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Oklahoma City, Okla.

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UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder A. F. Harrison returned to the office the first of the week after holding a successful institute with the colporteurs in the Arkansas Conference.

Mr. C. E. Smith is attending the Union College Board meeting which is being held in College View, Nebraska, this week.

Elder E. A. Pohle spent Sabbath with the College View church and is attending the College Board meeting in session there now.

Professor J. A. Tucker, President of Oakwood Junior College, Huntsville, Alabama, called at the union office Monday of this week.

Elder G. F. Eichman spent Sabbath February twenty-sixth with the church at Alva, Oklahoma. He will spend a few days in the western part of the state before returning to the office.

Elder M. B. Van Kirk is now in College View attending a meeting of the Union College board. Elder Van Kirk will go to Washinton, D. C. before returning, to attend the spring meeting of the General Conference Committee.

WHY SIN?

Elder Marshall B. Van Kirk, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, has just furnished the *Signs* a series of eight enlightening articles on The Origin Of Evil. You will enjoy his scriptural presentation of this question that has puzzled the men and women of all ages — Why God permitted sin to enter the world. The first article will appear in the April 12 *Signs*.

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SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND STATEMENT FOR ONE MONTH ENDING

JANUARY 29, 1927

Conference	Members	Per Member Amount Received	Short	Member
		\$.00	Amount	Cents per
(White)				
Arkansas	522	1560.00	488.56	1077.44 .187
North Texas	1148	3444.00	1081.50	2362.50 .188
Oklahoma	2056	6168.00	1356.46	4811.54 .132
South Texas	804	2412.00	700.17	1711.83 .174
Texico	489	1467.00	764.21	702.79 .313
	5019	15057.00	4390.90	10666.10 .175
				29.16%
(Colored)				
Arkansas	83	207.50	100.13	107.37 .121
North Texas	79	197.50	59.86	137.64 .152
Oklahoma	102	255.00	30.32	224.68 .059
South Texas	292	730.00	137.10	592.84 .094
Texico	68	170.00	44.16	125.84 .130
				23.82%
(Combined)				
White	5019	15057.00	4390.90	1066.100 .175
Colored	624	1560.00	371.63	1188.37 .119
	5643	16617.00	4762.53	11854.47 .169
				28.66 per cent

C. E. SMITH, Treasurer S. W. Union.

In this issue of the RECORD you will find a statement of the Sixty-cents-a-week Fund for January 1927. You will note that the white membership raised only 29.18 per cent of their quota and the colored membership 23.82 per cent, or an average of 28.66 per cent.

During the month of January 1926 we raised \$4,444.69 for missions and for January 1927 \$4,390.90 or a loss of \$53.79. We are very sorry to start the year with a loss, but trust the February remittances will show a marked gain. C. E. SMITH, Treasurer S. W. Union Conference.

SPANISH-AMERICAN INSTITUTE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, APRIL 1-8, 1927

An institute is held every two years for the Spanish-speaking workers in the United States at some central locality. This year the institute will be held at Phoenix, Arizona in the Spanish-American Training School, 1325 North 14th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Elder M. N. Campbell of the Bureau of Home Missions will be present the entire time, also general help will be given by local conference presidents as well as union and general workers.

Time will be given for a question box hour as well as round table discussion taking up the points bearing on questions and problems of the individual worker. The opening meeting is called for 10 a. m. April 1, 1927.

Spanish Division Bureau of Home Missions,
H. C. CASEBEER,
Secretary for North America.

MRS. SYPE'S VISIT TO THIS FIELD

Thinking the brethren and sisters in the Southwestern Union would be glad to hear concerning my visit among the churches, I am writing a few lines to let you know.

I entered the good old state of Arkansas, February 2nd, arriving at Searcy and there in company with Brother Haughey, visited the little church of Searcy and enjoyed my stay there and a good visit at the Wakenight Sanitarium.

From Searcy we went to Little Rock. Enjoyed my visit at the conference office and at this church very much. Found Elder R. P. Montgomery and Brother and Sister Black with the rest of the conference force very cooper-

ative doing all they could to help me see that the *Watchman* fills its appointed place. A number of subscriptions were taken and a few people promised to engage in the circulation of the *Watchman* Magazine.

February 8, I reached Muskogee, Oklahoma, where I found Brother Ac-Moody in charge of the Muskogee church and very anxious to lend a helping hand in increasing the circulation of the *Watchman* Magazine, which he appreciates as a first class assistant in the spread of present truth. Enjoyed my visit at this church.

From Muskogee I went to Tulsa and there the meeting was hindered by a real Oklahoma blizzard; the night was so stormy that only a few people attended but found a good cooperative spirit.

From Tulsa I next visited Sapulpa and was entertained by Brother Tabor, the local elder. The Sapulpa church and church school manifested a real interest in the *Watchman* Magazine. The church school teacher and his good wife composed a beautiful song in honor of the *Watchman* and rendered it at the church that night. They also desire to have their pupils circulate a large number of the magazine each month.

From Sapulpa I next visited Oklahoma City conference office and church. I also attended the Bookmens' Convention then in session. I appreciated the good spirit found at Oklahoma City. The doors were thrown open wide at the church. I had the opportunity of presenting the good qualities of the magazine to a large congregation, also was enabled to conduct a little institute with as many as thirty ladies in attendance.

From Oklahoma City I next visited Enid. I was indeed glad for this meeting as I had spent some time in holding meetings in Enid over twenty years ago. I found a packed house at Enid, the people came from Ames, Carrier and surrounding country.

From Enid I next visited Ardmore where Elders Eichman and Beddoe, accompanied by Brother Bridwell were holding a home missionary convention. We certainly had a very fine time at this place. Brother Fowler, the pastor of the church there, did all he could to make our visit profitable in his midst. The Ardmore church is coming up to the help of the Lord in the circulation of the *Watchman* in a very commendable way.

February 25th and 26th were spent at Keene, Texas. Here I met a num-

ber of old friends, as my children had attended school there in past years. Surely enjoyed my visit with the Keene church and also at the college. The president of Southwestern Junior College, Brother Thompson, was very liberal in giving time and showing an interest in the circulation of the *Watchman* Magazine. A number of students are considering the circulation of the magazine as their summer's work, thereby earning a scholarship for their next year's schooling.

From Keene I went to Fort Worth and there enjoyed my visit with the church very much. After spending a little time in Fort Worth I next called at Wichita Falls.

I found this church very much afflicted with mumps, measles and scarlet fever. The weather was bad and we did not have much attendance but found some good workers. Wichita Falls will consider this a part of their missionary program. I appreciated the interest Elder Haynes and the church school teacher took in the circulation of the magazine.

March 2nd finds me at Dallas, Texas, where we will engage in a meeting this evening.

Am enjoying my visit through Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas very much. Am meeting many old friends and am glad to report they are all determined that the *Watchman* shall find a place in their missionary activities and we look for a real rising in the circulation of the magazine in the Southwestern Union territory.

Will report my visits to other churches in the near future, nothing preventing.

MRS. MINNIE SYPE.

APPRECIATION

So many of our friends have, during Mrs. Thompson's stay in the hospital, been so thoughtful and kind in word and deed that I want in this note to express to all both far and near the heartfelt gratitude of Mrs. Thompson and myself.

Letters and words and flowers and services of all sorts have been so generously given that we want you all to know of our deep thankfulness for a host of friends.

Troubles come to everybody and this note is not intended to call attention to trouble but rather to express appreciation of that fine spirit of friendship so many have shown us.

I think I ought to particularly mention the kind hospitality of the Hugu-

leys. Their home has been mine on the frequent stays I have made in Dallas.

Incidentally, the many friends and acquaintances of the Huguelys will be interested to know that Dr. Herbert Huguely has opened his dental offices in the Wilson building in Dallas and that from the first, he has had a good patronage. P. L. THOMPSON.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

1215 Marshall St.

Little Rock, Ark.

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Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

Arkansas Tract Society:

Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

STATEMENT OF 60c-A-WEEK FUND

For one month ending January 29, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Ark.	1566.00	488.56	1077.44 .187
Ark. C.	207.50	100.13	107.37 .121

ARKANSAS NEWS NOTES

Early in the evening the telephone rang. It was a message from the president of the conference telling of the arrival of a son, — Marvin Montgomery.

The colporteurs' institute which has been conducted in Little Rock by Elder Harrison and Brethren Abbott and Young, has come to a close. Those in attendance were greatly benefited by the studies and instruction given.

Each morning Elder Montgomery conducted studies on the Sanctuary Question and at night gave a series of studies from the Bible and the testimonies on the need of a spiritual revival and reformation and how to get this revival in our own hearts. He held a consecration service Sabbath, which was a great blessing to the church.

Sunday night the colporteurs were invited to the home of Elder and Mrs. Haughey for a social evening. All took an active part in making candy, eating it, and playing games. One would hardly expect to find an evening's entertainment in our catalogue of publications, but that was the source of the games prepared by Brother Black, Miss Winn, and Mrs. Haughey.

FIGURE FIVE

Our meeting near Figure Five has now been in progress for more than a

week, and the attendance has been good each night, until Sunday night, February 27, when the weather man interfered with sleet, snow, and rain. The ground is now covered with a good blanket of snow and it is still coming down at a rapid rate.

We are expecting, when the bad weather breaks, that the people will give us a good hearing and the Lord will cause many of them to accept and obey the message for this time.

ISAAC BAKER.

ECHOES FROM THE COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

I certainly have appreciated the institute this time. This is the seventh that I have attended. The first one I attended I thought I had learned about all there was to learn, but every one I go to I learn more. Brother Young wrote me a few days before the institute that he had a new vision of the work, and I think we all have the same now.—E. A. Huelsenbeck.

I can certainly say that this has been the best institute that I have ever attended and I certainly have a stronger determination to go forward in the colporteur work.—N. O. Hibbetts.

This is my first institute, but I have enjoyed it more than any camp meeting I have ever attended. Some of the older workers have stated that every institute is better than the one before. Next year no doubt I will be able to verify their statements.—Fletcher Fant.

About fifteen years ago I attended an institute, and while there some one stated that such meetings are getting better every year, but I was skeptical. Before coming to the bookmen's convention last year, I had an idea that such training would benefit me little if any. But can truly say that Brother Harrison's talk on economy, or how to get by, was worth a great deal more than time I spent. I thought I learned my lesson well, but his sermon on this subject this afternoon has made it soak in still deeper and I believe any God-fearing colporteur can make a success of this business if he will carry out these principles.—J. B. Hawkins.

This is my first institute, and I thank the Lord for the help I have received. I am planning on working for the Lord until the work is finished.—Mrs. Killis Boyce.

I am glad I came to the institute. I did not think it was possible to learn so much about selling books. I will com-

mence canvassing right away. I will never work for any one but the Lord again, for I want to help warn the world of His coming again.—Killis Boyce.

Sister Rachel Hall always expressed herself as being thankful for the opportunity of attending the institute. She was very faithful in attendance, and received much inspiration to press forward in the Lord's work. She will continue with her good work of placing our books in the homes of the people here in Little Rock.

Our recent colporteurs' institute held in Little Rock will long be remembered.

Elder Montgomery conducted the spiritual meetings, morning and evening, which were indeed a feast to all. The colporteurs were strengthened and inspired to greater activities for the Lord as a result of these meetings.

Elder Harrison seemed to be more enthusiastic than ever in the good instructions urging us to adhere to right principles, right methods, and right plans, if we would have success attend our efforts. Brother E. H. Abbott gave us very valuable help both in a spiritual and practical way. Brother Black and Miss Winn brought out some very helpful suggestions in the way of business transactions with the Book and Bible House.

We appreciate all this help very much. All the colporteurs responded by frequently making remarks as follows: "It is the best institute I ever attended." "I am certainly glad I came to the institute, I did not know they were like this." "I would just as soon go to an institute as to a camp meeting,"

The spirit of the Lord was with us in great measure, and although there were few in number, with the blessings of the Lord resting upon us we will march forth to victory, God being our leader.—C. N. Young.

THE PASSOVER AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST NO. 3

According to Exodus 12: 3, 6, 11, Israel was to select a lamb on the tenth day of the month, and slay it in the evening of the fourteenth day, and eat it that night which would be the fifteenth. See Numbers 28: 16, 17.

The Pascal lamb was a type of Christ, our passover, 1 Corinthians 5: 7, through whose blood we are saved from death the same as the firstborn in Egypt were saved from death by the lamb's

blood on the door post. Col. 1: 14; Ex. 12: 23.

The wave sheaf was to be offered on the sixteenth day of the month or the morrow after the passover Sabbath. Lev. 23: 10, 11.

It will be noticed from the above scripture that Israel was not to offer the wave sheaf until they came into the land. On the same day the sheaf was offered, they were to offer burnt offerings, meat offerings, and drink offerings. See Lev. 23: 12-14. On that day they were to eat parched corn and green ears, but not until then, verse 14. Joshua 5: 10, 11, shows they ate of parched corn on the day after the passover. The passover Sabbath being on the fifteenth day of the month, it is plain the wave sheaf was offered on the sixteenth day of the month. The wave sheaf represented the firstfruits. Lev. 23: 10; so Christ is the firstfruits of them that slept. 1 Cor. 12: 20.

Thus it is plain that the Pascal lamb represented the death of Christ and the wave sheaf represented the resurrection, and these offerings were to be on the fourteenth and sixteenth days of the month, respectively. No doubt Paul had his mind on this when he says in 1 Cor. 15: 3, 4, that Christ died and arose again according to the scriptures.

Inasmuch as the Lamb was slain in the afternoon or evening of the fourteenth of the month, Lev. 23: 5; Deut. 16: 6, and the wave sheaf was offered on the sixteenth day of the month, Lev. 22: 10-14; Josh. 5: 10, 11, by no hook or crook can one figure seventy-two hours between these two events. Therefore if Christ was crucified and resurrected in harmony with the type he could not have been in the grave three full days and three full nights as some try to make Matt. 12: 40, teach from Jonah being in the in the fish or whale three days and nights. Matt. 12: 40, says nothing about the grave, but it says Christ should be in the heart of the earth. There is no way of proving that the tomb of Jesus was the heart of the earth. In fact the evidence is all against that idea for he was buried in a rock on top of the ground, when the heart of the literal earth would be the geographical center.

It is evident from the following references that the inhabitants of the earth are at times, at least referred to, as the earth, see Deut. 32: 1; Josh. 23: 1; Isa. 34: 1; Micah 1: 2. Therefore may it not be that Matt. 12: 40 refers to Christ under the ruling powers of earth from the time of his arrest until his resurrection? ISAAC BAKER

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STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-
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For one month ending January 29, 1927

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N. Tex.	3444.00	1081.50	2362.50 .188
N. Tex. C.	197.50	59.86	137.64 .152

NORTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Elder Benton visited with the Myrtle Springs church over the week end.

Elder Miller reports five in his baptismal class at Corsicana as a result of his meetings.

The Dalworth church was favored by a visit of Elder Premier Sabbath, March 5th.

Brother Ruf spent several days in the office during which time he also took opportunity to visit the Dallas school.

Brother Norman is again helping the colporteurs at Brownwood. We have three faithful workers in that prosperous oil field.

Sabbath School Investment Fund Day, March 12! Do not overlook this important date. This is an opportunity to invest your means in a bank that is absolutely safe—the treasury of heaven, where "neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." Remember the date, March 12.

Something new and interesting for the young people to read. Not a new publication, but new, interesting and instructive articles. Perhaps you can guess already what it is—*The Youth's Instructor*. Only \$1.75 will solve the problem of proper reading for a whole year. Subscribe now through the Book and Bible House.

The Home Missionary Society of the Keene church is planning to send the *Present Truth* for a year to 100 families in the vicinity of Brownwood. Brownwood is in the Southwest District where Elder Spies is in charge. We hope this liberal effort on the part of the brethren at Keene, together with the work our colporteurs are doing there

will create an interest such as will enable Elder Spies to build up a strong church there in the near future.

Are you a Sabbath School teacher? If so, are you taking the Training Course to better prepare yourself for this sacred work to which you are called? The books used are, "Learning and Teaching," and "Victory in Christ." These can be secured at the Book and Bible House for \$1.00. The course began the first of February, but you can enroll and study by the outline published in the *Worker* each week. Send in your order at once.

EDUCATIONALS

The special examinations for those schools closing early will be given April 11-15.

We are glad to report that Miss Pigrreen has recovered and before this item reaches the readers, she will have resumed her duties in the Dalworth school.

At the time of this writing, we have received eight of our fourth period school reports and every one was accompanied by a good Junior Missionary Volunteer report. We hope the others will be in soon.

An encouraging word comes to us from Miss Turner, teacher of the Corsicana school. She says, "I am sending the fourth period report. We are getting along nicely with our school. Remember all of us in your prayers."

A cheering word comes from Miss Haddock, leader of the Waco school. She says, "We are getting along nicely. I have seen a spiritual change in some of the pupils. Two of the boys have their flower beds finished and one has his vegetable garden planted. The children are enthusiastic in this work and have worked hard at it."

THE FIRST SUNDAY NIGHT

It was quite gratifying to see almost three times as many in attendance at Denison Sabbath, February 26, as usually. The increased attendance was due to the advertising already scattered in preparation for the first Sunday night meeting. The weather was pleasant, you will recall, which made every one feel very hopeful.

On rising Sunday morning, however, we soon saw that the sky was clouded. Nevertheless, we continued to distribute the announcements, yet on hand,

but to our surprise even before returning to our headquarters it began to drizzle. The drizzle soon grew into a gentle rain which lasted the rest of the day.

You can imagine how the courage of Elder Yates, myself and of those who worked so faithfully sank as our hopes for the night meeting were apparently blasted. Somehow we had done all human hands could do so we left the rest to the Lord. Well, when 6:30 p. m. arrived, also people began to gather in the doorway of the Star Theater where the meeting was to be held. The outside being very unpleasant the janitor soon opened the doors and the people began to come in until over five hundred had gathered to hear the picture talk and short Bible study given by Elder Yates. The audience was very attentive and quiet. Surely the Lord blessed abundantly in bringing out so many in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions.

Pray for this effort, brethren and sisters, in order that a rich harvest of souls may be garnered in.

C. G. ORTNER.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Georgia W. Boswell, wife of T. Roy Boswell, of Hillsboro, Texas, died on February 23, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen B. Griffith, also of Hillsboro, at the age of forty-four years, eight months and three days. Sister Boswell had been a sufferer more or less of the time during the last four years, and especially during the last year. She was a member of the Hillsboro church of Seventh-day Adventists, having accepted the third angel's message some eight years ago, and died in the faith of Jesus, and with the hope of having a part in the first resurrection. She was buried in the Ridge Park Cemetery, Hillsboro, and was survived by her husband, two daughters and a son. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at the home of E. H. Hickey a son-in-law, 603 E. Franklin Street, Hillsboro, from which place the body was buried. We hope to greet our sister again when the Master comes to take His loved ones home.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

OUR MALAYSIAN SCHOOL

Has been the proving ground from which Professor V. E. Hendershot, principal, has viewed the peoples of the East. "Why I Have Faith in the Asiatics" gives you some real first-hand informations. In the April color

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AMONG THE ISOLATED

February 21 I visited Brother Nystel at Meridian. There are but two families, members of what is called the Clifton church, and they live twelve miles apart. I had intended to be with them the previous Sabbath but when the cold wave came, I knew they would not be able to get together. Of course we could not expect to get together for any meeting during the week, so I proceeded on my way toward Comanche. The only way I could reach Comanche was by way of Dublin, where I stayed at a hotel that night. The name of one isolated Sabbath keeper was on my list, but I was not able to find any one who knew of such a person near there. The next day I passed through Comanche on my way to Brownwood, staying that night with an old man and his son who were at one time Sabbath keepers. This was the father and brother of Sister Dockery and her three sisters who live here in Keene. Both of these received me kindly, and as we talked of the searching truths for this time and prayed together they seemed to be greatly moved.

I arrived in Brownwood the next forenoon. Here I met two Keenites, Mr. Stoner and Kemp Plunket. The only Adventist in the city, Sister Gill, was visited as soon as I was able to locate where she lived. Until recently the few Sabbath keepers in this place have been meeting at her house. I stayed that night with Brother T. C. Nystel, who lives eight miles west of town. Next day we visited Sister Faulkner who lives seven miles on the other side of town. It was here that we had planned to hold meetings until the following Sunday night, but found that the Baptists were using their church at this time. It was quite a disappointment to Sister Faulkner who has long hoped for a meeting to be held in her community. Not being able to hold this meeting, I proceeded to Coleman. Here I called upon Sister Quinn, and an old brother named Shipman. The latter I found lying at the point of death from old age and a paralytic stroke. At his house I met an old man by the name of Duke who said he used to keep the Sabbath. That night I stayed with Brother C. W. Davis who lives six miles north of Coleman.

From Coleman I went to Silver Valley, where I visited Sister Buck and

Sister Lowry. These two sisters, though they have had but little encouragement in the family or community, are endeavoring to live out the truth. Though I did not know her by that name, I had met Sister Lowry years ago when her first husband was living, while I labored in Kansas. I had planned to pass by way of Baird, where we have the names of two sisters on our isolated list. I could reach there only through Abilene, and when I reached this place I found it would be in the night before I would reach Baird while I could reach Breckenridge much earlier and could then be with the little company there over the Sabbath. I found this little company of good courage. Some of them were away that Sabbath, and a number of others, who were dependent upon husbands who are not in the truth, were situated so that they could not come to a meeting Sunday night, so we called off the meeting for that night. This was well, for the cold wave, followed later by rain, would no doubt have prevented the meeting anyway. I. A. CRANE.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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BINGER TO DUNCAN

Elder Clark and I drove over from Weatherford February 23 and visited several families nestled in the quiet coves of Sugar Creek and all met at Binger church in the evening. It would have been well if we could have spent several days with the earnest band and hope that can be arranged for later.

After some morning visits and a brief visit to the church school conducted by Miss Will, we separated, Elder Clark going to the conference office and I drove down to Anadarko, spending a few hours with the believers, and real glad to find a new Sabbath-keeper in the number.

The shades of nightfall were spent in Cement where we have several members though no organization at present.

After a brief stop with Grandma Walker at Rush Springs I reached Duncan, meeting with the little band at the beginning of the Sabbath as well as the other services.

A new place of meeting has to be secured and there is a general feeling that it is time to arise and build. You may read more from Duncan soon.

C. J. DART.

WEATHERFORD SANITARIUM

It has been a privilege to watch the growth of this institution from a cottage of a few years ago to a modest sanitarium that can care for twenty-five or more patients. Ten years ago Dr. D. Gaede and one nurse cared for all, now they have about ten helpers.

A small class of nurses are trained here and it was a privilege to be present February 22 at the graduation exercises when three earnest young people had completed their course.

The church was well filled with citizens of Weatherford who listened with interest to a program both interesting and instructive. Doctor Gaede outlined the work they were endeavoring to do; the young people expressed their loyalty to the principles and desires to do faithfully their work. Elder W. H. Clark spoke of the rise and progress of the medical missionary work.

Our best wishes and prayers go with these workers as they endeavor to carry out the class motto, "To the Unfinished Task." C. J. DART.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST is the key miracle upon which Christianity must stand, asserts Elder R. F. Cottrell in his splendid series of three articles beginning in the April 5 *Signs*. The titles are: "The Testimony of Four Eyewitnesses," "The Testimony of Contemporary History," and "The Testimony of Christianity." Read these enlightening articles, provoked by the inquiry of an earnest seeker for truth.

These articles will come out just at Easter time, when the whole world is thinking about the resurrection. Get a good supply for your friends and neighbors. The set of three to any address, 15 cents. Order of your Book and Bible House.

JUDGE LINDSEY'S REVOLT

A timely and trenchant article by Elder R. F. Cottrell, is the feature of the

April color *Signs*. Judge Lindsey in his recent book and a series of magazine articles urges easier divorce and trial marriage as a cure for present home conditions. You will want to know what this would lead to. Order the April color *Signs* of your Book and Bible House. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more to one address.

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ALL IN ONE YEAR

During 1926 you used the *Signs* in your missionary work. Because you gave it out each week as it came, you perhaps did not realize the amount and variety of articles you were distributing. Here is a summary of the kinds and number:

Christian experience and spiritual living	118
Editorials	105
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The Law	17
Deity and Mission of Christ	12
Evolution	12
Archaeology	8
Religious Liberty	7
Home of the Saved	3
Baptism	2
Spiritualism	2
Grand total	649

And remember, you paid only a \$1.25 or a \$1.50 at the most, for all this wonderful array. Its the amount you re-

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Texico Book and Bible House.
Sec'y-Treas.—O. D. Slater.

STATEMENT OF THE SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

For one month ending January 29, 1927

	Amount	Am't	Per
	Quota	Received	Short cent
Texico ..	1467.00	764.21	702.79 ,313
Texico C.	170.00	44.16	125.84 ,130

TEXICO NEWS NOTES

Elder Serna reports that the work is going on nicely among the Spanish people. He expects to baptize fourteen candidates, some at Juarez and some at El Paso. He says the Spanish people are much interested in the Christian word, also that their Sabbath school is very good now and their young people's society is much better than before. Thank the Lord.

Brother C. I. Ayala, of Cleveland, has an unusually good interest there and meetings are being held every night and invitation after invitation comes to him as soon as the study is over. The Lord is working upon the hearts of the people. He expects to visit Chacon, which is nine miles from Cleveland.

Here is another very interesting report which comes from Elder F. E. Wilson at Albuquerque. He says, recently a well educated young Mexican, who for years has not entertained even a belief in God, and who has ridiculed all religion, has been investigating with me the foundation of our faith. As a result of the Spirit's working, the young man believes with all his heart and soul. He proposes to keep his first Sabbath next week. His joy and enthusiasm are unbounded. He also says they have a good substantial interest in three places with some already keeping the Sabbath. They contemplate opening work in a new place soon. The Lord is going before us with power. Truly the harvest is ripe. All the services are packed.

ARE WE DOING OUR LEVEL BEST?

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

What a mighty challenge is found in these words of the wise man, to do our best, wherever we may be found in this sin-cursed world, bound for the grave!

There is no place among the eight-hour a day workers for Seventh-day Adventist, for they must even watch for souls as they that must give an account in the day of God, so while the world in general is clamoring for shorter hours, and less work, shall we not strive to meet God's ideal as set forth in the verse quoted above?

We are told in Testimonies to Ministers that, "God works, angels work, and man should work, for the conversion of souls." Then what a joy to know that we have all heaven engaged in the same kind of work that we are doing; and should it not stir our hearts to a greater activity, making us ashamed to be second-rate workers?

While we would not agree with all Mr. Ford has to say about things in general, but in the humble opinion of the writer, he expresses a great truth when he says the one big word for all to learn is "service," and you will recall the words of the Master Worker when He said to his followers, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

And since God is counting on us to finish His work, and present it to the Saviour as a finished trophy, let us see to it personally that whatsoever comes to our hands to do, we shall do it with all our might. E. T. WILSON

OUR GREAT NEED

The writer's humble opinion is that the greatest need of the Texico Conference is not great men, unlimited amount of money, nor loud talking, but a larger number of humble men and women with a vision reaching way up to the skies, where unlimited resources for doing things are stored, and then with that "key" reach out with the "hand of faith," and make the connection, and let the "Omnipotent" open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing such as we have never received to date.

You say, "Brother Wilson, we believe it." And I say, let us demonstrate it to the world, and to angels and to

men, for Mr. Ford expresses the thought in the writer's mind when he said, "No longer do party platforms answer the demand for service; only party performance can do that." And dear brethern, I am convinced that we need to be doing the thing we have been talking about for years, viz. finishing the work.

Some among us are catching a vision, but far too many are taking life as a matter of course, and as a result we are seeing comparatively little done by way of new additions to our churches, and this condition prevails at a time when the enemy is most determined to stop our work in this country, which has enjoyed unlimited liberty since the third angel's message began to be preached.

There are men and women of means, who stand ready to support our work, and are watching to see if we mean what we say, and the only way they will ever know that we do mean business is by seeing us throw ourselves whole-heartedly into the work, not sparing ourselves, but working as though all depended upon us, and praying as though all depended upon God. May God help us to practice what we preach.

(To be continued)

E. T. WILSON

OBITUARY

Rosa Lee Courtney was born at Eagle Lake, Texas, January 9, 1885, and died in Hagerman, New Mexico, February 26, 1927.

She was married to Z. J. Ham in 1903, and to this union were born seven children, six girls and one boy. One daughter, Rosa Jane, is well known to the readers of the Record, as she spent the past two summers canvassing, and attended Southwestern Junior College during the winter.

Sister Ham, with her husband was baptized by Elder Gosmer in 1923, and was a consistent member of the Seventh-day Adventist church from that time until her death.

The writer spoke to a packed house from the comforting messages recorded in Psalms 116:15; John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:19, 23, 51-54; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 21:1-5; setting forth the beautiful hope of the resurrection.

Shall we not unitedly pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon this motherless home, and give wisdom to our dear Brother Ham in directing the little children, left to his care, and especially that Rosa Jane may be priv-

ileged to finish her education, and find a place in the cause she loves.

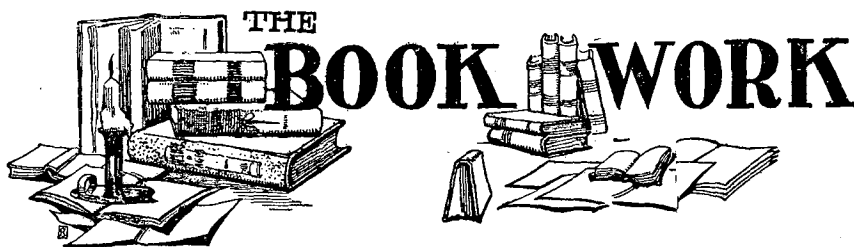
E. T. WILSON

A LETTER FROM PORTO RICO

It has been a year and a half since I left dear old Texas, and in all that time I have seen only one or two RECORDS, as I have put off subscribing from month to month, waiting to be well, to have time to write, and to be definitely settled, all at once. I have reached that utopian state at last, so I hasten to send in my subscription.

My first venture out across the Gulf took me to Havana, and by a lucky co-

incidence, a Texan, and a "Keen-ite" at that, met me at the wharf. It was Brother Bullard. The year in Cuba, as teacher and matron in our "Colegio Adventista" in Bartle, at the far eastern end of the island, a twenty-seven hours' ride (when the train is on time) from the gay capital, passed all too quickly, and happily enough in spite of hard work and much sickness, due to the trying climate. But I spent a delightful vacation recuperating in Havana, a city that never lost its enchantment and fascination for me. There I lived with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Mattison, and of course, Texas, and especially Keene, was often on our lips.



COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

ARKANSAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK 3 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1927.

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
N. O. Hibbetts	106	13	75.50	89.75	165.25	203.50
R. S. Little	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.25
B. A. Lambeth	92	7	38.50	22.00	60.50	90.00
Workers 3	298	20	114.00	121.75	225.75	371.75

NORTH TEXAS COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 26, '27

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
West Smith	.....DR-OD	80	40	127.00	.....	.....	55.00
A. C. Cranfill	.....OD	33	2	8.50	11.50	20.00	5.50
G. W. Tucker	.....OD	32	2	7.00	13.75	20.75	1.00
W. T. Harrison	.....OD	32	1	3.50	10.25	13.75	3.50
W. E. Dail	.....BR	25	14	77.00	.....	77.00	50.50
R. E. Whitaker	.....OD	22	2	7.75	10.50	18.25	45.00
Workers 6	.....	224	61	230.75	46.00	276.75	160.50

OKLAHOMA COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING FEB. 28.

Name	Bk	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
J. B. Roth*	.....PP	61	24	144.00	34.75	178.75	.....
Ewell Walker	.....PPF	40	8	32.00	25.00	57.00	52.75
G. W. Calloway	.....BR	37	16	92.00	1.75	93.75	.....
J. P. Williams*	.....GC	37	6	38.25	5.00	43.25	6.00
W. S. Hicks	.....BR	36	5	29.50	3.75	33.25	3.75
W. McCanliss	.....DR	30	12	75.00	.....	75.00	.....
C. W. Cox	.....GC	24	7	40.50	.....	40.50	.....
W. H. Hinds	.....GC	10	1	5.50	1.75	7.25	.....
Mrs. E. Walker	.....RJ	7	3	9.00	1.25	10.25	.....
Workers 9	282	82	465.75	111.75	225.75	371.75

GRAND TOTAL:

Workers 9	522	81	354.75	231.00	1038.50	594.75
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In November I had a wonderful ride of five days on a Cuban steamer that rocked the waves in beautiful style, and thrilled me through and through. We stopped in Santo Domingo, where a visit to Bullards, a swim in the waters of the Caribbean Sea right in the superintendent's back yard, and a walk to the tree to which Columbus tied his boat, helped to make a memorable afternoon. Finally,—all too soon for me,—we reached San Juan, Porto Rico. A ride of four hours in a bus over one of the "curviest" highways I have ever seen, and one of the most beautiful, brought me to Aibonito, where our school is.

But my letter is too long already. Suffice it to say that we have a good school here, beautifully situated on the brow of a hill, very close to heaven it seems, for the clouds often pour over the surrounding hills and settle in the valley below us. We expect to erect two new buildings soon, and the outlook for a bigger and better school is bright. The work is onward in Porto Rico, and we expect great things in the future.

HELEN SUCHE.

YOUNG MAN, YOUNG WOMAN

Are you rich? I am not speaking of money. Are you really rich? You may or may not have much of this world's goods. That does not matter a great deal. You can only eat about so much, and can only wear about so many clothes, and any abled bodied young man or woman with any "pep" in their system can earn these things as they go through life.

Riches in this world are made up entirely of the enjoyment one gets out of life. Would you change places with a life-time convict who had \$10,000,000.00 hid in some cave somewhere? What good would the riches do you?

Would you change conditions with some miser who sat each night in a dark vault running his gold through his fingers, and be so changed mentally that you were like him and could enjoy nothing but that melancholy occupation? Do you think your state is better than his, even without the extra money that he has? Then you are richer than he. Because the privilege of association with others in friendship is greater than gold in seclusion-- isolation. Because the privilege of making others happy, makes us happy, gives us true riches. It gives us joy. It makes us enjoy life.

Look about you and see the great business enterprises of the world. You

might throw life into something of that kind and make a fortune. It has been done. Look down the stream of time a few years. See your future accomplishments in whatever line you would like to take up. See your great store building thronged with people. See your fame in politics. See the great orator you might be. See your greatest accomplishments you can imagine in any line. Whatever you do, go to the top in your line. Be sure of that.

Look again. Why all the excitement? See how pale everyone is. Hear the shouts of anguish. Hear the loud cursings. Hear the men of earth crying for the rocks and mountains to fall on them. See the little cloud in the skies. Oh! Yes. See, your great store falls to earth. See, your great political fame comes to naught. See, the great orator is silent. See, the earth is desolate, except for the roaving about of the Great Arch-deceiver as he views the work of his hands. See his long face.

See your class mate who chose to suffer with the people of God. Yes, it did seem foolish for him to throw his life away when there was so much offered by the world. See, his face lights up with the holy truth, and he meets those he was instrumental in bringing into the truth, and he was always so happy on earth, too, even though he did not have so much money as you.

Who was the fool? Who chose the better part? Who is the richest? Who made the real sacrifice? One sacrificed the earth for heaven, and the other sacrificed heaven for the earth.

We cannot serve God and mammon. Which will you serve? What will you do this year? The world offers you a job. The Lord asks you to work in His vineyard. Chose you this day whom you will serve. W. L. KINDER.

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