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SOLOMON SPEAKS TO YOUNG MEN and YOUNG WOMEN

(The following article is a reprint of one which appeared in a little pamphlet entitled "Solomon Speaks to Young Men and Young Women." It was written by Edith Starbuck and printed by the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Western Oregon Conference, 508 Everett St., Portland, Oregon. We are reprinting this with apologies to Miss Starbuck, believing that it will be worth the expense of having it run through our paper, thus having it reach all the homes of the Southwest. We trust that it will do much good.—M. B. Van Kirk.)

TO YOUNG MEN

The Wise Man was especially interested in young people, or he would not have left such excellent advice in his writings for both young men and young women. Where could one find a more beautiful exhortation to the young to choose an upright life than that pictures in the fourth chapter of Proverbs? In it are portrayed the rewards that will be the portion of the youth who chooses wisdom and understanding: they are wisdom, understanding, promotion, honor, a crown of glory, long life, freedom from mistakes and blunders, health, and a career which is "as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

His counsel to young men is: "Keep the heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." No wiser instruction could be offered in the very morning of life. Youth is pre-eminently controlled by its heart; the affections dictate to a large degree the associations chosen. And, in turn, the object of the affections has a strong deciding influence upon the ideals and the actions. This is why God pleads so earnestly for the young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth. He desires them to have the stabilizing influence of wisdom and understanding to guide them in their choice, and to "keep the heart" that it may direct their lives in the way of honor and happiness.

"The issues of life" are bound up in your choice of associations, and especially is this true of your choice of young women friends. Will you permit wisdom and understanding to teach you to recognize the type of girl who possesses that jewel which is prized "above rubies," "in the sight of the Lord of great price"? Or will you give the impression, by permitting your head to be turned by the frivolous type, that this is the sort who are most attractive to men? If you do the latter you are placing a strong temptation in the way of all girls: for it is both natural and right that they should value and enjoy your friendship. They will be tempted to do those things which will insure them your attentions. Yet, if they lower their ideals in this way it will destroy the very jewel you both will come to look upon in after years as of great price, yet which cannot be replaced once it is gone.

Solomon once had it; and he lost it through his associations with "outlandish women." The book of Ecclesiastes is his later effort to warn others through his own hard experiences. He blunted his wisdom until it was not used in his choice of women associates, and he said, "A woman among a thousand have I not found." This would certainly be anything but a flattering estimate of the sex, did we not remember it was the embittered and foolish Solomon that was then speaking from the depths of an experience based upon a wrong choice.

There is much in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of Proverbs to provoke serious thought on the part of young men. The conversation of young women is one of the first indications offered you of judging of their true character. The "outlandish woman," the Wise Man tells us, "flattereth with her words" and "her mouth is smoother than oil." Beware of the girl who begins by telling you what a wonderful creature you are! The humorous writer who styles herself "Mrs. Solomon" says *men love flattery*; and there must be more than a grain of truth in the statement, or the predatory class of women would

not find it such a profitable stock in trade. But the seventh chapter of Proverbs tells us it is the "simple ones," those "void of understanding," who are caught by such bait!

That is not a very pleasing characterization, is it? It would be bad enough to know that one had shown himself a mere simpleton by his choice of friends; but the poor victim doesn't escape so easily as that. Into the picture revealed in these few chapters is drawn with a sure and unerring hand consequences more disastrous.

There is shown not only the economic and spiritual loss sustained, but suffering and sorrow, loss of health, and hereditary taint passed on to others, since the "iniquity of the fathers" is visited "unto the third and fourth generation" of them that hate instruction. "Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?"

So the Wise Man advises: "Remove thy way far from her. . . lest thou give thine honor unto others, and thy years unto the cruel. . . and thou mourn at the last when thy flesh and body are consumed, and say How have I hated instruction and my heart despised reproof; and have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!"

It was from the depths of bitter repentance for wasted years that Solomon finally said: "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."

The youth do well to take heed to his latest warning to them: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore, remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

TO YOUNG WOMEN

It is not to be wondered at that young women should question why scriptures have so much to say with regard to the matter of dress and deportment. There is nothing wrong in desiring to understand the reasons for God's requirements—that is just what He encourages His servants to do. For years this subject was a puzzle to me, until one day I discovered that the Bible presented a marked contrast between two classes of women. In one class was the "king's daughter," who is "all glorious within"—the "virtuous woman" of Proverbs 31, the "women professing godliness" mentioned in the second chapter of first Timothy. On the other hand we have the "strange woman" mentioned in the seventh chapter of Proverbs. If you will read this chapter, and compare it with Prov. 31:10-30; 1 Tim. 2:9, 10; Titus 2:3-8; and 1 Peter 3:1-4, you will see new proof of God's love for his handmaidens. He cares too deeply for his daughters to permit them, through ignorance, to be mistaken for the "strange woman."

It is interesting to list the virtues attributed to the admirable woman of Proverbs 31. She is loyal, good, industrious, thrifty, diligent, capable, judicious, charitable, prompt, neat, and of good taste, strong and honest, wise, kind, a good executive and disciplinarian, and one who fears God.

Let us contrast the "strange woman" and the "virtuous woman." Their SPEECH is the first thing to be noted—and it is just as true today as in Solomon's time that speech furnishes strangers, very early in the process of acquaintance, with an index of the true character. The "strange woman" is one who "flattereth with her words"; the godly woman "openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." Flattery is the enemy of the soul. God never uses it, but He gives reproof to those He loves; and while it is only right that we should give words of deserved praise, the true servant of God will never lower herself to the use of flattery, which is a species of deception.

DRESS is the next basis of judgment. Over, against the "attire of an harlot" we see exhibited the "modest apparel" that Timothy tells us about. This should be enough to teach us that there is really a mode of dress which the world recognizes as belonging to the strange woman. How may

we detect it? Of one thing we may be sure; it will be just the opposite of "modest apparel." It is the putting on of apparel for the sake of the apparel or jewel itself, instead of thinking of clothing as a "covering" as God intended it in the first place.

When we consider that clothing originated as a direct result of sin, isn't it a bit inconsistent for a professed Christian to manifest undue pride in what is really a badge of our shame? Peter warns against the "putting on of apparel"—if he lived today who knows but that inspiration would have made him say "the taking off of apparel," instead?

But what is "modest apparel"? Is it necessary to define it more closely than that for people of ordinary good judgment? We know, if we are honest with ourselves, just what is modest and what is immodest. A summary of the instruction given us in the testimonies should make us more thankful than ever for the wealth of instruction God has placed at our command. They teach that we should seek good clothing, of as good material as we can afford, made neatly and modestly, without elaborate trimming or conspicuous style, giving due regard to its healthfulness and suitability to the use to which it is designed. We should have something for Sabbath use which is not worn commonly every day, but fine clothing worn to church, we are told, attracts attention from the service and fosters irreverence. We are not to attempt to ape the styles, or to keep up with rapidly changing styles; neither are we to take pride in making ourselves peculiar. If the world has a style which is healthful, modest, plain and suitable, we are not to avoid it. Today there are plenty of modes suitable for a woman professing godliness.

Untidiness is just as displeasing to the Lord as too much pride. Avoid either extreme. There is nothing wrong in choosing modes and colors which suit our individual types; but we are warned against "loud" clothes, plaids that are conspicuous, or very bright colors. It would seem almost unnecessary for us even to mention these things, yet many of us can bear testimony that we have sometimes seen our own girls dressed in the "attire of an harlot," and have felt the pity of it grip our hearts. If women could only stand off and appraise themselves calmly, and see how extremely ugly most of them are in sleeveless gowns and too-short skirts,

in all probability they couldn't be hired to wear such clothes.

The third contrast is the HEART, and concerns loyalty. Of one woman it is said she was "subtil of heart" and betrayed her husband's confidence; of the other the record is, "the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her."

Next comes a comment on the DEPORTMENT, for one is "loud and stubborn," while the other is "meek and quiet." Modest behaviour and quiet speech is truly a gift of great value in the sight of the best element of the world. That is why good form demands certain standards of deportment, especially in public, from those it acknowledges as well bred. That is why loud talking and laughing are out of place on the street, in any public building, hotel, train or railway station. Those who indulge in such actions are marked as the legitimate prey of evil persons.

The PLACES FREQUENTED by the two women are not the same. One's feet "abide not in her own house: now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner"; the other is characterized as a "keeper at home." "Keepers at home" are more than just stay-at-homes; they are those who actively *keep the home*, and are God's best remedy for one of the world's worst ills—the idle, mischievous woman.

Women should keep off the streets when they have no real business there. When they need to be there, their actions should be unobtrusive, and they should go straight about their business. There is far less danger of inviting insult when it is seen one is strictly attending to her own affairs. But the idle, loud, giggling, showily-dressed, parading creature is the lawful prey of the man told about in Proverbs 6:12, 13: "A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers"—flirtation signs, as plainly as they could be described. Girls, if you are ever unfortunate enough to attract the attention of a stranger on the street, remember this verse gives you the index of his character—"a naughty person, a wicked man." It is no credit to you, so fly from such an acquaintance.

In the DISPLAY OF AFFECTION we are given another indication of character. The first woman "caught" and "kissed" a stranger. Godly women are admonished to "love their

husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste." There is a proper place for the display of affection, and that is in the home, and within the family relationship. Display of affection in public is always considered in poor taste; while the woman or girl who lays familiar hands upon men is giving evidence of her ignorance of good manners, or, what is still worse, of an evil heart.

The BEARING, particularly the expression of the face, tells us much about those we meet. One woman had "an impudent face"; the other carried herself with "shamefacedness and sobriety." We might put that into common speech: "modesty and sobriety." Boldness, flippancy, slang and unguarded speech are typical of our times. True modesty, graceful speech and a kind thoughtfulness for the feelings of others are surely refreshing.

INDUSTRY is another sure index of character. In warning the young man against strange women, Solomon says to beware lest "strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labors be in the house of a stranger" (Prov. 5:10) and "by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread" (Prov. 6:26). But the true woman "eateth not the bread of idleness." Industry is a great protection from evil habits. Idle women are a great curse and particularly so in the church. Timothy tells us that idleness breeds gossip, and brings great reproach upon the gospel message.

The contrast is strong when we consider the INFLUENCE of the two types of women. The stranger has a deadly influence. "She hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death." But the influence of the godly woman tends to life. "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." The third chapter of First Peter pictures for us the unconverted husband being won to the gospel by the Christlike behaviour of a believing wife.

Girls, which do you think is the more admirable character? "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain (how often in more than one sense); but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. . . . for her price is far above rubies." Every girl must make the choice as to which side she will throw her influence. If it is not to be a saving influence, it cannot escape the other extreme, for we have

no less than the authority of our Master himself to witness that "he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder Harrison spent Friday in the office and left Sunday morning for San Antonio.

All report a very spiritual meeting at Little Rock and the largest camp meeting ever held in the Arkansas Conference in recent years.

Elder Eichman spent last Wednesday in the office on his way from Little Rock camp meeting to San Antonio camp meeting.

Elder Pohle returned from Little Rock Thursday and left Sunday morning for San Antonio. He and his son, Kenneth, are driving through in their car.

Elder Van Kirk attended a board meeting of Broadview College July 17, from which place he went direct to Little Rock to attend the Arkansas camp meeting. He spent last Wednesday in the office on his way to San Antonio to attend the camp meeting there.

Elder C. H. Castle, our newly elected treasurer and auditor, upon his arrival in our field, spent a few days in Keene with Brother Claude Conard, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, in going over plans pertaining to the work of the treasury department. He is now on an auditing tour among the local conferences and expects to be present over the first Sabbath at each of the camp meetings.

AN IMPORTANT TELEGRAM

Last week after the RECORD had gone to press, we received the following telegram from Mountain View, California:

"Tell your readers *Signs of the Times* is preparing Prohibition Special number. Score of nations leaders such as Ford Babson, Irving Fisher, McAdoo, Doctors Harvey Wiley and Howard Kelley, Captain Hobson and others forcefully present physical, moral, economic benefits of prohibition. This number will be a mighty educator in this crisis to true temperance without political propaganda. Seventeen fifty per thousand. Signed Pacific Press Publishing Association."

A great crisis is before us. The leaders of one of the great political parties avow their opposition to prohibition. Here is an opportunity without ourselves

mixing with politics, to do great service for prohibition and true temperance by educating the people on this great subject. When such men as are quoted above furnish us the arguments against the liquor traffic, surely we can distribute them everywhere.

JUST AT THE RIGHT TIME

In the experience of every individual there are times when the heart and mind is drawn out toward God, when perhaps as at no ordinary time a kindly word or a printed message of hope will bring just the help that is needed. The following letter received by the *Signs* office early in July from a lady in Fremont, Michigan, illustrates how the Lord's spirit is working, and how the *Signs* at just the right time as in this case proved a great source of comfort and encouragement.

Dear Sirs:

"I have been receiving your paper *Signs of the Times* for some time, and since the first few papers came I have felt a very deep interest in the articles contained. Now, I look forward to its coming each week never feeling satisfied until I have absorbed everything from cover to cover.

Already I feel that I have grown considerably spiritually and been drawn nearer to the Great God through its influence.

I am not an Adventist and do not know who has sacrificed that I may enjoy the riches of your paper for a year, but I hope I will not have to be without it at the expiration of that year. May God reward all the sacrifices made that it may reach others.

I am a young widow, my husband being called to the Great Beyond a short time ago, after a short year of companionship. Somehow it seems that the door has been opened to me for greater religious service and your paper will be no small factor in helping me.

Gratefully

MRS. P. W.

Some paper you are sending, even without your knowledge of it, may be making a similar impression at a time when the Lord's spirit can speak to the heart. Or you may have friends to whom you should send the *Signs* with prospects of its proving the blessing this subscription has.

J. R. FERREN

KEENE NEWS NOTES

Last Wednesday telegrams from Lit-

tle Rock, Arkansas, told of the serious illness of L. N. Carter, and Mrs. Carter and Glenmore left in their Ford at once for that place. They were joined at Paris by Lee. Brother Carter had been working among the churches in that state in the interest of Southwestern Junior College, and was on the camp ground at Little Rock at the time of being attacked by illness. Reports received this morning (Sunday) state that he is slightly improved.

Several heavy rains last week cooled the atmosphere and freshened up every thing so that Keene is in fine shape for the camp meeting this week.

Mrs. C. F. Jenkins and Cecil left last Tuesday in their Ford for New Mexico, going via Lubbock where Cecil will teach next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Casey started with Percy and Florence in their Will-ess-Knight last Thursday morning early for Washington, D. C. and other points east to visit Arthur and Roy Casey and their families. They hoped to reach St. Louis for the Sabbath. They will return about the 15th of August. During their absence W. O. Belz and wife are in charge of the store in Keene.

HARVEST INGATHERING WORK AMONG THE FOREIGNERS

This year the Harvest Ingathering papers are being printed in two additional languages, the Esthonian and Croatian. This makes twenty languages in which the Harvest Ingathering paper is now being published. Following is a list of these languages:

- Bohemian
- Croatian
- Danish-Norwegian
- Dutch
- Esthonian
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Finnish
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Roumanian
- Russian
- Serbian
- Slovakian
- Swedish
- Ukrainian
- Yiddish
- Yiddish-English

These papers were prepared much earlier this year and practically all of them were in the hands of the churches by July 15.

The foreign-speaking people should not be forgotten this year when the Harvest Ingathering work is entered in your field for the experience of those who are working with them is that they give more liberally than do the English speaking people. Elder A. A. Cone, pastor of four churches in Pennsylvania writes;

"In the Harvest Ingathering work in my district we are tapping hitherto untouched resources this year to an extent not done in previous years. We find the Greek, Polish, and Italians giving to our work as they have never done in times past, and this calls for more Harvest Ingathering papers in these languages than we have ever needed before."

Brother V. C. Townsend, home missionary secretary of the the Northern New England Conference in an article appearing in the *Atlantic Union Gleaner* of July 11 stated: "One sister told me that she was setting a goal of \$50.00 this year and she plans to get it among the foreign-speaking people."

Many other experiences could be given pertaining to the Harvest Ingathering work if space permitted.

It is well to have a few of the foreign *Present Truth* along when you are doing Harvest Ingathering work for the foreigners so that in case some do not feel able to contribute that you can leave a copy of *Present Truth* with them.

Present Truth in foreign languages now sell for \$1.00 a hundred or \$10.00 a thousand.

The foreign Harvest Ingathering papers should be ordered through your local Book and Bible House.

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OBITUARY

Earnest Lee Drummond was born May 16, 1895 in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, where he spent the first year of his life. The family of Elder W. T. Drummond moved to sunny Tennessee, and at Graysville spent ten years. Several years were spent in Macon, Georgia until 1909 when the family returned to the Lone Star state where they settled in Keene. Father Drummond was on the locating committee which helped to settle the home of Southwestern Junior College.

Brother Drummond was converted and baptized at the age of thirteen and joined the Adventist church, where he remained a faithful member until death. He prepared himself for school work and held the Professorship of the Mid-

lothian school at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Helen Goldsmith in 1922 and to this union two children were born, a little girl, and baby boy which preceded his father in death about ten days.

Brother Drummond was a likeable man and was much loved by those who knew him as a very earnest Christian man, taking part in all church activities he spent his time helping others see the great need of getting ready for the coming of the Lord.

He leaves to mourn a wife, daughter, mother, brother and a host of friends. The funeral was held in the Adventist church at Keene and was conducted by Elders Miller, Crane and the writer. We laid him away to rest until the Blessed Life-Giver shall come to claim His own. Then we shall look for our dear Brother Drummond.

J. W. McCOMAS

CAMP MEETING NOTICE

In a recent issue of the RECORD it was stated that mattresses might be had for the camp meeting for \$1.00 each. This was a mistake. The prices are the same as last year, \$1.50 for entirely new mattresses, or \$1.25 for freshly laundered old ticking on new cotton. All the mattresses we rent have new cotton, but the cheaper ones have ticks that have been used but are clean and all right. In either case if soiled in any way when sold the price must be cut, so we have to have the prices named above.

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OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

Brother Norman is assisting Brother Sikes in making his delivery in Cotton County.

Brother Bridwell is assisting Brother Barlett in a delivery in the vicinity of Vinta this week.

Reports from the three tent efforts are very encouraging. All are having good attendance with increasing interest.

Elder Beddoe's mother and sister of Washington, D. C. are visiting in his home. They are on their way to California, their future home.

Elder Clark was called by wire for the funeral of our elder Brother Weishaar. Funeral services were held both at Hooker, Oklahoma, and Turon, Kansas where burial was made.

Hersel Willess, one of our canvassers is in the hospital at Oklahoma City, having undergone an operation. He is getting along nicely but will not get back to his field for some time.

Among recent out-of-town callers were Brother Gamble and wife from the canvassing field, Carl Dyer of Ad-dington, Chester Georgia from near Lawton, and Brother Johnson also from the canvassing field.

The fact that camp meeting is drawing near is witnessed to at the conference office by new mottos and charts in the various departments either in making or completed. The displays at camp meeting this year will be the best ever. Special preparation is being made for all attending regardless of age. Come and bring your family. Don't forget your Bible and "Gospel in Song."

OBITUARIES

MAYS—CLARENCE MAYS was born at Ketchum, Oklahoma, August 30, 1894 and died at the same place May 21, 1928. He united with the church August 30, 1908 and was faithful unto death. He is survived by father, mother, four sisters and six brothers.

D. F. STURGEON

DANIELSON—M. DANIELSON was born in Denmark, December 3, 1856 and died at Enid, Oklahoma, July 10, 1928. He came to America in 1879 and was married in the same year to Christina Peterson who died in 1918. He was married to Alice May Grimes in 1919. He is survived by three sons and six daughters and twenty six grandchildren.

D. F. STURGEON.

WEISHAAR—DAVID FERDINAND WEISHAAR was born in Germany, September 26, 1843, and died at Hooker, Oklahoma, July 19, 1928, being at the time of his death eighty-four years, nine months and twelve days of age.

He emigrated to this country at the age of twenty-two, locating in Indiana for about two years after which he removed to Paola, Kansas. While residing there he became acquainted with and was united in marriage with Anna Catherine Hammel. To this union were

born seven children, two of whom preceded him in death, Walter William dying in infancy and Chester Arthur in December of last year. His wife and mother of the children died in July 1907.

In 1884 he with his family located in Sumner County, Kansas and in 1886 removed from there to Haskell County and from there to Reno County in 1891. In 1912 he located at Hooker, Texas County, Oklahoma, where he resided until death except for sojourns in California and Missouri.

Those who survive, and mourn his death, are a brother living in California; three sons, Henry H. of Spearman, Texas, Theodore A. Hooker, Oklahoma and H. L., of Shafter California; two daughters, Emma F. Wichita, Kansas, and Olive L. Gorin, of Grand Island, Nebraska; also fourteen grandchildren and other relatives and a large circle of friends mourn his death, but they sorrow not without hope for as a child he was confirmed in the Luthern faith and later united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Forty-three years ago he embraced the faith of Seventh-day Adventists and was a devout and faithful member of that body until death.

He was an active laymember, contributing much in both time and means to the cause he loved. Three years ago a stroke of paralysis left him afflicted. He was seriously ill but a few hours before his death and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus with full confidence of a part in the first resurrection to receive the promised crown of life. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Methodist Church at Hooker, Oklahoma, and in the Christian Church near Turon, Kansas, where burial was made.

W. H. CLARK

OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

I have just finished reading Volume six of the Testimonies and call to mind a number of statements I found in it relative to camp meeting and I feel impressed to write the members of the Oklahoma Conference through the columns of the RECORD concerning camp meeting. Several striking statements, or at least they appealed to me, were as follows:

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp meetings. . . . Individually you need the benefits of the meeting and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be

better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason this way. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your family. . . . Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. . . . You cannot afford to lose one such privilege. . . . If the children of Israel needed the benefits of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! . . . This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Surely with these statements from the Lord's messenger, speaking to us individually, we should brush aside every excuse and allow nothing but an utter impossibility to prevent us from attending the camp meeting that will be held at Highland Park, Guthrie, Oklahoma. With no conference session we are able to follow more closely another statement reading thus, "As far as possible our camp meetings should be wholly devoted to spiritual interest. They should not be made an occasion for transaction of business." We are doing everything possible to make the meeting a profitable one and with the help given by the General and union conferences, we hope that this meeting with your presence and the presence of the Lord, will be the best yet.

The tent prices will be the same as last year, ranging from three dollars to \$8.50, depending on size and condition of tent. Highland Park will not be as shady as Mineral Wells Park but it has advantages that off-set the question of shade. Guthrie is accessible by good roads from all directions. Work of pitching the camp will start ten days before the meeting begins and all will be in readiness for the first meeting Thursday night, August 16.

The preparation for and the holding of this meeting will incur a heavy expense and hard work and comes only once a year, so everyone should avail themselves of the opportunity and reap great benefits. Highland Park is situated in the northeast part of the city. Remember the time and place, August 16—26, at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

W. H. CLARK

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TEXICO NEWS NOTES

The attendance and interest at the tabernacle meeting in Albuquerque is increasing daily and a number of people are deeply interested in the special message delivered every evening by Elder Walker. Let us not forget this effort when we talk to the Lord about His work in the earth.

Every indication is that we shall have an unusually large attendance at camp meeting and judging from the correspondence received in the office, the Lord is moving upon the hearts of His people impelling them to make a desperate effort to attend this annual feast. Let us all come praying that God will pour out His spirit upon His people during this session in Albuquerque.

Plans have been completed, and Elder Taylor, the camp superintendent, will be glad to hear from any who are attending the Texico camp meeting August 9-19 relative to their needs, whether it be a room, tourist cottage or a tent. Be sure to let him know in plenty of time.

Elder Taylor says that it looks as though there will be some new Seventh-day Adventists at Mesquite at the close of their meetings which have been in progress for the past few weeks. Let us pray that the desire of his heart may be realized by seeing a goodly number take their stand for the message.

Brother James T. Ferguson writes from Wink, Texas that there are several people keeping the Sabbath at that place, some of whom are planning to attend camp meeting. Let us not forget the interest in this rapidly growing oil town.

A Letter from one of the sisters in Wellington, Texas where Elder Walker held meetings the latter part of the winter and the early spring, states that several are planning to attend the camp meeting and some of them new Sabbath keepers. Already these new ones are proving faithful to the Lord by sending in their tithes and offerings to help support the cause they have so recently espoused.

We have received communication from

several of our brethren from over the conference expressing their intentions to attend the camp meeting. How about you, are you planning to attend? Remember the dates are August 9th to 19th.

Brother E. A. Meador reports orders for \$203.00 worth of books the past week in forty-eight hours. Brother Kinder is visiting with some of the colporteurs over in the east part of the conference and sends in some encouraging reports from the workers there.

Brother LaGrone is getting some of his members at Amarillo interested in the sale of small books, and we are hopeful that we can secure some good colporteurs from his church this fall.

NOTICE. All mail for the camp ground or for those attending the camp meeting should be addressed to Box 461, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please make note of this and avoid delay in the delivery of your mail.

Brother R. P. Abel and family who have recently returned from the mission field in Siam were very welcome visitors in Clovis from late Thursday evening till Sunday morning. Brother Abel gave a stereopticon lecture in the church Friday night to a well filled house, and also spoke at the church Sabbath morning.

COME TO CAMP MEETING AND
FIND OUT

Brother, sister, do you know the difference between an alkaline diet and an acid-forming one? Do you know which promotes health, and which causes disease? Do you know the relation between acid food and acid dispositions? If not, then come to camp meeting, attend the health studies, and find out.

Do you know what to do when your child develops a case of tantrum's insubordination, irreverence, untruthfulness, dawdling, forgetting, puppy-love etc? Do you know how to teach him to enjoy hard work? Can you teach your child to read from God's lesson book of Nature? If not, then come to camp meeting, attend the parents' meeting, and find out.

Do you know how a Christian woman ought to dress? Do you know just where to draw the line between vanity and slovenliness? Do you know how to distinguish between the legitimate "peculiarity" of the genuine Christian, and the "gazing-stock" oddness of the freak? If not, then come to camp meeting, attend the studies on Christian

dress, and find out.

Do you have any other related questions in your mind, to which you are sincerely anxious to find God's answer? Then come to camp meeting, write your question on a slip of paper, drop it in the Question Box, and find out.
 E. T. WILSON

OUR BOOKS SELL THEMSELVES

Here is an extract from the letter of a sick colporteur who was not able to canvass one week, but look what he did. "Last week I did not feel like going out, but I could not stay at home so just took Bible Readings and "Helps" and would hand them to people, and of course, they would sell themselves. So I did not have to talk very much, but accomplished the work without using much energy.

Signed C. D. Colburn."

And how much do you suppose he sold in that way that week? \$90.25 and \$23.00 delivered. Show me the man who cannot sell Seventh-day Adventist books because he cannot talk, that is, if he has the prime requisite,—consecration.
 W. L. KINDER.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

The Declaration of Independence was the bravest document ever written. A few straggling colonies were putting their feeble strength against the mighty mistress of the seas. Well did they know the long bitter struggle that lay ahead of them. But their goal was freedom—one of the most precious heritages of mankind—and they staked their all to gain it.

The goal of every right-thinking far-sighted man or woman should be financial freedom—independence from financial troubles and worries of every kind. Make the declaration to yourself today that you will practice thrift whenever opportunity permits, and thus assure yourself of that freedom which makes for an undivided, untrammelled service for God.

Our forefathers had to practice thrift in many ways before they were able to attain personal liberty for us. And so are there many ways in which a colporteur may practice thrift and thereby gain the goal they seek—a greater power through financial liberty. Our colporteurs in days gone by used to practice extreme frugality. Many are the inspiring stories of their living on milk and stale bread—and winning souls.

Satan has placed many pitfalls in

the way of his mighty opponent, the colporteur, and the most treacherous is debt. Avoid it as you would a scorpion. Watch those "helps". Remember that a reckoning is coming—that while they beautifully tide you over present needs, yet they must be paid for. You should make the Book and Bible House your bank, sending in every penny you can spare—and then you might send in a few more by faith. The jingle of money in the pocket is a tremendous temptation — I KNOW.

Let us declare war today on debt, and once the battle is started you will find it easy to keep up and win.

L. L. GRAND PRE.

SPANISH WORK IN TEXICO

Our Spanish work in Holman, Mora County, New Mexico, is making good progress. The believers at this place began making adobes some time ago with the expectation of building a house of worship. There are over twenty baptized believers who are considered as belonging to that company. Some more are to be baptized at my next visit. And still others who are studying with Brother Flores we expect to join us soon. We are planning to organize a church at this place in July.

We have a baptismal class at Raton where several will soon be baptized. Another man with a large family has just begun keeping the Sabbath at Maxwell. Two other families are studying with good interest and seem quite favorable.

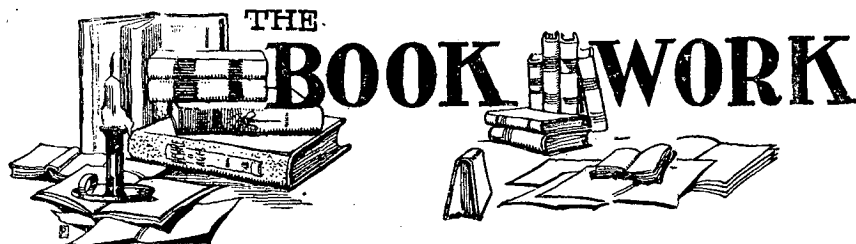
Brother Serna reports a splendid interest at El Paso. In one of the suburbs of El Paso he found a church leader and four or five families anxious to study the message with him. They are now attending our meetings and Sabbath school at the Mexican church.

Brother Moreno has moved to Albuquerque where he will join Brother F. E. Wilson in the work of that city while Sister Moreno will teach the Mexican church school which is being planned for this fall. The Spanish members of El Paso are also planning for a church school this fall.

We are expecting a good representation of our Spanish-speaking brethren at camp meeting this year.

A. G. NELSON.

TEXICO CAMP MEETING, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, AUG. 9 - 19.



COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

OKLAHOMA COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 21

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Eunice Roy	BR	41	4	22.00	9.25	81.25	5.50
Alva Cadenhead	RJ	30	3	9.00	11.25	20.25	2.75
Eunice Roy (Ju 14)	BR	29	9	49.50	6.50	56.00	3.50
Viola Blakely	RJ	27	9	31.00	20.25	51.25	44.50
Ben Hassenpflug	DR	63	29	122.25	28.25	150.00	.....
Ananymous	DR	57	18	98.00	20.00	118.00	.....
Glenn Ross	DR	55	12	65.50	18.00	83.50	3.75
J. W. Droks	RJ	54	2	9.50	1.75	11.25	.....
J. O. Conrad	BR	52	16	86.00	8.50	94.50	.....
B. Chrispens	BR	51	26	170.00	49.75	218.75	14.50
Roy E. Morris	DR	49	16	86.00	14.50	100.50	2.75
Arthur Burton	BR	48	13	83.25	19.50	102.75	.....
Clinton Woodland	DR	45	28	131.00	19.25	150.00	.....
I. F. Stahl	GC	43	11	61.50	33.00	94.50	7.25
Sam Chrispens	BR	42	9	51.50	8.00	59.50	3.00
M. M. Sikes	GC	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	210.75
W. E. Gamble	BR	38	7	40.50	65.70	106.20	35.75
J. W. Johnson	BR	35	14	83.00	16.00	99.00	14.50
R. D. Whitney	RJ	28	8	26.00	6.00	32.00	.50
J. S. Hindbaugh	DR	23	44.75

Workers	20	865	252	1297.50	366.70	1664.20	402.75
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TEXICO COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 1928

G. W. Galloway	GC	63	478.50
E. A. Meador	GC	60	27	207.00	55.00	262.00	83.75
J. C. Curry	GC	48	9	47.00	17.25	64.25	13.00
Mrs. Curry	GC	45	15	82.50	60.75	245.25	28.25
C. D. Colburn	BR	45	8	43.50	37.75	81.25	22.00
C. F. Kinder	BR	45	26	151.00	15.00	166.00	6.00
C. Moore	BR	44	16	104.00	7.75	111.75	6.75
G. Curry	GC	43	13	66.50	36.00	102.50	.75
H. Mitzelfelt	BR	40	27	137.25	23.00	160.25	2.25
H. Mitzelfelt	BR	40	27	137.25	23.00	160.00	2.25
P. and E. McCamey	RJ	35	3	11.00	22.50	33.50	6.00
Pearl Guinn	RJ	32	2	6.00	17.00	23.00	164.35
Agnes Meador	RJ	32	1	3.00	2.75	5.75	98.00
David Walker	OD	21	2	7.00	4.50	11.50	1.75
Jess Walker		31	1	5.50	2.00	7.50	2.00
G. N. Baillio	RJ	15	16	54.00	11.50	65.50	.....
P. Miriles	HP	39	2	13.00	.....	13.00	.....

Workers	17	589	166	938.25	314.75	1253.00	913.35
Workers	37	1454	418	2235.75	681.45	2917.20	1316.10

CAMP MEETING DATES—1928

South Texas — July 26-August 5,
San Antonio.
North Texas—Aug. 2-12, Keene.
Texico—Aug. 9-19, Albuquerque.
Oklahoma—Aug. 16-26, Guthrie.

MEETING OF THE TEXICO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given of the seventh biennial session of the Texico Conference of Seventh-day Adventists called to convene at the camp ground

August 9th to 19th, 1928, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members of major fraction thereof. Officers for the ensuing term will be elected and any other business that may come before the conference at this time will be taken care of. The first conference session will be called to order at ten o'clock Friday morning August 10th.

E. T. WILSON, President,
O. D. SLATER, Secretary.

TEXICO CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Hereby gives notice that the first meeting of the regular biennial session of the Texico Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at 10:30 A. M. Friday August 10th, 1928, at the camp ground in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in connection with the biennial session and camp meeting of the Texico Conference for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and to transact any other business that may come before the association at this time. Delegates to the Conference are delegates to the Association.

E. T. WILSON, President,
O. D. SLATER, Secretary.

ADVERTISEMENTS

HELP WANTED

Since enlarging our building we have an increasing patronage and need more help. We would like to correspond with young men or young women who would like to take a thorough nurses' course. Also want a man to do janitor work around the Sanitarium, especially if any one wants a home. Please address,

DR. D. GAEDE,
Weatherford, Okla.

Sept. 15, pd.

FOR SALE:—My place one-fourth mile south of college at Keene, forty acres of land, with six-room house and outbuildings in good condition. Considerable fruit on place, and the place is well adapted to trucking. If interested write or see W. G. PRATER, Keene, Texas. —31 p.

FOR SALE:—Sixty acre farm in Mayes County, Oklahoma, two miles from Seventh-day Adventist school, has large house, small barn and other outbuildings, on county highway, rural route, and in well improved community. This is a splendid farm and will stand investigation. Small cash payment will handle. This farm is near Ketchum, Oklahoma. S. M. McBEE, Ketchum, Okla. —33p.

FOR SALE:—My market garden one mile south of Keene, and four and one-miles east of Cleburne, near main highway to Dallas and adjoining the Santa Fe Railway at the Keene station. Soil is very productive. Has excellent setting of choice berries, pecans, and persimmons, with figs, plums and peaches for family use. Lots of house and barn room; plenty of water, two wind-mills and much piping laid for irrigation. Ample supply of rain water for domestic use. Splendid shade trees and protection for developing fruit trees and shrubs. Place consists of fifteen and one-half acres in Keene school district north of Santa Fe and eleven and one-half acres south of railroad. Owner wishes to sell because cannot work it on account of ill health. Come and see it when at camp meeting, or address—GEORGE GRAHAM, Route 4, Cleburne, Texas —32p.

FOR SALE OR RENT for School year: My place north of College campus at Keene. Four-room house, garage. When you come to camp meeting see J. H. Dortch for price and terms. —32p. FLORA MOFFITT.

FOR SALE IN KEENE:—six room house, barn, chicken house, good garden, small orchard, twenty acres land. One half mile from college, paved highway and church. Write or call MRS. M. E. WILLESS, Keene, Texas. —32p.

S. W. J. COLLEGE

NEWS NOTES

Professor Tucker returned Thursday from the Administrators' Council at Berrien Springs and may be found in his office.

Elder Rubendall, the camp superintendent, with his corps of workers, are making the campus at the college look quite like a campground. Evening

meetings will be held each night in the large pavillion for the public. The first regular camp meeting will be Thursday evening.

Professor W. E. Nelson gave a stereopticon lecture in the college chapel on Saturday night. He told us of his trip to the Orient, from which he has recently returned.

The Sabbath morning service at the church was conducted by Elder C. W. Rubendall.

Professor and Mrs. E. D. Ryden returned from their vacation in Galveston early Tuesday morning. They report a very pleasant trip.

Miss Geneva Bogard left Tuesday for her home in Enid, Oklahoma, to spend her vacation. We trust she will have a pleasant visit.

The young people's meeting on Sabbath afternoon was given over to Professor W. E. Nelson.

Miss Bell reports that the prospects for the normal department are very bright for the coming year. There are a number of applications among college students for normal work.

Elder H. S. Miller invited all the dormitory students to his home on Tuesday evening for a watermelon feast. For once all had all the watermelon they could eat.

The mechanical department under the direction of Geo. A. Taylor is busy this week putting a new roof on the normal building.

Elder and Mrs. Miller and Miss Bell spent a day recently in Dallas in interest of the college.

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