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Reading the Bible

J. W. TURNER

TWELVE thousand Seventh-day Adventists in the Southwestern Union are looking forward to the soon return of Jesus. If we are ready to meet Him when He comes, we must be living very close to Him. Every sin must be confessed, and we are to be overcomers.

God has given us His word to help us in our preparation. He wants us to read its pages and meditate upon its messages. It is through the word that we become acquainted with God and learn what He requires of us. When the lawyer came and asked Jesus what he should do to gain eternal life, Jesus asked, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" God does not want His children to be ignorant of His word. He holds every member responsible for searching the Scriptures.

We should day by day study the Bible diligently weighing every thought and comparing Scripture with Scripture. It should never be studied without prayer. We should ask God to speak to our hearts by His Spirit, and to lead us into all truth.

I am anxious that every Seventh-day Adventist in the Southwestern Union should seek heaven for a deep and living experience in the things of God. We need to know His will. The time has come when we need to stand firm as a rock. Our faith should be strong and our hopes bright. The Bible is to be our safeguard against the influence of false teachers and the delusive power of spirits of dark-

ness. If we are to endure, we must understand the will of God as revealed in His word. None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. If we are acquainted with His word, and we know His will, then we will stand firm in defense of His commandments and the faith of Jesus.

We are soon to enter upon a new year. Dear reader, do you not think it would be pleasing to heaven and would greatly strengthen the 12,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the Southwestern Union if we would all read our Bibles through during this coming year? We are a busy people, but we cannot afford to lightly pass by the daily reading of the word. I want to appeal to every conference worker, every colporteur, every teacher, and all our people throughout the union to read your Bible through during 1944. If we read three chapters daily and five on Sabbath, we will be able to refresh our minds with the truths of God's word, and we can read the Bible through by the close of the year.

As we open our Bibles daily, may I request all to pray that God will visit all the believers in the Union? Let us ask Him to pour out His Spirit upon our workers and our people as they strive to make the year 1944 a real soul-winning year. May the coming year be a most precious one for our people in holy living and in working for lost souls.

ANNOUNCING

WHAT? A Union Annual Colporteurs' Institute!
WHERE? Keene, Texas!
WHEN? January 7 to 13, 1944!
WHO FOR? Arkansas-Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Texico!
 (Write your local field missionary secretary for details and program.)

Christian Growth

IN A few days the year 1943 will be gone. We will be one year nearer the coming of our blessed Redeemer. As we pause and look back over the year, would it not be well for us to ask ourselves the question, are we better Christians today than we were one year ago? Have we overcome the sin that doth so easily beset us? Has the past year been one of victory for us? Are we more patient, long-suffering, and kind? Are we more faithful in our devotions, in Sabbath observance, in tithe paying, and in church attendance?

As we get nearer the end, God wants His children to be growing in grace and in knowledge. If we have failed, during the past year, to come up to God's standard for His children, we should determine that we will make better advancement in the future. As we take up our work for the new year, we should resolve that we are going to draw very close to our Saviour so that He can help us in our personal experiences, that we might be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

With the new year before us, and with dark hours ahead, God's people should spend much time in prayer. Jesus, while in this world, realized the importance of prayer. He encouraged His followers to be faithful in prayer. He gave the Lord's prayer twice, first to the multitude in the sermon on the mount, and again some months later to the disciples when they were alone. If it was necessary for His disciples to pray while He was here with them, it is more important that His people seek Him earnestly today.

At this time, we would like to request that all our workers in the Southwestern Union pray earnestly

that God will bless the brethren and sisters in all our churches. There are those who are longing for help. They are having problems on every side. Some are passing through dark experiences. Our workers should remember these faithful ones daily before the throne. If there ever was a time when our workers needed to live close to the Lord, and should have the help of heaven, it is now. So we earnestly request our believers throughout the union to pray earnestly that God will bless the laborers in their work. Let us all pray that God will bless His people.

May the Lord help us to make the coming year a year of prayer.

J. W. TURNER.

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An Inspired Thought

ABOUT the time the third angel's message was launched, Elder White conceived the idea of Sabbath schools. The first lessons were written while his horse was resting and eating its dinner. The Whites were on their way to visit some of the churches that needed help. From this humble beginning the Sabbath schools have increased until they are numbered by the thousands and the teaching force is over the 100,000 mark. Not only have many millions of dollars been given through the Sabbath schools to missions, but thousands of souls for whom Jesus died have been converted through the agency of these schools.

Many quotations could be cited in reference to Sabbath schools, but space forbids the printing of but two of them.

"The influence growing out of Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the church." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 9.

"The eye of God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to His cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver." *Id.*, pages 146, 147.

Here in the Southwest we have been blessed above some of the other unions along financial lines. The tithe income here is above that in some of the other unions, yet somehow we who are especially blessed are giving less on the income dollar than the others. This may be because we have not given more to Sabbath school as our income has increased. Whatever the cause may be it behooves us to show our appreciation to God by our works. Let us give more than we have been giving.

E. A. MANRY.

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Educational Report of the Southwestern Union Conference

OUR readers will be interested to know that there are ten more church schools in the Southwestern Union this year than last year, having sixteen more teachers in the total number of schools, than we did last year. Enrollment has also gone up, there being 52 more pupils in all our schools than we had last year. This refers to the elementary section of our work.

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In the intermediate section, we also have a good gain in enrollment. It is with thanksgiving that we see the increasing interest our people are taking in the education of their children. As we see conditions in other countries, taking away from our people their opportunities to educate their children as they would like to, we cannot help but realize that we must work while it is day. "The night cometh" for those who would seek a Christian education, and what training they get in Christian principles must be given now. How grateful we ought to be for the liberties we have.

There are other places where our people are not so favorably situated. How would it seem to not be able to send our children to a Christian school at all? How would it be to have laws compelling our children to attend school on Sabbath? How would it be to be where the Bible is a forbidden book, and where our children were taught the direct opposite of all the ten commandments? How would it be to have our children taught that kindness, truthfulness, honesty, integrity, and all their kindred virtues were in reality vices instead, and that cruelty, deceit, greed, covetousness, were the virtues? How would it seem if we could not teach our children to pray, under penalty of having them taken away from us?

Such are the results of pagan teaching in some of our most Christian lands. You can imagine what kind of young men and women come out of such an environment. It seems a miracle that any of them would ever become Christians. And yet some do, and very sincere Christians indeed. Their trials make them stronger, if they stand at all. Let us take advantage of our opportunities now. When the night comes, what will we say about those whom we have permitted the world to teach? What will they have to stand on?

R. J. ROY.

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

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News from District Five

I WANT to give a little report of the work in this district. Yesterday afternoon I went to Glenmora, and met with the group there. They have

their Sabbath school in the morning, but were able to meet again in the afternoon, and I certainly enjoyed being with them. I hope to see one lady there baptized before long. It is certainly wonderful for people to step out for the Sabbath even though they have to meet opposition.

The other day while distributing literature in Lake Charles, I found a lady who attended some of our meetings in Laurel, Mississippi, and enjoyed them very much. She has requested literature for her husband and herself. The other night we had a meeting at Brother Lantz' and I showed one of my film-strips. Among those present was a young Catholic couple. The wife told me they were interested in anything pertaining to the Bible, and from what I've been told, they are becoming dissatisfied with the Catholic church. Of course I hope to develop these contacts.

MORRIS C. LOWRY.

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Ozark Academy

The writer, accompanied by Mrs. Wells, motored to the Ozark Academy last week and we greatly enjoyed our four-day stay at the academy. While there we met the sub-committee which included Elders Glenmore Carter, Lee Carter, Professor Pierce and Elder Baker. Quite a large number of items came before us and we believe that the Spirit of God was present as we discussed each individual problem. We all recognize that Brother Pierce and his wife have done much in building up the Ozark Academy, and we could not ask anyone to sacrifice more than this dear couple has.

It was a pleasure to meet with the faculty of this school. We were impressed with their sincere desire to carry the work God has given them to do in a way that will meet the approval of heaven. I don't know when we have seen a more enthusiastic, robust student body than we have at our academy.

We visited a number of the classes and found the students with a desire to learn and giving attention to their class work. I do trust that with the help and counsel of the committee, each faculty member felt that his work has been strengthened.

Brother Woodland and Miss Duce, who have charge of the intermediate grades, are doing good work at the

school. Their rooms would indicate the artistic turn of both of these teachers, and we are glad to learn that the Gentry church is carrying its full share in looking after the financial part of the church school. It was a real pleasure to meet Elder H. S. Miller, the Bible teacher of the academy and also pastor of the Gentry church. He presented plans that had been discussed by the Gentry church for a new church building, and anyone who is conversant with their situation would agree that they do need a church building. Brother Miller informed us that the congregation had already pledged approximately \$2500 toward a new building and they would like to begin at an early date to excavate for this building. We were sorry to inform them that the present plans of the denomination are to get the approval from the local and union committees before spending money.

We invite the members in our conference to earnestly pray that the Lord will help us in providing the proper educational and church facilities for the young people who attend our school.

You who have made pledges to the Ozark Academy and have not yet paid them are invited to turn your money into the church treasurers so that we can have the money in hand to complete the projects that are in hand.

FRANK D. WELLS.

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M. V. Corner

EVERY one of the 55 members of our Ephesus Junior Academy M. V. Society is working on at least one vocational honor. Every member of the society is also a member of some prayer band. They have formed a servicemen's correspondence band. This would be a good plan for more of our societies to follow.

Brother and Sister Donald E. Mote of New Orleans report they have given out thousands of pieces of literature near their home during the last few months. As a result some of their neighbors are about to take their stand for the Master.

All fourteen members of the Hammond M. V. Society are reading the current Reading Course books. During the month they distributed 165 pieces of literature. Every member of the M. V. Society in the New Or-

leans school, primary room, has a faithful record of observing the Morning Watch for the month of November. The 16 members of the Italian M. V. Society of New Orleans made seven missionary visits, conducted 28 gospel meetings or Bible readings, and distributed 304 pieces of literature during the month of November.

The primary room of the Shreveport school has set out to win one of their members who comes from a non-Adventist home. The last report is that this youth is now attending Sabbath school quite regularly. Even though the Monroe Society has only eight members, yet they spent 45 hours in Christian help work during the month of November. They also made 22 missionary visits, and gave three Bible readings.

The Shreveport M. V. Society, colored, reports that they have been praying for a certain young man who is in the armed services of our country. Recently he started paying tithe. They are now praying that he may soon take his stand definitely for Christ.

The one dozen M. V.'s of the Shreveport intermediate room are all observing the Morning Watch regularly. One of their number is not systematically reading the Bible through. They made 68 missionary visits, and spent 77 hours in Christian help work during the month of November.

As a result of the faithful prayers of the members of the Grand River M. V. Society, one entire family has now started attending Sabbath school. Several members of the Baton Rouge M. V. Society, primary room, were recently baptized. Another baptismal service has been planned for the near future when more of these J. M. V.'s will unite with our church.

Our largest M. V. society is the one located at our academy at Gentry. The senior society has a membership of 110. Their average attendance for the month of November was 120. They conducted eight gospel meetings and put in 57 hours in Christian help work. Fifty of this number are studying for a vocational honor. The Gentry M. V. Society, intermediate room, reports an enrollment of 28. They report 17 Bible readings or gospel meetings held, 150 hours of Christian help work, 55 articles of clothing given to the needy,

44 missionary visits, 42 taken to Sabbath school or other gospel meetings, and 60 persons given needed help during the month of November. These are only a few of the excellent things they are reporting.

The senior society at Shreveport recently gave out hundreds of temperance pamphlets, thus helping to cause two wards in their parish to vote dry at a recent election.

Subscriptions to the *Youth's Instructor* are really beginning to pour in as a result of the campaign which closes December 31. A number of societies are quite determined to win the Reading Course books.

The following societies received a grade of "A" for the month of November:

Baton Rouge, Primary	100%
Gentry, Intermediate	99%
New Orleans, Intermediate ..	97%
Hammond	95%
Grand River	95%
Shreveport, Intermediate	90%

LEE CARTER.

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★ We learn that our Book and Bible House secretary, Brother K. C. Beem, and his co-workers have been extremely busy the last few weeks in looking after the many orders that are coming into the office. The counter trade is increasing very rapidly and people of our city are taking advantage of the fine display that Brother Beem has been able to prepare in the windows of the Bible House. People are also taking advantage of the reading room that is provided. Brother Beem informs me that we have already passed the \$41,000 mark in sales for 1943. We are hoping to reach the large sum of \$45,000 for this year.

★ Many subscriptions for the *Review and Herald* are coming into the office but we still believe there are members who are not enjoying its weekly visit. Please keep in mind the special offer between now and January 1 of only \$2.25 for each subscription.

★ Students from Southwestern Junior College have been visiting our office. We regret to learn of the scarlet fever scare which, required most of the students to return home for fear of an epidemic in Keene. Of course, we welcome our students home, and

we trust that the terrible disease will be stayed so that they can return to the school immediately after the holidays.

★ Elder Garrett informs us that they hope to have another fifteen baptized at Baton Rouge. This will bring the number up to forty.

★ Brother Beeler writes us that he is making all arrangements for the dedicatory service of the Mount Pleasant church on Sabbath, December 18. The writer with Elder Lee Carter are to join with Brother Beeler for this occasion.

★ Are you watching the weekly reports of the colporteurs in this field? If so, we are certain you are highly pleased with what is taking place. Please remember that there is room for many others to join with us.

★ Reports from the Voice of Prophecy show that we have more than 7,000 individuals who have signed up for the correspondence course from this field. This brings us to the sixth conference in North America in the number of persons taking this course. The New Orleans colored church recently sent us 300 names to pass on to the Voice of Prophecy. We appreciate the efforts of this church. Let others do likewise.

★ Elder J. H. Williams is conducting an evangelistic series in the New Orleans church and reports he is having a good attendance and interest.

FRANK D. WELLS.

OKLAHOMA

J. L. McConaughy, President
J. C. Kozel, Sec'y-Treas.
Box 528, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Sabbath, December 25

THE last Sabbath of the year 1943 falls on December 25. While a portion of the world is the scene of the most titanic struggle ever known between members of the human family, still another portion shall endeavor to celebrate the advent of the Prince of Peace as a babe in Bethlehem. What a strange paradox!

Throughout the earth Seventh-day Adventists will observe December 25 as a day of sacred worship, because the date falls on God's holy Sabbath. On this last Sabbath of 1943, special emphasis will be placed upon the words of Jesus, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." In our denominational organization men and women are constantly being sent out to fulfill this gospel commission. They are sent out as conditions permit and as funds are made available. In God's great plan He has ordained that his disciples, men and women, shall be instruments in His hand to give the gospel message to all the world. Should we not on this last Sabbath of 1943 dedicate ourselves to Him and the finishing of His work?

As a tangible evidence of our consecration, special opportunity is being given all of our people to bring an offering unto the Lord through the medium of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. The Sabbath schools in the Oklahoma Conference have long been planning for this special day. How appropriate it will be for the Oklahoma Conference to present the largest Sabbath school offering in its history.

This day may well be a time when we consider all of our financial obligations to the Lord. Has a faithful tenth of our income been turned into the treasury as tithe? Have all of the pledges to our foreign missions program and to the Radio-Evangelistic work in the Oklahoma Conference been taken care of in full? What a privilege it is to act as one of God's stewards.

Sabbath, December 25, should be a day of great spiritual refreshment for the people of God. It is our sincere prayer that it may be a time when every member of the Oklahoma Conference will be prepared to receive a large portion of God's Holy Spirit. "Ask, and it shall be given you."

J. C. KOZEL.

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Investiture Service

SATURDAY night, December 4, was the time set for the Investiture service at the Shattuck church. At that time four boys were invested as Friends. The program was directed by Mrs. Palmer Steinert, who has led these young people through the Friend class and has done faithful work in arousing interest in the Progressive classes. Elder Andrews invested the boys on the program. The conference trio also participated on the program. We are looking for-



Assignments for Fifty-Second Week,

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"Christ's Object Lessons"

Jan. 1-17-19 (15-17)

GEM THOUGHT

A contented mind, a cheerful spirit, is health to the body, and strength to the soul.—1 T. 702.

ward to many more services at the Shattuck church and trust that the young people there will receive an inspiration from the services.

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New Officers

WE ARE looking forward to receiving the names of the new church officers as soon as possible. The sooner we receive these names the better we will be able to send out the material to the newly elected officers to help them get a good start for the new year. If you haven't sent your list in yet, please do so at once.

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Act Now!

FOR some time we have felt a lack in our work for young people in Oklahoma and we are attempting to find means to remedy the situation. We are eager to know more than we do now to save our young people. In order to do this we must have information so that we may know their needs. In an endeavor to get this information we are sending out census blanks to every family in the conference. Accompanying this blank is a letter expressing our needs and asking the cooperation of the members in sending the blank in immediately. May we urge all of the members of the Oklahoma Conference to take care of this as soon as possible. We are very anxious to hold the expenses of

taking the census to a minimum, but we are also determined to get the information. You can help us materially by filling in the blank and mailing it to us right away.

W. N. ANDREWS.

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Loose Ends

WE ARE anxious to close the year in a strong way and in order to do this it will be necessary for us to receive complete reports from our M. V. Societies. May we urge all leaders and secretaries to see to it that a report from your society for any period that has not been reported is sent into the office soon after the first of January. As you make up these reports it will be a good opportunity to take stock of what has been accomplished for this year along this line and you can plan for bigger and better work next year.

W. N. ANDREWS.

TEXAS

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G. T. Burgess, Sec'y-Treas.

Follow-up Work in the Valley

IT HAS been some time since I have sent in a report to the RECORD. I came to the Lower Rio Grande Valley a year ago last February. I was located at Raymondville as pastor of the church. Elder Phillips had just finished a series of meetings at Raymondville, where a number of new believers were added to the church. Besides helping these new members, I was given two other churches to visit on Sabbaths once a month, Mercedes and Edinburg. There were some interested people at San Benito that desired Bible readings. I gave them studies and baptized some of them. I have been giving some Bible studies to parties here in Raymondville. They enjoy the studies but have not stepped out to keep the Sabbath yet. There are a few others who seemed to be interested. My wife and I distributed 500 of each number of *Good News*, then followed up with the printed Bible lessons which we were able to place in about fifty homes. They said they enjoyed the lessons, but did not care to have us give them studies. They

TEXAS CHURCH SCHOOLS

IT IS a pleasure to report that we have twenty-four church schools operating in the Texas Conference this year, as against nineteen last year. The enrollment is 548, or a gain of about fifty over last year. Seventy-seven are enrolled above the eighth grade.

Two schools that operated last year with one teacher are employing two teachers this year. Some of our schools have record enrollments. We have a fine staff of consecrated and efficient teachers. Thinking that it might be a matter of interest to our constituency we include the names of our teachers and the location of the schools. Plan now for your church school for next year. Let us make another 20 per cent gain in 1944-45. Now is the time to gather our boys and girls into the place where God's word is the foundation of all learning.

J. H. RHOADS.

TEXAS CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS 1943 - 1944

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 Mr. Verne Kelsey, Route 4, Jefferson, Texas.
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 Miss Maude Reid, Keene, Texas.
 Miss Mary Woodward, Keene, Texas.
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 Mrs. A. R. Carethers, 3225 Beulah, Houston, Texas.
 SAN ANTONIO—Miss Minneola Paschal, 622 Virginia Blvd., San Antonio, Texas.

SPANISH SCHOOLS

- CORPUS—Miss Velma Smith, 1913 Mestena, Corpus Christi, Texas.
 SAN ANTONIO—Mrs. Jamie Fuller, 318 W. Malone Ave., San Antonio, Texas.

just wanted the printed lessons to study themselves. We hope some of them will yet take hold of the truth. We solicit your prayers that the Lord will give us some souls here.

J. B. HAMPTON.

TEXICO

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 R. R. Bietz, President
 O. J. Bell Sec'y-Treas.

Baptisms

THE Lord is blessing in the studies I am holding in Guadalupita and several are ready to take their stand for the message. It has been a pleasure to study with these people hid away in the mountains who are eager to listen, and have a believing heart.

Last Sabbath, December 4, was a happy day for Las Tusas Church who are inviting in Tres Piedras in order to send their children to school. After a sermon by the writer we had election of officers. The same officers were unanimously re-elected for 1944. In the afternoon we drove to Ojo Caliente and three young folks were buried with their Lord and one was received on profession of faith. The Las Tusas church is of good courage and are planning on working for their Master to bring others in. I am sure it will continue to grow.

December 11 a baptism was conducted in Holman, with Holman and Guadalupita joining in the service. Several from each place were baptized.

G. A. SCHWERIN.

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Colored Work at Lubbock

AS A result of our literature campaign there are many Bible studies now taking place. Before Brother Tottress began making preparations to take up work in Abilene he had 16 on his study list. On my individual study list there are at present 34, and these are mostly families. There are 44 more definite prospective families also for studies. Going to these studies expecting no more than three or four, we have been pleasantly surprised with groups of nine, sixteen and twenty-one. Pray that we'll continue to receive the Holy Spirit and have a rich harvest of souls.

R. W. NELSON.

OUR COLPORTEUR EVANGELISTS
EMANUEL REMSEN, Union Field Secretary

Week Ending December 11, 1943.
ARK.-LA., C. L. GRANDON, SEC.

	Bk.	Hrs.	Orders	Del.
A. J. Killion	BR	56	223.50	151.25
Bruce Wickwire	BRHP	47	191.45	191.45
M. L. Castine	BR	45	133.85	104.05
M. T. Pettet	BRHP	41	176.55	117.60
Joseph Greene	BR	41	84.50	84.50
Glenn Cox	BRHP	37	188.40	49.20
Harry Vought	BRHP	36	65.50	65.50
Jeff Young	BR	25	58.30	
R. F. Jennings	BR		7.00	86.50
Arvel Heffin	BRHP		43.30	15.95
Robert Mackson	HR	87	110.65	44.80
Mrs. M. A. VanDyke Mes.		19	25.55	25.55
Mrs. I. V. Ross	Cri.	8	13.75	3.85
G. A. Gillan	CF	7	21.30	26.70
W. E. Thorp	BR	6	6.50	2.10
V. Marmillion			7.05	27.77
Totals		457	1298.85	996.77

OKLAHOMA, A. E. EUBANKS, SEC.

J. B. Feedback	BRHP	40	270.20	90.50
A. S. Lutz	BRHP	43	159.05	97.20
Mrs. M. Austin	CHBR	32	118.00	6.65
Mrs. Grace Allmen	CHBR	26	71.55	2.50
Mrs. Eldora Taylor	Mag.	42	79.95	79.95
S. B. Scaggs	HPBR	36	70.00	56.10
W. H. Shaw	HPBR	27	64.65	45.75
*Mrs. L. K. Pounders				
	GH	30	53.25	19.25
Mrs. M. L. Schilt	HPGF	41	48.50	35.95
Miss R. Dabbs	GHMag.	22	46.45	23.25
R. E. Brewer	BR	25	42.60	109.40
M. C. Graves	CGBR	27	33.50	6.50
H. F. Corrie	BR	37	31.80	8.50
Mrs. T. Potter	CHBTS	11	13.20	12.20
H. W. Uhrig	BR	33	.70	6.50
Totals		473	1103.40	600.20

TEXAS, J. D. LESLIE, SEC.

R. R. Coble	CM	52	443.75	54.60
Plez Underdown	BRHP	48	430.50	200.00
R. B. Sheets	CHBR	46	424.25	5.50
C. R. May	HPBR	29	284.55	164.05
R. R. Works	HPBRMC	49	364.85	227.00
J. L. Holmes	HPBR	40	212.45	206.10
Wm. Dobson	HPBRMC	36	211.90	56.00
*Martha Dowell	GHMag.	29	413.65	67.50
Vivian Granger	BR	11	177.90	
Mrs. N.H. Turner	CHBR	19	166.70	59.45
O. K. Skidmore	BR	53	164.00	155.20
Marion Brown	BRHP	34	162.40	104.00
A. O. Kraimer	HPBR	39	159.80	25.00
Ellen Brewick	BRHP	60	142.50	61.00
Mrs. M. E. Gentry				
	GHMag.	33	120.05	19.55
Elizabeth Reiter	GHMag.	28	105.20	100.45
Esmer Lillard	BRMisc.	35	101.95	38.75
Mrs. J. Noles	BRGC	36	91.00	45.60
John L. Holder	MC	28	63.50	159.50
Mrs. J. F. Nichols	Mag.	24	20.00	20.00
T. S. Carroll	HPBR	5	19.80	33.15
G. M. Jorgenson	Mag.	16	16.70	16.70
Miss A. M. Holesome				
	HPMag.	23	13.75	11.00
Mrs. R. T. Hudson	BR	4	10.55	13.15
Mrs. N. Mayo	GHMag.	13		31.00
Totals		825	4318.70	1874.25

TEXICO, H. M. WILLIAMS, SEC.

S. W. Sincomb	DS	5	25.95	25.95
Mrs. M. Aldridge	DS	4		35.20
Mrs. E. Chenard	DS	44	307.50	117.85
E. R. Blake	DS	6		66.70
W. H. Townsend	DS	6	108.80	80.45
Totals		65	442.25	326.15

Voice of Prophecy News

WHEN we receive letters like this, we realize that our work is not in vain: "Several weeks ago I received a communication from you requesting of me an expression of my attitude toward the Bible since I have been taking the lessons. I could have answered you promptly the same as I can at this time, and that is, the lessons have so thoroughly convinced me of the truths taught, and particularly in regard to the Sabbath that I have, since January 23, of this year observed the Sabbath and have been meeting with the Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath school since June 26:

"Prior to my Sabbath observance I was a teacher of the adult class in the First Christian church and had been a teacher in this church since 1926.

"I have been a Bible student, intermittently, since 1902, the year I came in possession of a copy of *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*. Since then I have read a number of books by Seventh-day Adventist authors, among them *Daniel and the Revelation*. I have quite a few of them now in my library that I keep for ready reference. I prize *Daniel and Revelation* very highly, more so than any book other than the Bible.

"I have been convinced of the seventh-day Sabbath ever since I started to read *Bible Readings* but was too busy making a living for a big family to think about observing it for fear of losing my job, never once thinking that I might be called upon some day to lose my inheritance because of the substitution of the first day for the seventh, so long as I really kept the first the best that circumstances would permit, and that was not always 100 per cent.

"Since I have been convinced of the absolute necessity of Sabbath keeping, if I wish to meet our Saviour with favor on that great day, I launched out regardless of consequences, trusting that the Lord would see me through.

"I do not doubt that the lesson studies have kept me from being an outcast on the day of judgment, and because of that conviction I do not fail to pray for the Voice of Prophecy every night of my life in my devotions to God."

Advertisements

WANTED: Boy to help with chores on farm three miles from junior academy. Room and board furnished while attending school. If interested, write Mrs. C. R. Ashcraft, Rt. 3, Lubbock, Texas.

ADDRESS WANTED: Anyone knowing the present address of Mrs. J. F. Wharton, please notify Miss Linda Womack, 520 E. Jones St., Sherman, Texas.

WANTED: New or used copies Bible Lessons Book 8—"God's Great Plan." Physiology—Belle Wood Comstock. Mrs. L. B. Pine, Box 332, Norphlit, Arkansas.

WANTED: Nursing help, either practical or graduate in small clinic. Also private teacher desired. Dr. L. L. Harrop, Box 426, Raymondville, Texas.

WANTED: Help of all kinds in a growing bakery, an essential industry. Top wages paid. Experience not necessary. Year around work. If interested, write the Cascade Baking Company, The Dalles, Oregon.

WANTED: Experienced help for truck farming, also care for apple orchard, 250 to 300 trees, with few peach and plum trees. Sabbath school and church services within twelve miles. W. W. Ritchey, Rt. 1, Box 84 Louann, Arkansas.

FOR SALE: 20 acres good land all sowed to Lespedeza; four-room house; good cellar and well; small barn and outbuildings. One-fourth mile from S.D.A. church and school. If interested, write D. M. Clouse, Rt. 2, Vinita, Oklahoma.

SUNSET CALENDAR

For Friday, December 24, 1943

Amarillo, Texas	6:41
Brownsville, Texas	6:36
Dallas, Texas	6:20
El Paso, Texas	7:12
Galveston, Texas	6:25
Little Rock, Arkansas	6:02
Muskogee, Oklahoma	6:15
New Orleans, Louisiana	6:07
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6:23
San Antonio, Texas	6:36
Santa Fe, New Mexico	6:57
Shreveport, Louisiana	6:08

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H. L. Shull, Treasurer

A Glimpse Behind the Printed Page

"THIS gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. Here we have one of the most precious promises in the gospel of Jesus Christ. By it we know that the word of God shall be preached in all parts of the world, and that every human being will have had an opportunity to know of the precious promises of a soon coming Saviour and the new earth.

When we think of this promise we all realize that it would be impossible of fulfillment without one of the most important methods of spreading the message—the literature ministry.

There is no one who doubts the very important part the printed word has in the spreading of this great truth. But we believe many fail to comprehend the full story behind the literature they see and read. Many fail to fully appreciate the quality of printed matter published by our denomination—the skill and artistry which produces these various publications.

We can say with justifiable pride that printers in our publishing houses, as well as other craftsmen and workers, don't have to take a back seat for any in their various fields.

Now, may we remind all who may be interested in this important branch of the Lord's work that we have a fine printing plant at Southwestern Junior College? We are proud of the work turned out by our students in this plant, and know that they are learning a trade that will be a great help to them in future years.

If you have had preliminary experience in printing, and wish to attend school, drop us a line here at Keene. We need industrious young men in the print shop at Southwestern Junior College.

TRUMAN HENDRYX.

"He who never changed any of his opinions never corrected any of his mistakes."

School Discipline of Adolescents

"GOD is a God of order. Everything connected with heaven is in perfect order. Success can only attend order and harmonious action. God requires order and system in His work. All who are working for Him are to labor intelligently, not in a haphazard manner. He would have His work done with faith and exactness, that He may place the seal of His approval upon it." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 376.

From *Fundamentals* pages 58, 59, we read, "Let it never be forgotten that the teacher must be what he desires the pupils to become. Hence, his principles and habits should be considered as of greater importance than even his literary qualifications.

... He who would control his pupils must first control himself. To gain their love, he must show by look and word and act that his heart is filled with love for them. At the same time firmness and decision are indispensable in the work of forming right habits, and developing right characters."

Jesus is in our school room every day and His heart of love is drawn out for each pupil. He will give just the help we need and at the time we need it, if we will only give him a chance. Did you ever have a situation arise that for the moment you simply did not know what to do? Did you at the same time remember to breathe a silent prayer, "Lord, help me just now, give me wisdom to know what to do and how," and did you fail to be impressed just what to do? No, He is ever ready to help us when we need Him most.

Teachers, we must love our boys and girls. We must let them know we love them by our words and by our looks and by our actions. Children are quick to discern our feelings. We must win them first. This is most easily done by love; in fact it is the only way. After they have been won

and they realize that we are working for their good and not merely to display our authority, then we can expect cooperation in our work and plans for them.

God has placed these children in our care, and He expects us to treat them as younger members of His family. What a tremendous responsibility! Is the task too great? He says, "My grace is sufficient for you." Only by taking our problems to God each day and letting Him guide and direct continually can we expect to hear His "Well done," and to gather all our boys and girls into the school room above to learn from the Great Master Teacher.

FLORA MOYERS, *Critic Teacher*
Southwestern Junior College



Present Truth for December

No. 23—God's Final Judgments

In dealing with sinners God has ever been a patient, reasonable, loving, tender ruler, but the time is coming soon when a God of love must destroy sin and sinners. Then every trusting, obedient believer will find in Jesus a shelter in the time of storm.

No. 24—The New Earth

Never before have so many people longed for home. A home in the new earth will contain all that can rejoice the heart. Regardless of nationality or present conditions, all may prepare now for citizenship in God's country.

Your money will go further if you plan your missionary literature program for 1944 now and send in names for *Present Truth* subscriptions before the end of the year. Beginning January 1, *Present Truth* will be 50 cents a year, but now you can send subscriptions at the very low rate of only 35 cents each, three for \$1. Order from your Book and Bible House.

NOTICE!

There will be no RECORD for the week of December 29. The next RECORD you will receive will be dated January 5, 1944.