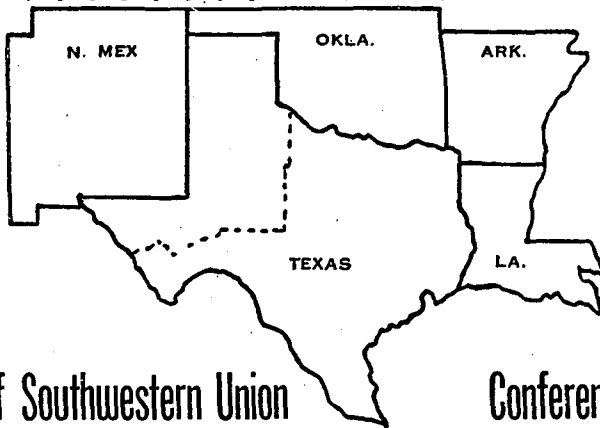


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## Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program for 1942

"WHAT would we do without the RED BOOKS?" Thus queried a brother of the writer some years ago. Naturally he was referring to the precious volumes of the Spirit of Prophecy. Since then the question has often confronted me. I have thought of it much. Indeed, and in fact, just what would we do without them? As I write, the question still rings in my ears. It is one which really furnishes considerable food for thought.

Of all people since apostolic times, we, as a church, a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people," are most signally blessed. God hath remembered the remnant! He has had compassion upon His children. He has been exceedingly mindful of their needs. Of all tokens of divine favor bestowed upon them, that of the spiritual gifts as manifested through His messenger, Mrs. E. G. White, is one of the most gracious. Through this channel we have shared in the providential guidance as none others since the days of the early church. To the people of God, this gift has been a beacon light, a guiding star, a protection against error, a counsellor supreme, a kindly corrective influence, a molding power for good, and a unifying factor in the development of the great advent movement, which is now going to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. How happy, how grateful, and how appreciative we ought to be for this manifestation of the Father's thought and care for our safety and needs.

However precious, though, this gift

may be to the church, however helpful and uplifting the messages set forth through this avenue, yet all of this means nothing to us unless we acquaint ourselves personally with what the volumes contain. Because of this, the General Conference Committee inaugurated two years ago the Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program. Thus far the books chosen and read have been *Great Controversy*, *Ministry of Healing*, *Messages to Young People*, and *Patriarchs and Prophets*. These have been carefully studied by thousands of our laity at home and abroad. What a tremendous spiritual uplift these splendid volumes have proved to be to us in these dire days of darkness, peril, and difficulty for the world.

Now for 1942 we come to you with *Desire of Ages* and *Early Writings*. The former is truly a masterpiece of literature, the greatest work ever produced dealing with the life and work of Christ. We are told that the loveliness of the character of Jesus will shine forth from all of his followers. It is by "beholding that we become changed," and no book, aside from the Bible, so beautifully sets forth the character and service of the Saviour as does this wonderful volume. Here we can behold Him daily, whom to know is life eternal. Maybe you have read it before. If so, you will the more deeply appreciate the reading of it again. Indeed, you can re-read it with untold profit. One cannot do this without there coming to the soul a springtime, an advent time, a refreshing from the Lord. This being true, permit me to urge that you give a few moments each day to the quiet

perusal of these sacred pages which have come to us under the guidance of inspiration.

Then as to that exceptionally wonderful little volume *Early Writings*, thousands through the years have testified as to its merits and its helpfulness. It contains a storehouse of most valuable information for the believer. Not only are we given a simple, lucid portrayal of the plan of salvation, but here we discover many of the deceptions of the last days clearly unfolded. Satan's last warfare is uncovered, his most cunning snares exposed, and the beauties of the eternal home are visualized before us.

Thanks be unto Him who still rules in the affairs of men, who has the concerns of the nations and of the church in His control. *Early Writings* reveals that we fight a conquered foe; that at last the redeemed shall stand on Mount Zion, with crowns of glory and palms of victory. O, glorious day! O, blessed hope! Day of days, so soon to come, "delay not thy dawning," is the cry of many hearts who have read this blessed volume.

Therefore, we commend to you these volumes for 1942. The outline for study will be found in the *Review and Herald*, the *Youth's Instructor*, and in the RECORD. Read the books carefully, earnestly, thoughtfully, and prayerfully. By so doing you will become wonderfully strengthened and fortified for the more strenuous and trying days just ahead in the closing drama of all time.

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### Doers and Dodgers

THE church is easily divided into two classes, "Doers" and "Dodgers." Examine yourself and then classify yourself. Remember the dodgers have to work quite as hard to keep from doing anything as the doers have to work to do something. The sad part of it all is that the dodging duty gets to be a habit. We should do everything in our power not to let the unwilling habit develop, lest it settle down into a life attitude.

Recently Brother Plue, field missionary secretary for Oklahoma, and I had the privilege of going from door to door with Brother G. D. O'Brien in the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Much to my surprise a great per cent granted us the privilege of entering and explaining our work. I observed that the approach—"visiting the Christian homes"—granted an entrance and an interview. In most of the homes we met with those who seemed willing to dodge the great issues before us, but it was a great pleasure to enter a home where husband and wife were willing to admit that the time had come when humanity must think seriously about doing and less about dodging. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ said to Brother O'Brien, "On what street is your church?"

"On sixth street," he replied.  
"And what denomination?" she again asked.

"The Adventist church." was the answer.

Here the lady interrupted by saying, "You people are the most active Christians in Tulsa. I am a Methodist and my church is doing nothing."

In other words—dodgers many, but doers few.

The canvass for *Bible Readings* was given to the husband. He was interested from the first chapter, and ordered the book in the best binding.

The finding of this one family paid for the hard work of one whole day. If we had been dodgers instead of doers this one soul probably would not have had the privilege of building an Adventist library in his home.

Now, January, 1942, is our time to resolve to be "doers" and not "dodgers." From the Bureau of Census in Washington, D. C., comes an astonishing report, "Within two years the production of fiction stories in the United States dropped fifty per cent. During the same period the sale of the Holy Bible increased by two million five hundred thousand copies. . . . The trend revealed by the Census Bureau reflects a hunger for nourishment of the human spirit; a revolt both from the illusion of sugary romance and from the disillusion of 'realistic' skeptics; a flight back to pure truth." *Liberty Magazine*, November 1, 1941.

The messenger of the Lord has told us that one day the church will not be divided; there will be no more "dodgers," but all will be "doers." Why not resolve now to be a doer, venturing out during the New Year with our books and magazines. This may be your privilege.

"Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep

conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side." *Great Controversy*, p. 612.

May this be your New Year resolution: "A Doer and not a Dodger for truth."

J. A. P. GREEN.

### Adventists and Civilian Defense

ON DECEMBER 14, 1941, the General Conference Committee considered and adopted the following statement with the thought in mind of replying to numerous questions which had come in to headquarters regarding the attitude of Seventh-day Adventists towards civilian defense activities.

#### *Defense Employment*

In the face of the grave emergency that has come to our world, the greatest desire that comes to all of us is to be able to do something to help. Especially is that the first reaction on the part of a true Christian. How can I help men, how can I assist my country, what can I do to lift, to bless, to cooperate?

These are the questions which Seventh-day Adventists, along with many others, are asking during these tense days.

They are asking, too, what effect defense activities may properly have upon the practice of their religious faith. The President has proclaimed a seven-day week for enterprises doing defense work. Is that to be interpreted to mean that we must abandon Sabbath observance, and work seven days a week?

These conditions call for clear thinking, calm minds, trustful hearts, steady nerves, and a close walk with God. Now, as always, our allegiance to God and His truth is to be given

foremost consideration in our thinking, our planning, in all our arrangements. Let us be clear that there are no contingencies which can ever arise which will justify any departure from the way of God's commandments.

The proclamation of a seven-day work week clearly has reference to factory operation, not to the individual worker. It means that defense enterprises are to keep working all the time. This does not take away our prerogative and duty to adjust our work so that we may still observe the Sabbath.

Seventh-day Adventists should be wise and considerate enough to volunteer for extra hours of labor, preferably upon Sunday, in lieu of their Sabbath, so that employers may know that we are not taking advantage of our religious faith merely to avoid work. There will be many who will welcome relief from defense activities on Sunday. Let us make that possible by volunteering to do their work on that day. We have been able to arrange for our men in army camps to be released from their routine duties on the Sabbath, with the understanding that they will be available for extra duty upon Sunday. Let us follow the same course in defense and public welfare activities.

Civilian defense authorities request us to volunteer for some form of defense service. Is that to be understood as meaning that we are expected to do routine, secular, ordinary duties on the Sabbath?

#### *Volunteer Defense Service*

Seventh-day Adventists ought to be foremost in offering their services in every form of activity which they are able to perform, while keeping within the circle of God's will. They have special light, special information, some of them special training, in many things which will bless their fellow men just now. They should be quick to place their knowledge, their time, their training, at the disposal of the authorities charged with the responsibility of maintaining public order, safety, and defense.

Throughout the country, volunteer bureaus have been, or are being, set up. These ask for volunteers to serve in one or more of many capacities in defense lines. In some of these capacities, many Seventh-day Adventists have special skill, and they should be quick to place this skill

at the service of their communities.

They should do this by going to the volunteer bureaus set up in their home cities, and making out applications for the particular kind of volunteer service they prefer and are qualified to render, or the particular kind of training for service which they would prefer to take.

The Office of Civilian Defense is calling for volunteers to give as many hours service as convenient and possible. This may be in the morning, afternoon, or evening, on days specified by the applicant, in a large variety of activities. Some of these are the following:

*Business*, which includes administration, typing, shorthand, filing, adding machine operating, bookkeeping, switchboard operating.

*Civil Protection*, which covers police auxiliary and fire force.

*Homemaking*, including child care, cooking, hand sewing, machine sewing, knitting, housework.

*Medical Aid*, including trained nursing, practical nursing, nurses' aid, field aid, home hygiene, surgical dressings, occupational therapy, health education.

*Manual Labor*, including heavy labor, light labor, caretaker, watchman, gardening.

*Motor*, including driving with license, driving with car, mechanics, running repairs, truck driving.

*Nutrition*, including cooking, canteen, dietetics, counterman.

*Public Relations*, including newspaper reporting, radio work, public speaking, community organizing, information booths, knowledge of city.

*Social Welfare*, including case work, institution work, interviewing, housing inspection, playground supervision.

*Special Skills and Hobbies*, whatever they may be.

Do you have any special skill in these or other lines which may be helpful? Do you have any time that you can give to this work for the general welfare? Very well, go to the proper place and say so. Place at the disposal of your community the amount of time you can give to the doing of the service you can do best. Both the type of service and the amount of time, as well as the day or days of performing the service, will be left for you to determine.

All of these are voluntary services without remuneration, and civil-

ians are asked to apply for such services, giving as much time to them as they feel they can spare from their regular work.

There are many things which Seventh-day Adventists can do, and should eagerly reach out for the privilege of doing. Indeed, in health lines, in nursing, in cooking, in social service, in welfare work, we should feel that we have come to the time of our greatest opportunity and should be quick to place our special training at once at the service of our communities.

We should not, however, feel that anything connected with this emergency situation should be allowed to drive us from the path of strict obedience to God. There is no need for this. Our religious practices are not to be abandoned. Indeed, they are to be carried into and made a part of everything we do. God's law commands, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work."

While this should be clear to us all, we should also understand that Christ's example makes plain that rescue work, or healing, or ministering to human needs, the meeting of emergencies, is not incompatible with Sabbath observance.

If there is a bombing raid or other attack, or fire, or public disaster upon our city during the hours of the Sabbath, of course Seventh-day Adventists will help to save life, to minister to the sick, to rescue the wounded, the crippled, the helpless, the needy, just as our divine Lord would do were He present, even if this means the very hardest kind of labor during all the sacred hours. There is nothing incompatible with the truest Sabbath observance in so doing, as our Lord has shown us.

Seventh-day Adventists now as always recognize their duty to their government, and their obligation to serve it faithfully when the need arises and they are called to do so. We have always believed civil government is entirely within its right to call for the services of its citizens when needed, and we should be willing to yield it all obedience, even to the giving of our lives in response to its call.

There is one thing that each of

us can do at once and keep on doing to help strengthen the defenses of the United States. As our financial ability and our responsibility to the cause of God will allow, we can buy defense bonds and stamps. The Government needs the money to maintain its safety, its welfare, and its defense, and the people of God are following the counsel of their Lord when they thus render unto Cæsar the things which are clearly Cæsar's.

The United States Office of Civilian Defense is preparing hand books on the detailed duties of every phase of volunteer service called for. These may be, and should be, obtained from the municipal volunteer bureaus or city and State offices of civilian defense in your community.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

### That Which Is Needed

"THAT which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church,—talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well-organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church, and also for unbelievers." *Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 117.*

This instruction can be carried out in our convention work. The home missionary secretary arriving at a church on Wednesday can be present for the weekly prayer meeting. On Thursday he can devote his time to visiting the officers of the church, then in the evening meet with the missionary committee and lay plans for the coming convention. Friday can be used in calling on members, and visiting those interested. The secretary can join in the M. V. meeting Friday night or, if no meeting is held, can have a consecration service with the church members. All day Sabbath can be used for convention work. Sunday morning can be a field day in which literature can be given out and then an experience meeting held to close the convention.

Such a method of procedure will help in developing the talent in the church, and broad plans can be laid for soul winning. In conferences where the secretary carries on such a program success follows.

E. A. MANRY.

## RADIO LOG Southwestern Union

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(For full log covering nation, see *Review and Herald.*)

### Health Preservation

We are appalled by the tragedies of war, but we are almost callous to the reports of automobile and other forms of accidents, as well as to the terrible toll of crime. We hardly pause to listen to, much less read of, some of these things until one of our own family or a close acquaintance is involved—then we are shocked.

Nearly all homes will be affected directly by the new war draft and other demands for national defense and offensive warfare. All this comes suddenly and many are shocked into a realization of the fact that we do not know just what is ahead of us. But while we are definitely in the war, yet we have been steadily marching toward it for more than a year, and some are still unprepared.

Soon the tragic toll of life will sober the nation to its reality, but while we await the announcement, let us not forget that another invasion just as fatal, if not more so, is coming across the waters, for epidemics always follow in the wake of war. We should not talk of a defense program as an army measure only, but also as a personal one against a less tangible foe, but nevertheless one just as dangerous. We should also remember that some of these enemies are always with us and are not dependent solely upon epidemics.

Approximately 750,000 people die every year of preventable disease. What are we doing to instruct them of their danger, and what are we doing to educate them in preventive measures? What are we doing for our own families and our neighborhood? Let me suggest that we should lay immediate plans in every church to organize a class for the instruction of every church member in the art of

Health Preservation and Home Nursing, sponsored by the General Conference Medical Department. This is an urgent need, and we should not delay in giving or obtaining the training essential to render such support as we may to our government, but particularly to open the doors of our neighborhood homes to the admission of the truth of what these things mean.

For information regarding these classes, or authorization to teach such classes and how to organize them, write the Medical Department of the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

### Important Home Defense Measures

IN THIS issue of the RECORD there is an article from the Medical Department of the General Conference calling attention to the fact that epidemics always follow war, and urging our people to make definite plans for the training of our members in health preservation and home nursing. Aside from the fact that we are in war, Seventh-day Adventists have had given to them the greatest light on health of any people in all the world, and now the war situation only intensifies the importance of that light, and the need of our walking in it and also letting it shine to others.

Will not our church elders, church boards, and conference workers in charge of districts see to it that in every church attention is given to the matter of organizing these classes called for in the article from the Medical Department.

ROY L. BENTON.

### Church School Recommendations

AT THE Fall Council an action was taken by the General Conference committee, recommending that the salaries of our church school teachers be increased approximately 10 per cent, to meet at least in part the marked increase in the cost of living. We trust that our school boards everywhere will take steps very soon to come to the help of their teachers. Our teachers are making considerable sacrifices in order to do their part in saving our boys and girls, and surely those of us who are responsible for their financial support ought to be ready to give them this much needed help.

Reports of the incomes of our peo-

ple show that they have benefited to some extent by the increased employment and prices. Of course we are having to pay more for our own purchases also.— This simply means that all of us must figure both expenses and income on a little different basis than we did a year ago. In all this, we must not overlook our good teachers. Let us rally to their needs, and show them that we truly consider them laborers together with us in this great work.

It is also worthy of note that the minimum salary to be paid the church school teachers is now recommended to be \$15, and experienced and successful church school teachers may go up to \$25 weekly. We are not attempting to come up to this everywhere for the remainder of this year, but it is our sincere hope that for the next school year, if God grants us such, that no church school teacher will be paid less than \$15 weekly. Unless we do something of this kind, all our good teachers will be leaving the teaching for other lines of work, such as Bible work or colporteur work, because of the fact that they just must have at least a minimum salary.

We know that every parent is straining desperately to meet the school bills, and keep his boy or girl in a church school. We wish to take this opportunity to express our confidence in you, and in your efforts, and to assure you that as long as we do God's will, and carry out His instructions for our children, He will not forsake us. Let us press on at all costs, and He will give us the desired reward.

R. J. ROY.

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### Wyatt—Gleyre

IN A quiet home wedding, Mr. Louie Albert Gleyre, of Coldwater, Kansas, and Mrs. Ivy Bell Wyatt, were united in marriage December 24, in Alexandria, Louisiana. The friends of the family and church extended congratulations and wished them many happy days as they journey life's pathway together. Mr. and Mrs. Gleyre will make their home in Alexandria, Louisiana.

M. L. WILSON.

### McGee—Purcelle

George Ray Purcelle and Liberty Louise McGee were united in marriage at sundown Christmas Eve, at the little Seventh-day Adventist chapel in Monroe, Louisiana. A buffet supper in honor of the bride and groom was served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Kelsey, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Purcelle will make their home in Monroe, Louisiana.

M. L. WILSON.

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### M. V. and Educational News

IT WAS an inspiration Sabbath, December 20, to listen to the special enlarged choir present a Christmas Program during the eleven o'clock hour in the Oklahoma City church. About forty senior young people participated in this program, which was under the direction of our choir leader, Evan L. Copeland, with the pastor of the church as lector. It was one of the most inspirational programs ever given in the Oklahoma City church.

Ketchum Junior Academy is buying thirty-five reconditioned desks for their school. The old style, double-header desks will be discarded for these new, single desks. We appreciate very much the leadership of Professor Madison in promoting this important phase of the school.

The Tulsa M. V. society has developed quite an interest in Garden City where they have been handing out literature the past few weeks. They anticipate a young people's lay effort there very soon and already have their hall cleaned and ready to start. A number of individuals have asked for more literature and Bible studies. What Tulsa is doing under the leadership of Professor Kannenberg we are sure other societies can do.

Mrs. Arthur Kiesz, the newly elected M. V. leader of the Shattuck church, presented an inspirational program Sunday evening to a packed church of nearly 400 guests. The program consisted of the dialogue, "The Challenge of the Cross," and special sacred musical numbers. We are

glad for the new interest and enthusiasm in the Shattuck society.

The state-wide Temperance Oratorical Contest closed Saturday night, December 20. Jackie Johnston of Ketchum Junior Academy took first prize; Georgia Dodd, of Oklahoma City Junior Academy, received second place, and Donna Knollenberg, of Enid, third place. Besides the awards, each of these young people will receive the book, *Messages to Young People*. We appreciate very much the help of the W. C. T. U. in furnishing us judges for this occasion. We believe that the many young people throughout the conference who participated in the Temperance Oratorical Contest received a great deal of blessing and encouragement as a result of their efforts. These orations should be presented as opportunity lends itself in other churches of their respective communities.

Oklahoma City Junior Academy presented a splendid Christmas Program in the church on Thursday evening, December 18. The program was well attended and the boys and girls participating showed that the teachers had given a great deal of thought to their training and discipline.

The Elk City M. V. society was host to the young people of that district in a social held in the American Legion Hall the night of December 23.

The Oklahoma City II church school presented an inspiring program in their church the Tuesday evening before Christmas. We regret very much the loss of Miss Lightner, our teacher who is accepting a call to a business office in Alabama. Her place will be filled following the Christmas vacation by Miss Longwear of Dallas.

The M. V. Department is endeavoring to school the newly elected officers in district meetings held each Sunday. These meetings have been held in the following churches: Oklahoma City, Enid, Ardmore, Shattuck, and Tulsa. We believe that the societies for the year 1942 will gather inspiration and help due to the fact that the leadership has been coached during these institutes.

We already have calls for two district rallies and singing conventions at which time some of the young people have asked for a baptismal service. We are now laying plans for

these rallies when the young people can go forward in this important step.

R. A. NESMITH.

### A Call to Arms

AMIDST so much uncertainty of the days coming, it is well for us to ascertain, "is it well with my soul" and the souls of my neighbors, friends, relatives, all with whom we come in contact day by day.

The present "all out" program of our government exempts practically no age groups. Therefore none may say, "Let the others carry the responsibility of this work and message." Should we not each vow to the Lord, "I am going to do as much as I can, as quickly as I can"? Old and young, regardless of age, race, or gender, should arise and concertedly attack the problem of warning the souls for whom we are accountable now.

I know that many are interested to learn that there is something each may do in his own little way. Magazines may be sold, given away to friends, and especially business people. May I suggest that you order from the conference office a club of ten *Watchman* magazines, or *Message*, even *Life and Health*. A club of ten will cost you only fifty cents each month, and if sold, would net you fifty cents additional. I especially appeal to members of the conference church and isolated brethren to do their part in this campaign. Write me immediately and materials will be sent to aid you in this endeavor. Several are already doing this work and are succeeding.

If magazines do not appeal to you, then we have the varied assortment of Crisis books which offer splendid opportunity to do a quiet type of missionary work, either by sale or gift.

"To God be true, in '42."

O. S. PLUE.

### News Notes

The conference executive committee was in session at the office last week taking care of a number of items of business that had accumulated since camp meeting, and laying plans for an aggressive evangelistic program for 1942.

The radio mail continues to in-

crease as the weeks go by. Besides hundreds of cards and letters coming in, expressing appreciation for Elder Whitsett's radio hour on Sunday morning, over three hundred persons have now signed up and are taking the Correspondence Bible lessons as advertised over the air. These come from all sections of the state and parts of Kansas, South Dakota, and Texas. All indications are that a good interest is continuing to grow in the Bible Auditorium of the Air. Continue to tell your neighbors about it!

A splendid and well attended church officers' council was held for the Shattuck District on Sunday, December 21, in the Shattuck church. We were glad to see good delegations in attendance from Shattuck, Hooker, Woodward, Durham, Follett, and Elk City, along with a number of our isolated members in that section of the state.

Elder Kiesz closed his Sunday night meetings at Shattuck on the night of the 21st with the church filled. The closing service was one of music and the religious pageant "The Challenge of the Cross." Beginning on Sunday evening, December 28, Elder Kiesz started a series of meetings in the church at Follett. Brother Melvin Wahl is starting a series of meetings in a schoolhouse near Beaver, Oklahoma, this coming week.

Elder Whitsett closed his Sunday night meetings in Oklahoma City last week with a full attendance. He plans to open his major evangelistic campaign in the large Shrine Auditorium on Sunday night, January 18. Watch for full announcements of the new Oklahoma City campaign.

Elder Truesdell will open an evangelistic campaign in the church at Tulsa within the next two weeks. Watch for further announcements!

### TEXAS

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### Corpus Christi Singing Convention

IN CORPUS CHRISTI, on December 20, we held the December meeting of our monthly S. D. A. Singing Convention. There were representa-

tives from Kingsville, Sandia, Falfurrias, Corpus Christi English and Spanish churches, and others from various places. We had dinner together in the schoolroom, and the convention began in a good way. We had a four-piece instrumental ensemble to help the pianists furnish music, and a group of about sixty singers to carry on some real good congregational singing. The program was mostly congregational singing, interspersed with instrumental and vocal specials.

We held a business session and elected our officers for the coming year. Mrs. W. T. Jones was elected leader, and Clifford Goodlett was elected secretary. It was decided to accept the invitation of the representatives from Sandia and have our next convention in Sandia on January 24. The last three conventions have been held in Kingsville, Falfurrias, and Corpus Christi, respectively, for the past three months. We want to invite all visitors and isolated members who may not have heard of the singing conventions in our district so far. If you can't sing, come on and help us at least by making a joyful noise as we join together in praising the Lord.

EDMOND D. CLIFFORD.

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SEC'Y-TREAS., O. J. BELL

### Awake!

WE ARE in the hour when we need to let the light of the Holy Spirit shine into our hearts that we may search them and see "if there be any wicked way" in us. Let the Holy Spirit reveal sin and the need of a Saviour from sin. We need to humble our hearts before God and be made ready for the hour in which we live. As one writer has expressed it, "if men will not think now, they will never think."

We as servants of God need to have our minds refreshed with the thought that the day of the Lord hasteth greatly. "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." The hope of all ages is about to be realized. God's people will soon be taken to heaven where they are to be received into glory. They will be

without fault before His throne. No guile will be found in their mouths.

"God's people must take warning and discern the signs of the times. The signs of Christ's coming are too plain to be doubted; and in view of these things every one who professes the truth should be a living preacher. God calls upon all, both preachers and people, to awake. All Heaven is astir. The scenes of earth's history are fast closing. We are amid the perils of the last days. Greater perils are before us, and yet we are not awake. This lack of activity and earnestness in the cause of God is dreadful. This death stupor is from Satan." *Testimonies, Vol. I, pp, 260, 261.*

The sealing message is doing its work and has been in progress since 1844. Very soon Jesus will take off His priestly robes and He will say, "It is finished." Will we be ready? A deeper devotion and consecration to God needs to possess our hearts for this time.

"I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place,— a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act; they must take hold of the work themselves, and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe." *Vol. I, p. 261.*

My brother, my sister, how do we find it with our souls? When He appears, shall we appear with Him in glory? May this be true with each of us.

V. A. LaGRONE.

### Home Missionary Convention

IT WAS indeed a pleasure for me to attend the Home Missionary Convention at Keene, which was held through December 15 and 16. I was very pleased with our school there. As I mixed with the young men of the school, I was especially pleased with their spiritual attitude.

I was happy to meet for the first time, Elder Neil of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, Elder Barclay of Texas, and Brother Eckman of Oklahoma. These men were certainly an inspiration to me.

Brother V. A. LaGrone and I were discussing the spiritual crisis that we

face. Fellow workers, should we not in this climactic hour make our election sure? Over and over as we discussed ways and means for furthering the work of God in our respective conferences, we were forced to recognize the need for a more efficient leadership in the church membership. We have come to a time when efficiency calls for 100 per cent cooperation. The lack of efficiency will come in all branches of our work when we do not feel a burden for what God has called us to do.

Before the crisis came to America, we were speeding up production, and that production was hampered in a definite way by the strikes. These strikes were carried out in different ways. Some were sit downs and some walk outs, then there were those who walked out, then picketed. Another class held up production by wasting time. These men dropped their tools and would hold up the highly geared production line, because it was built on efficiency and could only produce full capacity by having efficient work done on the part of labor.

America rebels against sabotage! We read of bombers crashing and the crew being killed, sabotage! If our boys have to fight hand to hand with the enemy and are killed because they are not properly equipped, but could have been had production in the country cooperated, what is the difference in the strike and direct sabotage? Their fruits are both destruction only in a different way. One is direct, the other indirect. The time element is not the same, one is immediate, the other prolonged, and only time can tell the heartaches that will come because of the strikes in America. The lack of efficiency and cooperation too, become sabotage, for both trees bear the same kind of fruit even if they are called by different names.

Fellow Christians, as workers for Christ, are we strikers? Do we walk out on God, or just sit down? Are we like the picket who doesn't work and keeps others from working? Each one of these acts, eternity will prove, will equal the eternal loss of judgment-bound souls. Are we too, striking on God who has given grace? As labor strikes against the boys who must die on the battle line, it strikes against the country who will send its boys to die. Do we strike against

God who sent His Boy to the front, where the agents of the devil crucified Him on the cross of our wickedness?

There are people who are anti-Christian who carry on planned sabotage against God, but what is the difference in the striking Christian and the anti-Christian? They both have the same fruit.

Texico Christians, let us not be strikers. Let us have a seven-day week and 24-hour day for the building up of the church of God.

D. W. O'FFILL.

### Wedding

A BEAUTIFUL, yet simple, church wedding took place Sunday evening, December 7, at 5:30 o'clock in the El Paso church, when Beatrice Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, became the bride of Edwin Masters, of Denver, Colorado.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Masters left immediately for Denver where they will make their home.

Beatrice Brown will be remembered as a former Keene student.

The many guests wished the couple happiness and success in life.

C. A. WALGREN.

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G. D. O'Brien	BR	1	11.00	11.00
Total		233	145.25	152.85

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A. E. Eubanks	BR	55	133.00	55.70
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Mrs. M. Sheets	GH	38	11.75	13.75
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A. M. Holesome	Mag.	15	3.00	3.00
Total		388	513.20	300.85
Grand Total		621	658.45	453.70

\*More than one week.



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January 4 to 10

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### Gem Thought

When the fulness of the time had come, the Deity was glorified by pouring upon the world a flood of healing grace that was never to be obstructed or withdrawn till the plan of salvation should be fulfilled. *D. A.* 37.

"I had rather be a 'Could-Be'  
 If I couldn't be an 'Are,'  
 For a 'Could-Be' is a 'May-Be'  
 With a chance of reaching par.  
 "I'd rather be a 'Has-Been'  
 Than a 'Might-Have-Been,' by  
 far—  
 For a 'Might-Have-Been' has never  
 been,  
 And the 'Has-Been' was once an  
 'Are.'"