the third angel is an interesting question. Has he come, or when will he come down? The Spirit of Prophecy, particularly

in Early Writings, page 277 and onward, makes it clear that the work of this fourth angel is in the future. We are told there that the message is to be repeated. It has not been repeated yet. In 1844 that message was given with thrilling power immediately following the disappointment. We have been repeating it more or less ever since, but it evidently, from this 18th of Revelation, is to come in as a very special and mighty, powerful message following the giving of the three former messages. In a volume of special testimonies entitled "An Appeal to our Ministers and Conference Committees" page 460, the following statement occurs:

"Two distinct calls are made to the churches, the second angel's message, and the voice from heaven, 'Come out of her, My people.' After the truth has been proclaimed as a witness to all nations, when minds are confused by many voices crying 'Lo here' and 'Lo, there' and there is a removing of the landmarks, then a more decided effort is made to advance the false Sabbath."

I think we are nearing that now. This brings us to the question of the Sunday laws. This matter of repeating the message has been intensely interesting to me during the last two or three years because if we are to repeat the second angel's message and repeat it more intelligently and more wisely and thoroughly than it was given before, we need to understand what Babylon is, I think, much more fully than we do know.

Perhaps eighteen years ago I was in Washington and some of the brethren said they were sending to Europe for a number of copies of Wylie's "Papacy". I didn't have a book, but I thought that Seventh-day Adventists knew all about the papacy and that Wylie probably couldn't tell us much, but I said, "As long as the rest are getting the book, I will get one," and when I read that book, I said, "Why, I don't know anything at all about the papacy." I have decided during the last two or three years that I didn't know anything at all about Babylon either. I think it is time that we learn more about Babylon than many of us know.

What is Babylon? Suppose I ask you, What is the everlasting gospel?

Where would you begin to explain the everlasting gospel to me, in 1933 or in the year one? You would go to the year one and try to give me a background and trace the gospel through the years so that I might be able to grasp the plan of it in a general way. The same thing is true of Babylon.

A great deal is said in the Bible about Babylon. Jeremiah talks about Babylon 164 times. The whole Bible is a record of the controversy between the everlasting gospel and Babylon. Jeremiah 51 tells us "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad." The nations are mad and are getting madder and madder all the time because they are drinking of this wine. The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that this wine is false doctrine.

In Revelation 17 there is an extremely significant word. That word is "mystery". Verse 5 says "Upon her forehead was a name written Mystery, Babylon the great." We cannot get any true conception of what God reveals about Babylon unless we make something of a study of those words used almost invariably in describing Babylon, those words that speak of immorality and fornication and adultery, because unless we understand the significance of spiritual adultery and spiritual fornication and immorality, the whole question of Babylon will not have the proper meaning to us at all. In this passage in Revelation 17, every passage is very significant, and we see these things all down through the Babylonian history.

"Mystery." That is the most significant word in the description of Babylon in Revelation 18. Babylon is the most mysterious thing in the universe, and I hope that there will come to us as we study a consciousness of the amazing, diabolical, and marvelous subtlety that is the underlying principle of Babylon. The angels in heaven marvel at it. It is so mysterious, and the most mysterious thing is that none of God's people seem able to let it alone.

In Genesis 10:8-12, we have an account of Nimrod, the mighty hunter before the Lord. The ancient mythologists tell us that after the flood

the beasts multiplied so rapidly that they became a menace to the inhabitants and that Nimrod became such a mighty hunter that he became a world figure because he was able to subdue those wild animals and I suppose possibly that put into his head the idea of becoming a king, the first king in the world, as far as we know. He built many cities. After his death he was deified, along with his father and mother, and they became the three progenitors of all the gods of heathenism.

With the deification of Nimrod began the worship of the dead, and since the dead know not anything, the worship of the dead is really the worship of the devil. From this beginning the various forms of heathen religions, with their idolatry and devil-worship have developed. In many different lands and under many different names the idea of worshipping the deified Nimrod with his father and mother has been perpetuated and to this day can be discerned in the pagan practices of many lands.

There are scores of references in the Scripture indicating what a hold the Babylonian practices had upon the children of Israel, not only before they were delivered from Egyptian bondage, but all through their wilderness experience and long after they had been settled in the promised land. Israel never seemed able to shake herself free from the awful grip of the Babylonian mystery. There were all those mighty miracles in Egypt. There was that manifestation of divine power in connection with all those terrible plagues, culminating in the destruction of the first born. Then there was that mighty deliverance from Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, and the swallowing up of the Egyptian host which followed them. Miracle followed miracle until they assembled round Mount Sinai, and even then, while the fire and smoke were still rolling up from the mountain, they made that golden calf and said, "These be thy gods, that brought thee up from the land of Egypt". Isn't that a mystery? But, my friends, we see it in 1934 among God's people, the same incredible compromising with this old Chaldean Babylon. May God deliver us from its Satanic power.

## A Powerful Plea for the Church School

C. A. RUSSELL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DELIVERS STIRRING ADDRESS ON FRIDAY MORNING

**P**ROFESSOR C. A. Russell spoke to the union conference Workers' Council on January 5 regarding the church school work and the important place it occupies in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Space will permit us to give only a birds-eye view of his inspiring address. Some of his most striking remarks were as follows:

The message of the prophet Joel to us is, "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me." I believe that is the message that should come straight home to the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist to-day. Turn to the living God. "Turn ye even to Me with all your heart." Jesus Christ must be Lord of all or he cannot be Lord at all. The prophet Joel brings us heaven's last great gathering call in all the Bible. He bids us to blow the trumpet and to sound an alarm in God's holy city. Right here in the very heart of God's great gathering call to His church, He has not forgotten the children. He bids us gather them in, for they are the heritage of the Lord. The greatest asset of this denomination today is the great army of children and youth whom God has given to us. The old standard-bearers are one by one laying down the armor. They are resting from their labors. Their works do follow them. I am thankful to the God of this movement that every time one of those stalwart pioneers has been obliged to lay down the armor, there has always been some strong young man, trained in body and heart and head, ready to grasp the banner of Prince Emmanuel and to lead it on to glorious victory.

On my way to meet with the No. 1 Baltimore church not long ago, I jotted down twenty-five signs of the Lord's soon coming. To my astonishment I discovered that those signs are no longer prophecies but history already fulfilled. I could only find two out of that whole list which were not yet fulfilled, and those two have

almost come to pass. My brethren, we are not following cunningly devised fables but the truth of the living God, who is at the head of this movement. The first of the unfulfilled signs is the one given in Matthew 24:14. We may be inclined to put off the coming of the Lord when we look about us and see how much remains to be done, but that is a snare unto us. Don't ever put the coming of Jesus away over yonder because there is so much work to do. The great question is, Am I ready? Am I working every day to the full extent of my ability to get others ready for the soon-coming of the Lord Jesus Christ?

The second sign which has not yet been fulfilled covers the steps which our nation will have to take in the setting up of the image to the beast. With the present political situation what it is, and the extraordinary powers which have been vested in the Chief Executive, it is not difficult to understand how quickly this specification of prophecy may be fulfilled before our eyes.

With the second coming of Christ so near at hand, we ought to be impressed with the vital necessity of making every needful preparation for that great event. Our children must be gathered in to our own schools and prepared for the work which God has for them to do in these closing days. In this connection you will be interested to learn how our church school enrollment throughout the country has been affected by the last few years of depression. During the first year of the depression we lost one thousand children from our church schools. The next year we lost another thousand, and this last year we lost a third thousand—that is, three thousand children in three years. Three years ago our church school enrollment was 17,500, and at the close of last year it was 14,500. I am glad to tell you today, however, that I have never seen a time during my twenty-one years experience in the educational work of the denomination when it seemed to me that workers and laity alike were as thoroughly aroused and interested in Christian education as they seem to be today. We have eighty-two more church schools today than we had last year. We have 103 more

teachers than last year and 1,288 more children enrolled in our schools. In spite of these encouraging facts, only about half our children and young people are in our church schools, that is, including the elementary, secondary, and college institutions. But one thing that leads me to be optimistic is the fact that our workers are getting stirred and aroused and awakened to the importance of this matter of educating our children.

### Did You Hear This?

The careless, worldly attitude of parents gives me more distress than the attitude of the children. If some of the children had been able to start out with converted parents who believed in the church school, the educational work would have been a greater success than it is now in some places.

There is nothing that will put a cold compress on a church school so effectively as to send them a poor, inefficient teacher. A good wide-awake teacher will do wonders toward stimulating financial success in the operation of the school.

One of the most difficult things under the shining sun is to start up a church school when you are opposed by the leader in that church. There is just one thing harder and that is to resurrect the dead.

The greatest single contribution that any teacher can possibly make to the cause of Christian education is to teach a church school successfully in every respect.

Not long ago I came in contact with a church leader who was opposed to church schools and for years stood in the way of Christian educations being established in his district. I don't know where he is now, but I know where he isn't, and I'm glad he isn't. My only fear is that he has been passed on to blight another church.

### Sabbath at the Workers' Council

ON SABBATH morning January 6, the visitors to the Union Workers' Council met with the members of the Keene church for Sabbath school

at 9:30. On account of the large number of visitors, the seniors assembled in the main auditorium. Elder MacGuire gave a mission study describing the generosity of the Japanese people when they brought to the cause large gifts, making possible the transfer of the Japan training school to a favorable location in the country. Elder AcMoody of the Oklahoma Conference conducted the lesson study from the desk, bringing out the main points of the lesson in a strong way.

At the eleven o'clock hour, Elder C. A. Russell of the General Conference spoke to us, emphasizing the necessity of kindness and brotherly love in our preparation to meet the soon-coming Saviour. At 2:30 in the afternoon, Elder MacGuire spoke on the sacredness of the gospel ministry, following which there was an ordination service.

### Resolution of Sympathy

THE FOLLOWING resolution was presented to the full delegation and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, word has come to us while assembled here in the Southwestern Union Gospel Workers' Council of the recent death of two of our ministering brethren, Elder Ezra Fillman, and Elder V. W. Robb, therefore

"Resolved, that we, the delegates to this council, express our sorrow for the loss of these laborers and extend to their families our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, pledging our faithful efforts in hastening the work of God and the coming of Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life. Be it further

"Resolved, that this resolution be spread on the records of the Southwestern Union Conference and copies be sent to the bereaved families."

### Israel and Babylon

ANOTHER STUDY BY ELDER MCGUIRE

THE SPIRIT of Prophecy declares that the large part of Christ's true followers are still to be found in the communion of Babylon. They have not yet seen the light of truth for this time. In "Testimonies to

Ministers", page 118, we read, "All need wisdom carefully to search out the mystery of iniquity that figures so largely in the winding up of this earth's history". Every Seventh-day Adventist worker should begin a more careful study than he has ever made to understand and search out the mystery of iniquity.

The experience of Israel proves over and over again how utterly the chosen people failed to fulfill the purpose of God in placing them where they should have been a light to the heathen nations round about them. In II Kings 18:4, speaking of the reign of Hezekiah, king of Judah, we are told that he "brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made." For 725 years after the experience in the wilderness, when thousands fell in a day because of their apostasy and God gave command for the erection of a brazen serpent where everyone who was bitten could see it, and they looked and lived, one of the most striking and wonderful illustrations of the truth of righteousness by faith; from that time on for more than seven hundred years they worshipped that brazen serpent because they had become so contaminated with Babylon that it just seemed impossible for God to get them to let it alone.

Scores of instances are given in the Old Testament which show how the Jewish people were defiled by imitating the idolatrous practices of the heathen nations. Some caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire. Others worshipped the host of heaven instead of worshipping the true God. Israel was set in the midst of the nations round about her, but instead of witnessing for the true God, the Lord says over and over again that she was worse than the heathen themselves. Finally God in His mercy allowed the Jewish people to be taken into captivity to Babylon, and there in that heathen court, Daniel, the faithful child of God, preached the gospel in the royal court. The book of Daniel is one of the greatest books for Seventh-day Adventists at this time, because it contains a marvelous representation of how to present the gospel to the people who are in modern Babylon today. "Study the book of Daniel

in the light of that word, 'Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.'

In Ezekiel 8:3 there is described the seat of the image of Jealousy at the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north. For perhaps two thousand years the leading goddess of some of those nations round about Israel was represented as a woman with a babe in her arms. That babe was called the seed of the woman. This image, made of stone or wood or gold, was placed right at the door of the sanctuary, facing the north. It was the image of Jealousy. Seven hundred years before the virgin Mary brought forth the King of kings, here was this old devilish counterfeit contaminating the true worship of Jehovah.

#### ARKANSAS - LOUISIANA

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#### Literature Wanted

I AM very desirous of having a supply of back numbers of the *Review*, *Signs of the Times*, *Watchman*, *Youths' Instructor*, *Little Friend*, also tracts for free distribution. Anyone having them to spare please send postpaid to D. Knight, 6 Jefferson St., Hot Springs, Ark.

#### Greeting

CHRISTMAS and New Year' greetings to the brethren and sisters of the Seventh-day Adventist church scattered abroad.

It has been a long time since I have written to the RECORD but I love you all just the same and pray for you, and will say that I am of good courage in the Lord, though my strength is not so good as in former days yet my general health is quite good.

I do not get out to meetings a great deal as my hearing is very deficient-failing fast. But I am still doing some corresponding with those who I believe may accept the message.

I wish to call your attention to the little add that I am having published in the RECORD for Brother

Merrow. It is a splendid site for a small business and near the school. We have as fine a school as you will find anywhere. The teachers are giving good satisfaction. This is a good place for some one who has children to educate from first to eleventh grade.

Will be glad to hear from any of my old friends.

H. CLAY GRIFFIN,  
 Route 2, Box 17, Gentry Arkansas.

#### Baton Rouge and Vicinity

TOMORROW will be the first day of a new year. In these closing hours of 1933 we pause and review the work of the past twelve months, checking the apparent failures or successes that have been experienced in this section of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Not all we planned and hoped for at the beginning of the year has been accomplished. Two places we had planned to strengthen during this period have been unaided. We are not wholly satisfied with ourselves or with our accomplishments. Yet there are evidences of progress and enlargements in this part of the field that affords us reason for rejoicing. Our membership has been increased about twenty per cent by new believers being won to the truth. A church school has been started at Baton Rouge and is operating successfully with an enrollment of twenty students. This church maintained its record by raising its Harvest Ingathering goal again this year.

A neat little house of worship has also been obtained by our believers near Plaquemine during the year, and their tithe and offerings show a gain. Our company of believers at Bayou Chene in rounding out their first year of experience in this message have proven their loyalty and devotion by contributing about three hundred dollars in tithe and offerings to advance the work of the Lord. They are now busily engaged in providing funds for a church building, which will soon become a reality.

Several new Sabbath-keepers have been developed at Sherburne through the meetings recently conducted, though as yet these have not been baptized. An interest is now spring-

ing up near Hammond which seems to present a favorable opportunity. Only yesterday we received tithe from persons who as yet have never heard the message preached but have become interested through contacts with some of our earnest members.

In spite of continued financial depression, Baton Rouge and the nearby companies of believers show a gain in tithe over last year of more than six hundred dollars. A spirit of constant liberality toward all our home and foreign mission enterprises is likewise evident. We are thankful for the instant cooperation, and unity shown by our brethren and sisters as they have labored together, striving for the advancement of the message.

These things give us courage as now, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," we determine to make 1934 our most successful year in extending the work of the kingdom. I. C. POUND.

#### Searching for the Adventist Church

SHUT AWAY from the light of day from her youth, by an infectuous disease causing physical blindness; feeling her way into the light of truth through the Braille System, reading the *Christian Record*, Sister McCorkle, tells the following story:

"About twenty years ago I learned something of the truths taught by Adventists, while in school for the blind. I tried to find if there was an Adventist church in the city but was told there was none, although there was one. I read "Great Controversy" and other books that I could get on the message. I met with much opposition to the teaching of the Adventists, from my people and friends, and every effort seemed in vain, in my trying to find or get in touch with the church. At times I became so discouraged that I almost gave up.

"Why couldn't I be a Christian and be saved as my parents and grand parents? I believed beyond any doubt they were good Christians. Then, I would be forced to the convictions that they had not been given the light on the Sabbath and other truths as I had been given.

"So, I kept up my courage doing



what I could, leaving the matter with the Lord to lead me. I felt in my heart the way would open some day, some how, for me to find the church. About two months ago I came in touch with Brother Worrell, the elder of the Fayetteville church, by a note given to the postman.

"I had never attended a Seventh-day Adventist church or known any of these people, but my study of the Bible showed me that their doctrines were true. Still it was not easy for me to give up Sunday as the Sabbath. I had a dream of the judgment, that made a strong impression on my mind and had much to do with my decision for the truth.

"I dreamed the judgment had come; the trumpet had sounded and the dead had come up out of their graves. The wicked were afraid and tried to hide. The righteous were going up to heaven by a ladder that reached from earth to heaven. God stood at the head of the ladder to welcome His people. When I started up the ladder He stopped me. He told me I had lived a good, clean life and meant to do right but I had failed in one thing. I had not kept the Sabbath.

"I thank God that I have made the full surrender although it has greatly displeased my people. I have a peace that I never had before and I am praying that my people may see and receive the light."

Sister McCorkle was baptized at the close of the Week of Prayer, and is now rejoicing in her long search for Christian fellowship. She is very desirous of finding a home with some of our people. She can do most any ordinary house work, piece quilts, wash dishes, sweep floors etc. She wants to come in just as a member of the family with the privilege of doing what she can as a member of the household.

If interested drop me a line for further information.

M. L. WILSON,  
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

### Special Notice

FOR RENT OR SALE—Two and one-half acres creek bottom farm three-room house, splendid place for country store and filling station, one-

fourth mile from the Gentry Seventh-day Adventist three-teacher eleven-grade school. Price \$400.00, fifty down and terms on balance or rent for fifty dollars per year in advance. Address H. Clay Griffin, Agent, Route 2, Box 7, Gentry, Arkansas. —3Coll.

#### OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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SUNSET CALENDAR  
Oklahoma City, Ardmore  
Friday, Jan. 19, 1934, 5:50  
Meridian 97 degrees 30 min.  
Central Standard Time

### Why the Church Needs the Missionary Volunteer Society

LAST week I called your attention to this article so here it is. I am quoting from the book, "Missionary Volunteers and Their work" page, 66, 67.

"1. *Because* the Missionary Volunteer Society is not simply an organization conducted by the young people; it is also an organization through which the church can do what needs to be done for her young people. It gives the church an opportunity to lead them in continuous, organized, and systematic work; to direct their social life for the good of the church and for the good of themselves; to guide them in the systematic reading of supremely good books; to direct them in Bible study; and to aid them in learning to live the prayer life.

"2. *Because* through the Missionary Volunteer Society, which meets the threefold nature of the young Christian, the church may develop leaders for various lines of church work.

"3. *Because* the results obtained from the Missionary Volunteer Society are not secured from any other church service or combination of services. In a very special way the society works for young people of those ages from which the church receives most of her converts.

"4. *Because* the society appeals to the desire of young people for originality. Everybody takes part. All

bear responsibility, and responsibility develops talent. In the society the young people learn to do by doing.

"5. *Because* 'The Young People's Work tends to keep young people from worldly associations; it keeps them in the truth; it increases their missionary zeal; it develops workers and burden bearers for God's work; and it does more, or may do more, than any other department of church work to hold and to guide young people through the trying and destiny-laden period of adolescence.

"6. *Because* the organization unites the young people around the world, and stimulates them individually in Christian service. Through the *Gazette* and *Instructor*, and through conventions and institutes, young people's societies even in obscure places, may follow the progress of this great world-wide movement, and keep in touch with the methods and plans of this ever-growing work.

"7. *Because* the greatest opportunity before young people is to become soul-winners: and the society exists primarily to train young people for that all-important work.

"8. *Because* God, who 'has appointed the youth to be His helping hand', called the Missionary Volunteer organization into existence."

We trust that as you read these words you will study carefully their full import. Do not pass them heedlessly by, but ask yourself the question as to whether or not you are doing your full part in this noble work in behalf of the youth of the church. May the God of Israel help us to realize the solemn obligation that has been placed upon us as pastors, church officers, and church members in this respect.

WESLEY AMUNDSEN,  
Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

### Does It Pay?

TWO years ago Brother Penner took an order from Mrs. Wiley Perry, of Newby, Oklahoma, for the book "Our Times," but she could not pay for it. This spring she was delighted to get another chance when Brother H. H. Walliss brought her the same book. She ordered and paid for it, and before the year closed five of her family had been baptized, and the other two are keeping the

Sabbath. They are rejoicing in the message of the book.

This brings the total of baptized Seventh-day Adventist church members joining the church during 1933, in which Brother Wallis' labors helped bring it about to a total of seventeen. Does it pay to do colporteur work? Do you want a part in such an important occupation as soul-winning. Arrangements can be made for a thorough course of training in such work, and free of charge, room and board also furnished, by writing the undersigned. This institute, or training school will be held in Oklahoma City, February 14-25.

W. L. KINDER,  
217 W. 7th Oklahoma City, Okla.

### Obituaries

PILLSBURY—Leslie Orris Pillsbury, of Enid, Oklahoma, was born in Waupun, Wisconsin, April 10, 1871 and died at his home November 28, 1933, aged sixty-one years, seven months and eighteen days.

For more than twenty-two years he was active as either volunteer fire chief, or paid fire chief of Enid fire department. He served faithfully this department until June 30, 1924 when he retired. Since that time he served as an electrical inspector of Enid.

He was a man that could be trusted and depended upon; more than that he was a true husband and father. His main purpose in life was to make and have a home. Mr. Pillsbury leaves to mourn, his wife, a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pillsbury, two sisters, a nephew and niece and a host of friends.

Services were conducted at the Scoffes Funeral Home by the writer. Interment was made at the Enid cemetery.

GEO. LOEWEN.

BRUNER—Nearly ninety years ago George W. Bruner was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. His boyhood days were spent in Port Byron, Illinois from which place he enlisted in the Civil War at the age of eighteen, and served until its close. Soon after this he was united in marriage with Miss Susannah C. Flickinger. To this union five children were born, of whom three survive; W. H. Brun-

er, of Rolfe, Iowa; A. H. Bruner, Portland, Oregon and Mrs. Grace E. Cory of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The family lived for a quarter of a century near Iowa Center; then coming to the farm near Stillwater, Oklahoma where he has since resided. His wife preceeded him in death over thirty years.

He accepted the appealing message of the Saviour's coming to gather His people, at the age of sixty-seven and united with the Seventh-day Adventists of which he remained a faithful member.

For a number of years his home has been with his daughter who with her husband have tenderly cared for all his needs in the years of failing strength.

Like a tired warrior he fell asleep with but little warning. The large number of friends and the beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which he was held. Brother George Loewen conducted the funeral service bringing many precious promises of the resurrection to comfort the bereaved.

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### District Meetings for Missionary Volunteers

THE first district meeting of Missionary Volunteers was held at Enid December 30, and quite a few of the youth from other churches were present. A profitable time was had by all and we were pleased to have Elder Meade MacGuire, of the General Conference with us. It was voted that the next meeting for the Enid district be held February 24.

We pass on the word regarding the other meetings scheduled for the next four districts. January 13, we plan to be at Hitchcock and invite all young people within distance to come and be with us. The afternoon will be especially devoted to a program by the youth and what other business or discussion that may be arranged for.

Oklahoma City will be host to the visiting societies of the Oklahoma City district, January 20. Please bear this in mind all that are in this district.

January 27, we have planned for a meeting at Ketchum. Elder McGuire will be with us there also.

Then on February 3, Muskogee will be host to the societies and other young people in its district.

We invite all youth within reach of these places to plan to be with us and help make the time spent together, profitable. We welcome all the youth that love the Lord Jesus to associate themselves with us in fellowship and service as fostered by the Missionary Volunteer organization.

Keep these dates for future reference. Other sections will be arranged for later. We have made plans to include all our churches and companies in some district.

WESLEY AMUNDSEN,  
Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE

112 St Louis Ave. Fort Worth,  
Texas  
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Sec'y-Treas.—J. O. Hanson  
Texas Book and Bible House  
Sec'y-Treas.—Ella M. Winn

### SUNSET CALENDAR

Fort Worth, Austin, Corpus Christi  
Friday, Jan. 19, 1934, 5:50  
Meridian 97 degrees 30 min.  
Central Standard Time

### News Notes

Brother Haughey, pastor of the Lufkin church, reports that the young people have entered enthusiastically into the Harvest Ingathering program the closing days of the year.

Brother F. W. Alexander, of Yancey, Texas writes us that the church is of good courage and that they are determined to pay off the church debt this year. We appreciate this very much, as it means a great help to the conference.

Elder Young, secretary of the Negro department of the Southwestern Union Conference and at the same time pastor of the Dallas colored church, informs us that the new church building is about completed and will be ready to entertain the delegates to the colored workers' meeting which begins there the 10th.

At the time of this writing the workers of the Texas Conference are all attending the Southwestern Union Conference workers' meeting.

Elder Crosier informs us that there is still a good interest in Austin and that in a few weeks he is planning on another public evangelistic effort.

Word comes from Elgin that there is a great interest and the need for an effort. We are planning to answer this call also.

Brother Johnson, the pastor of the Galveston church, has returned from his vacation and immediately after the workers' meeting will assume his duties again as pastor of the church in Galveston.

Brother J. F. Anderson, pastor of the Houston church, also returned to the field after a few days' vacation visiting his relatives and friends in Arkansas and Louisiana.

At this date we are very much encouraged over the tithe and offerings, as they are coming from the various churches. We feel that there will be a nice increase and we will announce the results in a later issue of the RECORD.

### Church Officers' Meeting

AT A recent meeting of the conference committee it was voted that we hold a series of church officers' meetings again in Texas like we did last winter. We do not plan to hold them all at the same places where we were last year, however in some cases we may.

The first of the series will be held in Fort Worth, Sabbath, January 13. We are hoping that the officers from Dalworth, Dallas, and Keene will attend. We naturally expect all of the officers to attend. We hope to have good help. We are not making any allowance at these meetings, but each church stands its own expenses. Last year we offered to pay for gas and oil and most of the churches declined, because they wanted to help the conference, and we did appreciate it. I hope that we will have a good attendance at the meetings. The next meeting will be announced later.

G. F. EICHMAN.

### Texas Forty-Cents-a-Week Statement

FOR THE first eleven months of the year we sent on to the General Conference \$17,753.42 for missions. This amounts to .146 per member per week, or a drop of .018 per member per week over last year for the corresponding months. We are

still short of our goal \$30,938.58. We are indeed sorry that there is a drop, but we hope to make it up with the income of the December remittances. Brethren, let us not forget our duty toward the work outside of our own local field. The gospel is to be preached in all the world, then Jesus will come. He will not come till the work is finished, not only in Texas but in all the world. Let us all do our part.

G. F. EICHMAN.

### A Special Offering Sabbath, February 10

AT THE Fall Council last October it was decided that a special offering should be taken up in all of our churches on Sabbath, February 10, 1934, to apply on the initial expenses of translating and publishing our foreign periodicals at the miscellaneous languages publishing house at Brookfield, Illinois. Up until now this work was supported by private contributions. Misunderstandings have resulted through this plan and it is, therefore, felt that the latter plan will be more satisfactory.

Four thousand dollars are needed, for this purpose this year. So let us give a liberal offering toward the Foreign Translation Fund. Credit will be given on our forty-cents-per-week fund to the amount we raise.

G. F. EICHMAN.

#### TEXICO CONFERENCE

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 Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Day

#### SUNSET CALENDAR

West Texas, Meridian 102 degrees  
 Amarillo, Lubbock  
 Friday, Jan. 19, 1934, 6:06  
 Central Standard Time

#### SUNSET CALENDAR

New Mexico, Meridian 106 degrees  
 Santa Fe, Alamogordo  
 Friday, Jan. 19, 1934, 5:26  
 Mountain Standard Time

### The Borger Company

RECEIVING a request from one of the Borger company to come there to administer baptism I went to this interesting place on Sunday. We had a service in the hall where our Sabbath school is held after which we got into our cars and drove

out about six miles to the city water works where we baptized two nice girls in the large tank of clear water. Both of these girls are keeping the Sabbath and give evidence of having given their hearts and lives to the Lord. We trust that they will remain faithful and true to Jesus and eventually be permitted to gather on the banks of the river of life in the earth made new.

Sister Neil is Sabbath school superintendent and is leading out in the work in an earnest, enthusiastic way. The Sabbath school membership is about thirty. Some day before long we hope there will be enough Sabbath keepers in Borger for a church organization. We want to see these companies grow into churches as we like to see boys and girls grow up into manhood and womanhood.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

### Help for the Sabbath School Secretaries

THROUGH all the years of Sabbath school endeavor the report of the secretary has been regularly included in the Sabbath school program. Years ago the secretary's report seemed a mere formality, so dull, so little change from week to week, it was the most monotonous feature of the Sabbath service.

After a time a change was noticeable. Secretaries were improving. Reports were diverse in style, and attracted and held the attention of the members. One reason for the improvement is due to the influence of a little book entitled "Fifty Model Sabbath School Reports". At the suggestion of the General Conference Sabbath School Department the author, a secretary of years of experience, selected for publication fifty of the reports she had written and used. This book has had quite a wide circulation, and many have expressed their gratitude for its help. However, new secretaries are taking up this work with every election of Sabbath school officers, and these, if inexperienced, should make an effort to improve the quality of their work, by endeavoring to write more intelligently, more attractively. No secretary should blindly make use of these reports, or attempt to imitate their style, but rather they should be

studied for suggestions as to how to vary the reports in a pleasing way.

"Fifty Model Sabbath School Reports" is published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, Cal. It is cloth bound, 120 pages; price fifty cents. It may be had also in paper covers for twenty-five cents. Order through your Book and Bible House.

L. FLORA PLUMMER.

## SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

### News Notes

Woodrow Williams from Laredo, Texas, visited his sister, Virginia, Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnson are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ryden while attending the workers' meeting.

Miller Trout conducted prayer meeting in West Hall Wednesday evening.

Harold Hampton has returned to Keene for the remainder of the school year.

Martha Helen Huffhines visited friends in Keene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mosley and family visited friends in Keene Sabbath and Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas, of New Orleans, is visiting her son, Lloyd for a few days.

Mrs. Laws and daughter, Ina, Mrs. Smith and daughter, Esther, and Ruby Mansker, have been guests of Kenneth Laws and Susie Lee Mansker.

Harold Daman, of Tulsa, visited Glen Hawkins and Lawrence Hill this week-end.

The residents of West Hall are pleased to have new curtains in the lobby and a door bell.

Dale Hines and Carl Holland have visited friends here this week.

Lotis Doss, of Vinita, Oklahoma, is visiting Tressa Clouse and Julian Ball.

Mrs. Stewart is visiting her daughter, Lila Pearl, while attending the workers' meeting.

The students from Jefferson were entertained at Mrs. Birdwell's home last Sabbath.

Some of the former students of S. W. J. C. who are attending the work-

ers' meeting are: Carl Gaede, Nell Beem, Felicia Wright, Vivian Ellison, Esther Hardt, Vernon Becker, Laurice Spicer, Helen McGee, Evalyn Robinson, Lee Thomas, Luta Pilgreen, Ophelia Voth, Ben Hassenpflug, Geneva, Delma, and Edna Ackerman, Lela Wilburn, Velma Rankin and Marvin Ladd.

Annie Willless, of Ardmore, is visiting here.

Georgia Stephens, of Fort Worth, is visiting Mary Neal and other friends in Keene.

The college offered a small cash prize for the best school poem and song, both words and music. Several were written. Those chosen were: School Poem, Mrs. A. E. Hall; words for song, Louise Dunn; Music, Helen Grace Bryan and Kenneth Beem.

Little Miss Margaret Starba is visiting her brother and sister, Thomas and Thelma McAlister.

### Colporteur Institutes

Ark.-La. Shreveport	Jan. 12-18
Okla. Oklahoma City	Feb. 15-24
Texico Clovis	Feb. 23-Mar 3
Texas	Mar. 1-10

### Field Secretaries Directory

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### Special Notice

A new song is now off the press entitled, "Just Go to the Foot of the Old Rugged Cross." Words and music by J. F. Anderson. Good as a solo, duet, or quartette. Every lover of music will want this song. I consider it the most beautiful song I have ever written. Two copies for twenty-five cents. Ten copies \$1.00. Do not send stamps. Address J. F. Anderson, 1222 Rutland Houston, Texas—7 Pd.

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