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SAVED FROM A SUICIDE'S END

This is the story, as told by himself, of Oei Goan Hoat, a Chinese brother who has just recently taken his stand for present truth in the little town of Durian, Sumatra. (Durian in Malay means "a thorn.")

Before the gospel found Oei, he was given over to every form of wickedness. He had held a position with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Padang, Sumatra; but because he had appropriated a portion of the Company's money to his own personal benefit he was brought before the Justice and sentenced to the penitentiary on the charge of grand larceny.

Before commencing his term, Oei was given a few days of freedom in which to adjust his business affairs. His money gone forsaken by his friends, and with a blot on his name, Oei determined to end his life. He started for the river, where he purposed to hire a boat with twenty cents (all the money he had left), row over the bar into the Indian Ocean and jump overboard. But on his way to the river Oei walked past the mission of Seventh-day Adventists, where just at that time Brethren Yates, of Kansas and Judge, of Australia were standing in the entrance gate. Seeing the look of despair on the man's face, they halted him and asked him where he was going. One question led to another until Oei had told his story and made known his intention to drown his sorrows in the deep.

And here began the planting of the seed which saved Oei from a suicidal grave, and which five years later

blossomed and brought forth fruit worthy of repentance, leading our brother into the path of eternal righteousness.

That afternoon would have proved fatal to Oei had he not met (who shall say by chance?) those two messengers of God. These two brethren went with Oei before the Resident (the district governor), and succeeded in having the sentence of Oei changed. Instead of imprisonment, Oei was granted the privilege of paying back to the Company in monthly installments the money he had stolen.

Later when the Sabbath truth came to his knowledge, he at once went to his employer and asked for the Sabbathfre. His request was granted, and Oei ceased to labor on God's holy day. When he learned that his body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and that the use of tobacco defiles that temple, he at once cast the filthy habit away. Today Oei is a clean man, rejoicing in the hope that when Jesus, His Maker, shall appear, he shall be like Him.

Thus is the message making progress in all parts of the world. The word comes sounding down from the General Conference through the Union to the local conference and the churches, that the General Conference treasury is nearly a million dollars short of the funds that they need to carry forward the work this year. Doors are opening wide everywhere in the foreign mission fields. God and His angels have gone ahead of us and made possible the rapid advancement of the great closing message in all the world, and it has been found necessary for us to stop all further advancement. Surely, none of us wish to see the work cease. The financial crisis has been hard, but I believe that if all will do their duty the work will still go forward. Have you secured your \$10.00 on the Harvest Ingathering as yet?

M. LUKENS.

HARVEST INGATHERING

Have you raised your quota? The mission board is depending upon the full amount. Every member of the church can do missionary work in this way and assist the cause in a financial way by collecting funds from friends and business acquaintances. Don't fail to do your part. This campaign will continue until the close of the year. We hope however that no one will put this work off until the last week of the year. If you have not been out, go at once and bring in your quota.

C. E. SMITH.

A TWO MINUTE PRESENTATION

Good morning Mr. Business Man:

I have called to see you concerning a very important matter. It is my privilege to call in behalf of an international home and foreign mission movement which is operating in more countries than any other single missionary organization in the world. We specialize on three lines of work, medical missions, schools, and publishing houses. Our sanitariums hospitals and dispensaries are found all around the world, so with our schools of various grades and from our forty-three publishing houses some of which are shown here opposite page thirty-two are issuing Christian literature in over one hundred languages.

Would you like to help them work with an annual offering this year? As you see some are giving \$25 or \$50 or more and many are giving \$5 or \$10 and some are even giving a dollar, and every dollar counts in the great need this year. Just sign your name on this line please, thank you.

E. R. POTTER.

"A little girl, only eleven years old, who recently with other members of the family came into the truth, from the Roman Catholic Church," writes a cor-

respondent from Sydney, Australia, "is developing into a real little missionary. She has started a Sunday-school all by herself, composed of a few children much in need of religious instruction. She conducts this Sunday-school in much the same way that our Sabbath-schools are conducted, and teaches the same lessons that she herself learns in the Sabbath-school. This little girl is very particular in maintaining order and reverence. She attends one of our church schools and has influenced one of her little friends to attend also."

M. LUKENS.

ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED

Missionary secretaries are all behind the plan to give extensive circulation to the forthcoming special "Full Message" number of the Weekly Signs, to be used in following up the Ingathering during the fall and winter. The following quotations from recent kind letters are samples of the many hearty approvals of the plan:

"I think I can see considerable light in the plan to circulate a special issue of the Weekly Signs such as you mention. We will do all we can to assist. Our home missionary secretary, Brother Potter, agrees with me in this."

M. LUKENS,

Southwestern Union Conference,
President.

"I will say that I believe that such a special would be profitable. I find that there are a lot of people who are interested to know what Seventh-day Adventists believe."

J. I. TAYLOR,

Arkansas Conference, Pres.

This special issue of the Weekly Signs, called the "Full Message" number covering the fundamental teachings of the Bible and setting before the reader in a simple, straight forward, kindly manner, a general statement of what Seventh-day Adventists believe and teach—will be ready early in November. It will be printed in two colors, sixteen pages (There will be no more eight-page issues of the Weekly Signs). In quantities of ten or more copies to one name and address, the price of the Special number will be 2½ cents a copy. This rate is given with the expectation that all orders given in a church will be combined so as to come in one package or lot, these at \$2.50 a hundred; \$25.00 a thousand. If the paper

is sold by some of our people, the retail selling price will be ten cents. (Profit on 100 copies, \$7.50; on 20 copies, \$1.50.) Sent to separate names and addresses direct from the Signs office, five or more, each 4 cents a copy. Kindly order from your tract society, and order early.

THE SUNDAY BLUE LAW MOVEMENT

In the Washington Post of September 22, the following appeared in an editorial:

"There is apparently on foot a well laid and concerted plan for the enactment of Sunday blue laws during the coming fall and winter. In four Southern States—Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Tennessee—rigid Sunday closing bills are awaiting the reconvening of the legislatures for discussion and action. The Florida measure, which is reported to have the indorsement of an important new citizen of that State in the person of William Jennings Bryan, proposes to prohibit the use of electricity and music on Sunday except for the church and Sunday school services, for the private home, and for the public streets, and to close every place of amusement and all establishments where soft drinks are sold. Under the terms of the Tennessee bill, drafted by Noah W. Cooper, who favors a national blue law, all Sunday trains would be stopped and the publication of Sunday newspapers prevented."

In this connection it is well to read an extract from the Spirit of Prophecy. It is found in the "Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 71-74:—

"We as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to Heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayers; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers."

The present is no time to remain inactive. One of our leading brethren says that in the present crisis: "Tons of literature should be ordered and placed in the homes of the people."

The issue for the fourth quarter of Liberty, just from the press, is one which is edited especially to meet the situation. One article, "Must Elect New Congress Says 'Reformer'" is an answer to the petition of Noah W. Cooper which appeared in the Congressional Record a few weeks ago.

Now is the time to distribute religious liberty literature. This issue of Liberty in quantities of 10 or more can be purchased for 8 cents each; yearly subscriptions 35 cents. Send orders through your conference tract society.

A STENOGRAPHER THE LORD SENT

"We were hard up for a stenographer. I have observed that most stenographers want to be well paid, and of course, we had no money to hire an expensive stenographer, so I said to Brother Sadler one day, 'Suppose we ask the Lord to send us a stenographer?' So we made it our business to pray for a stenographer. A couple of days after that, a poor, shabb-looking English fellow edged his way into my office and said:

"'Are you Dr. Paulson?'"

"'Yes.'"

"'Would you do anything for a poor fellow?'"

"'Yes, what do you want?'"

"'I want a job.'"

"'What can you do?'"

"'I am a stenographer, sir.'"

"I am bound to say I did not expect my prayer for a stenographer to be answered in just that kind of a package, and when that fellow shambled into my office in ragged clothes a typical looking bum, it was hard for me to think he came in answer to my prayer. I did not know what to say, but replied:

"'I have been praying for a stenographer.'"

"He said, 'I have been praying for a job.'"

"Without stopping to think, I said a wonderfully sensible thing then: I said, 'I think you and I ought to thank the Lord we met.'"

"He said, 'All right, sir'"

"I got down and thanked the Lord that this young fellow who could do stenographic work had come, and he thanked the Lord he had found a job:

"I took him to Brother Sadler to

try him out, and he eyed him up and down suspiciously and took him downstairs. By and by he came back and said:

"Say, if that fellow can write out what I have just given him, he is a wonder.' Pretty soon he came back again and said, 'Upon my word, here here it is, every word just as I gave it.'

"I said, 'You know you and I prayed for a stenographer. You didn't expect the Lord to send a second rate or third rate stenographer when He answered our prayers, did you?'

"And Brother Sadler said, 'Well, that's so.'"

This experience is taken from the new book "Footprints of Faith" compiled from the writings of the late David Paulson, M. D. A unique inspirational volume. Price \$1.00. Published by the Life Boat Publishing Company, Hinsdale, Ill., or can be procured through your local Tract Society.

A REVIVAL

According to the most reliable information and reports now being received, there has begun a real revival in the colporteur work here in the South. Those who entered this work during the prosperous times for the purpose of making money have now been pretty well "sifted out," while the Lord is impressing the hearts of those who have a genuine love for souls. We must not forget that the Lord has said that everything that can be shaken will be shaken, and there is but little doubt that we are in the shaking time.

However, so far as the work is concerned, it may be hindered for a time, but it is to advance nevertheless. The all of the hour is to be answered by the coming of the man. We also have the promise that "Jesus and holy angels will give success to the efforts of intelligent, God fearing men, who do all in their power to save souls."

Referring to the financial conditions, business men claim that since the price of cotton came up "there is all the difference in the world." Many of the farmers are now able to settle their accounts, the retailers are again stocking up to such an extent that in some cities it is said that the wholesalers are finding it difficult to keep up with their orders. Throughout the South there seems to be a steadily growing feeling of optimism, and although the Lord's work is not dependent upon financial conditions

yet these conditions do have their effect upon the country. There is a feeling of greater confidence on the part of people than has existed for some time.

One of our field secretaries recently wrote us as follows:

"I have seven or eight on my list that I hope to enlist in the work. Since camp-meeting some have enlisted and begun working. Surely it is high time for us to awake out of sleep and go forward. Upon reading of the hard times they are having in the foreign fields it makes me take courage for surely we are living in comparative peace and ease in this country I am determined as never before to get more workers in this conference."

Another field secretary writes:

"Those of our colporteurs who are laboring in the cities and towns are having splendid success considering the financial conditions we are passing through. There are many who are interested in knowing what these conditions mean, and who are anxious to study the Bible and learn what the Lord has to say with reference to what is taking place in the world at the present time. All lines of business seem to be picking up in many respects."

We have the statement that the Lord is calling the canvassers back to their work. Because a man may have a good position, or a good farm, is no reason why the Lord does not call him to His service. And, may He help each one of us to say, "Here am I, Lord, use me."

R. L. PIERCE.

WRITE FOR THE NEWSPAPERS ABOUT DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

A most unusual opportunity now presents itself to our workless and qualified writers among the laity to have the message on the peace and safety cry published in the newspapers throughout the world.

While the statesmen of the earth will have their eyes turned toward Washington, hoping that much good will be accomplished during the conference on the Limitation of Armaments, those who know the prophecies concerning the actual conditions that will exist in the earth when Jesus comes should write for their local newspapers, and thus bring to the attention of the multitudes the message of the hour.

The newspapers will publish what the Bible says about confusion among the nations, the enlargement of armies and navies, and help us in a most marvelous manner to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and hasten the work to its consummation. Just what this conference means as a sign of the times should be made clear to the people of the earth.

"Letters to the Editor" on this subject should be written for every newspaper that publishes such a column; interviews should be written by our workers, and reports of sermons they preach on disarmament given to the papers. This opportunity to tell the Biblical meaning of the gathering of the world's representatives in Washington to discuss the question of limiting the armaments of the nations should arouse us to write with more courage than ever, since the multitudes will be discussing the question, while the conference is in session, and the Biblical side of the question will be read with more than ordinary interest.

We are told that the press will help to spread the message like on the wings of an eagle and this seems to be the time when a mighty work for good can be accomplished through this agency.

Let everybody join heartily in this forward movement.

WALTER L. BURGAN, Secretary,
General Conference Press Bureau.

WEDDING BELLS

Under the above heading we printed an article in the issue of September 27, that some of those acquainted with the parties hardly recognized, because of the errors in the proper names. It was an article written in lead pencil, and owing to a press of work in our office that week the RECORD was set and proof read in Fort Worth, and the matter slipped through without further inspection. We reprint the articles with corrections and apologies.

Brother P. J. Gaede, a Clinton, Missouri boy, was united in marriage to Miss Elma P. Kraft at the home of the bride's parents at 8:00 p. m., September first. Brother and Sister Kraft live about three miles north-east of Rusk. There were more than one hundred and twenty-five guests at the wedding.

Brother William Ortner, of Hitchcock, was groomsman and the bride's sister, Ester Kraft, bridesmaid. A

beautiful arch had been arranged in the parlor. The bride is a graduate nurse of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and the groom of The Clinton Theological Seminary.

They both are splendid young people, and they have dedicated their lives to God's service. They will be connected with the Sheyenne River Academy, Harvey, North Dakota, Brother Gaede being the preceptor for the coming school year.

We wish them life's richest blessings. The ceremony was conducted by Elder Van Kirk.

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60-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR 8 MONTHS ENDING AUG. 31, 1921

	White	Colored
Quota	20758.40	866.50
Amount Received	11568.77	400.60
Amount Short	9181.63	465.90

GAINSVILLE

The young people's Missionary Volunteer Society is doing nicely. Each member takes an active part, in the meeting each Sabbath and all have promised to go out in the Harvest Ingathering. One little boy four years old went out with his mission box and got eighty cents; another one five years old got twenty-five cents. The Lord will bless the children. We are always glad to have any of the Missionary Volunteer workers visit us. Pray for the mark at Gamesville.
MINNIE CLEMENT.

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

Do you think times are too hard to sell books now? Shall we not quit and sit down till times get better?

That is just exactly what the devil would like to have us do. His Satanic majesty would honor that active little imp, "Discouragement," with a distinguished service medal, and the whole fiendish host would celebrate their victory.

I believe God sends years like this one to test His people. His wants to see how much we really love the cause of God. He wants to see how faith we have in Him and His work, and in prayer. He wants to see how much we are willing to work to see this advent message go. He wants to

see how much effort a student will put forth to get back to school when he fails to make a scholarship.

But the harder the battle the more glorious the victory. Such a time as this should never discourage this people whose leader is Christ Himself, the "captain of the Lord's host." It is time for us to get acquainted with our Leader.

Surly there must be some good for us in a yer like this, or it would not be allowed to come. Is the Lord poor that His work must languish, and workers be laid off, and missionaries be called home? No, surely not. The Lord could furnish a car load of gold every day. But how much love for the truth would that develop in His people? He could furnish our colporteurs with plenty of money. But they would quit working for souls then, and work for the "loaves and fishes." He could enable our students to go through school with ease, but what would they be worth when they got through?

Again I ask you, shall we become discouraged, or shall we accept present conditions as a challenge to put our all on the altar to see the cause of God triumph if it takes our last farm, our last cow, our last dollar? Are you ready to vote?

J. O. WILSON.

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Quota	8985.60	831.84
Amount Received	5074.75	627.50
Amount Short	3910.85	204.34

VISITING THE CHURCHES IN SOUTH TEXAS

I am now visiting our people in the interest of the colporteur work. One brother at Houston has decided to canvass; he will work in the city. Quite a number in the Houston church have ordered the small books to sell. This is a good way to make a start toward the colporteur work. There seems to be some good talent in the El Campo church, and we hope to secure some colporteurs from this place soon. There are several large cities and a number of good towns in this

conference badly in need of some strong colporteurs. Who will answer the call to go into these cities and towns and do evangelistic colporteur work? There is no higher calling.

WALTER KIRKHAM.

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Quota	39457.60	2096.93
Amount Received	21451.23	1100.35
Amount Short	18006.37	996.58

FALL COUNCIL NOTES

—The Presidents' Convention closed Wednesday October 19 and the delegates immediately assumed responsibility as delegates to the Fall Council of the General Conference Committee. The closing days of the Convention were days of great interest. Many questions covering nearly every phase of Conference organization were considered. The sentiment of all was that this was a most excellent meeting.

—The Fall Council had before it many problems both financial as well as spiritual and administrative.

—The Budget this year summed up reached the astounding figures of more than four and one-fourth millions of dollars. Truly God is leading our forces on to victory.

—Brother Rogers presented the annual statistical report at one meeting of the Council. Some of the items which were emphasized are given below. This is the fifty-eighth annual report. It will be noticed that the reports from Europe are incomplete.

—There are now in the world 4541 organized churches 285 were added during the year 1920.

—The membership of the denomination at the close of 1920 was 185,450.

—There were 19,683 persons baptized during 1920. This is an increase of 1921 over the number baptized in 1919.

—We had, including all classes of workers now doing some form of evangelical work including teachers and office workers, 13,081 in the em-

ploy of the denomination.

—The force of laborers was 754 larger in 1920 than in 1919 which means that one in each fourteen members is a worker in some branch of the work of God.

—The total funds given as tithe, support of home and foreign missions, and local church work were \$11,854,404.23 or an average of \$63.92.

—This summary shows an increase from \$15.23 in 1906 of \$48.69 making the above figure of \$63.92.

—A total of \$71,480,543.06 has been given for evangelistic work since 1863, a period of forty-three years.

—Literature sales in 1920 reached the enormous amount of \$5,682,972.35.

—The per capita of gifts of the members of North America is \$78.39.

—Literature is being printed and circulated in 99 different languages.

—The denomination is carrying on aggressive work in one hundred eight countries.

—We are carrying on evangelistic work by the living worker in 127 languages and these languages include fifteen-sixteenths of the people of the entire world.

—The statistical report in full will be sent to every reader of our church paper the "Review and Herald". Are you a subscriber?

—In the discussion of conservation and in the interest of both the Pacific Press and the Southern Publishing Association it was voted to discontinue the publication of the Signs magazine and give the field entirely to the Watchman.

—The meeting Sabbath morning was a notable occasion. It lasted from 8:30 to 12:30, and was characterized by a great heart-searching and in making a complete consecration of life and effort to become victorious and to have power to lead a continuous victorious life.

—Much interest was taken in the publishing work and every president, local and union, promised to use diligent effort to assist the field secretary in securing recruits.

—Other items of interest will be presented next week.

"THE DEVOURER REBUKED"

The following letter coming at a time when nearly everyone is eloquent in regard to the hard times, the boll-weevil, etc. etc., is a striking testimony that the Lord's hand is not shortened and that He is ready to fulfill His promises if His people will do their part.

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to send in the enclosed check as a part of my tithe for this year. The Lord has again made His word good to me in that He "rebuked the devourer" and our cotton crop was very good. While we were so fortunate as to have the help to harvest it rapidly during the time of highest prices, with the result that I can send a higher tithe than usual from the rent of my place. The rents are not all collected yet but I think they soon will be and then I shall have some more tithe to forward. I am also working at the Harvest Ingathering and am resolved, with the Lord's help, to collect at least my ten dollars before the close of the year."

How many others will be absolutely faithful to the Lord and having proved Him, send in an account of an experience similar to the one above? Tell of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises is the highest form of praise. Who will be next?

C. L. STILSON.

HARVEST INGATHERING EXPERIENCES

"One editor scraped his pockets and gave me "all he had" which was thirty-three cents, another editor wished he had something to give but did not have a cent'. Still another was 'away in debt and away behind with his own church obligations which it did not look possible for him to ever pay'.

A doctor in telling me his financial distresses and how he had been robbed of \$90.00 by a "hi jacker", drew a blue colt's gun out of his desk and pushed it against my left side to 'show me how it was done'. I could see the thing was loaded and his finger on the trigger so I did not appreciate such emphasis especially from a stranger. Only the two of us were in the room and his eyes looked as though he had some drug.

The Lord helps us and if we will do our best we can secure means for His cause even in these times. The money I am sending raises my total to \$90.00.

C. M. McDONALD.

"I have a little over twenty dollars. Have only started, but thankful the Lord gives me health and strength and I have some interesting experiences. My goal is \$100.00.

Mrs. MATTIE PRICE.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Miss Bertha Dunn, one of our church school teachers at Elk City writes that she has her Double Dollar for the next Thirteenth Sabbath offering, December 24. She earned it picking cotton. Do you know that fourteen hundred people in China sink into Christless graves every hour; thirty-three thousand pass every day beyond our reach. "A million a month in China are dying without God." When this pitiful truth burns itself into our hearts we shall do something out of the ordinary for China. We call on every Sabbath school in Oklahoma to rally and make this offering the largest ever given in the state. Will you help?

The primary and kindergarden divisions of the Oklahoma City Sabbath school had a splendid record last week. Out of a membership of one hundred two; eighty-one studied the lesson every day. This is largely due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. C. L. Stilson, the superintendent of that department, who keeps the importance of the Daily Study ever before them. Would you have been one of the faithful ones, had you been there? There is a blessing in it. See pages 10 and 11 of Testimonies on Sabbath School Work.

CARRIE LUKENS.

ADDINGTON

This church is situated so the members can easily reach the villages of Addington, Waurika, Hastings, Temple and Comanche and some of the members trade at these places. This opens the way for the Harvest Ingathering. We have canvassed three of these with encouraging results. We have found some souls hungering for the bread of life and we are glad to pass on the good message of salvation.

C. J. DART.

MUSKOGEE

Owing to my stay in the hospital at Elder Leach's accident, he work not moving as rapidly as we would like but we both hope to soon be on the field of action again. Our church school is progressing nicely for which we are very grateful. The Harvest Ingathering work is going well also, and while not so fast as at this time last year yet we expect to make our goal. While the enemy is angry and trying to thwart the work by incapacitating the Lord's workers, we are of good

courage and we expect to put him to flight, because we know who is at the helm. If we each do our part the work will soon be finished.

I have not been able to get out much in the Harvest Ingathering work since coming from the hospital, yet I have been able to raise \$12.00 of my \$50.00 goal, besides the good experiences I have had. The first man I solicited; said he had no money and could not help, also said he would not give to missions because half of it never was used for the purpose it was intended. When I told him I was an Adventist and this was Adventist missionary work he shook hands, and begged my pardon. Said he could take off his hat to our people, because he knew we were doing a great work, and were honest people. Another refused but when he found it was the Adventists he said, 'yes I will give to them.' How proud I am that I am an Adventist.

We desire the prayers of God's people in behalf of the work in Muskogee.
FRANCES THOMAS.

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Quota	7176.00	779.85
Amount Received	6011.11	270.20
Amount Short	1164.89	509.65

FAREWELL

Just a parting word to my Texico friends, and I hope they are many.

I have enjoyed my work much during the short time I have been in this conference.

I appreciate the loyalty of the colporteurs, and the cooperation of the ministers and lay members in helping as best they could to promote the canvassing work.

I go to Oklahoma with the work in Texico on my mind, and although I shall endeavor with the Lord's help to put all my energy in the Oklahoma work, yet I shall always look over the Texico report with more than common interest.

I greatly appreciate the privilege of having worked under the leadership of Eld. Richards, and shall be strengthened

in future work by the good advice received from him from time to time.

It would not surprise me if Texico should be the leader in this Union in a

very few years.

May God bless the work and faithful workers that I leave behind, as I go to my new field. C. W. YOUNG.

S. W. J. COLLEGE



THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—PENUEL HALL

Three stories, brick, 65x140 feet. Completed and open for school work Oct. 27

NEWS NOTES

EDITED BY

Mrs. Belz Miss Franklin
Miss Duncan Mr. Cram

—Mrs. Neal was very pleasantly surprised last week by a visit from her father.

—Mrs. Weems has arrived to spend the remainder of the school year with her daughter, Henley Meb Weems.

—The village students enjoyed the entertainment given last Saturday evening by the home students.

—Miss Mary Woodward gave the girls of North Hall a very pleasant surprise a few evenings ago. She came to evening prayers dressed in Filipino costume and told of the manners and customs of Filipino women.

—At the chapel services, Friday morning Brother Woodward told some of his experiences in foreign fields.

—A son, Evert Prindle was born to Elder and Mrs. AcMoody, Sabbath, October 15, 1921.

—Mr. Carter was in Dallas on business last Wednesday.

—Toral Seat is spending the week end with his mother at Addington, Oklahoma.

—Miss Patterson entertained the College Rhetoric and Biblical Literature classes one evening recently.

—Mr. Walgren and Mr. Randall conducted the prayer meeting at Brother Mattison's last Friday evening.

—We wish all our friends might visit our class rooms and see how comfortably we are seated in our new arm chairs.

—Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield were visitors at the college over Sabbath, October 15.

—Last Sabbath, October 22, the young peoples' Missionary Volunteer society celebrated the seventy-seventh anniversary of the founding of our denomination. One number of the appropriate program rendered was a reading given by Mrs. Ross entitled "The Last Day." This selection vividly portrayed the expectancy with which the believers awaited Christ's return in the fall of 1884.

—One hundred and ten students have enrolled in the church school for this year.

—A stereopticon lecture was given by Professor Isaac in the chapel of Penuel Hall last Saturday evening.

**SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT FOR
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1921**

(Read at the Oklahoma Camp Meeting)

A picture of our conference reveals the fact that we have sixty-four Sabbath schools in Oklahoma. There are big schools and little schools; English schools and German schools; white schools and colored schools; old schools and new schools. The reported membership is 2,670, and right here we want to pay a tribute to the isolated family schools, oftentimes consisting of two or three members and sometimes of one lone person who seldom ever see a conference worker and yet who faithfully study their lessons; who pray earnestly for the progress of the message and who cheerfully give to support it. We have included 200 of these in our Sabbath school membership.

For the year ended June 30, 1920, only 492 Perfect Record cards of Honor were sent to our schools; whereas for the past year there were over 1000 cards, issued. But when we remember that we have over 2600 Sabbath school pupils and that we have that number every quarter and that we sent only 1000 cards for the entire year, we realize that there are still higher attainments before us. Last Sabbath one of our Oklahoma City boys was late for Sabbath school because of car trouble. He cried as though his heart would break because he had broken a perfect record that extended over several quarters. When we all become as deeply in earnest over this thing as that boy is, we shall see our schools coming up on higher ground. Will you permit me to ask a question right here? Are the people who come late to your Sabbath school, who come when the school is about two-thirds over, counted late for Sabbath school or early for church? Here in Oklahoma City we never give the person who comes over a minute late the Blue seal and those who wait until Friday night to study the lesson surely never receive the Red seal.

There are 128 teachers reported taking the Training Course. But if we ever reach the goal "Every Officer and Teacher Taking the Training Course" we shall have to add over 300 to this number. Like Pharaoh's chariots dragging hard when crossing the Red Sea, the Training Course needs something to give it an impetus forward.

have been held in our conference during the year. From these we hear most encouraging reports; and we are glad to know that as a result of the consecration services held in our schools a number of our youth and children have been led to Christ.

Last, but not least, come the Sabbath school offerings to missions. It took this people twenty-five long years to raise the first million dollars for missions through the Sabbath school channel.

- First Million Dollars in 25 years.
- Second Million Dollars in 3 1/4 years.
- Third Million Dollars in 2 1/4 years...
- Fourth Million Dollars in 1 3/4 years.
- Fifth Million Dollars in 1 year.
- Sixth Million Dollars in 9 months.

Oklahoma has helped to make this wonderful record what it is to-day. The Sabbath school offerings have increased very materially in this conference. I was surprised when I turned back the leaves in the record book to find that for June 30, 1916, five years ago, the offerings for the entire quarter were only a little over \$2,600. We have received almost that amount, several, times, on the Thirteenth Sabbath alone during the last two years. But we will confine our figures to the last two years only.

Year ended June 30, 1921.....	\$27,117.73
Year ended June 30, 1920.....	\$21,139.84
Increase	\$5,977.89
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering:	
Year ended June 30, 1921.....	\$8,196.95
Year ended June 30, 1920.....	\$8,123.32
Increased	\$73.63

And now while we are here together, I want to talk to you a little while about our Thirteenth Sabbath offering. We have no desire to hurt anyone, but if you do feel hurt, please remember that "Faithful and true are the wounds of a friend." Many of you will remember that during the last week of the month of June it rained all week. We watched the sky very anxiously. When Friday came it was still pouring hard. I knew that many of our schools in the country could not meet on Sabbath the roads would be impassible. So after consulting Elder Van Kirk, I went at once to the office and sent a letter to every superintendent and many of the church officers, urging that wherever schools did not meet or where individuals were absent that they be given an opportunity to give their Thirteenth Sabbath offering the

following week. A number of the letters were answered, expressing appreciation for the privilege of taking up the offering the next week. But when the reports came in, we learned that quite a number of schools did not take up the Thirteenth Sabbath offering at all, simply because they did not meet on that day, and as a result our offering dropped from \$2,324.20 the amount received on the Thirteenth Sabbath March 31 (the previous quarter) to \$1,851.84, a decrease of \$472.36. Some way I wanted to tell you this, so that as you return to your homes, you could mention to those who are not here, how very important it is that we make up our offerings for the weeks or week, we are absent. Do you know that if every one would refrain from giving just one week in Sabbath school alone, we should lose over \$20,000? Oh, let us be faithful here in Oklahoma, and never allow this to happen again.

One of our sisters sent me a little Thirteenth Sabbath envelope with two dollars enclosed. She said "Our little boy has saved every penny he got all through the quarter for the Double Dollar Day. I paid him every time he weeded the onion bed. Every thing he earned went into the little envelope." She went on to say that her husband had just refused a good position because he could not keep the Sabbath and she added, "Our bills from last year are still unpaid, but we will trust the Lord and do our best." Dear friends there wasn't an offering that reached our office that touched our hearts more than this one, for it was touched with sacrifice. Ah! how few of us really know the meaning of that word, sacrifice.

A young woman was graduated from our college near Sydney, Australia. She was married and went at once with her husband to labor among the cannibals in the South Sea Islands. One day he became very ill, and as the hours passed she knew he had fallen a victim to black water fever. Utterly alone, the next mission station miles away, she could only minister to him and pray for his recovery. Can you imagine her agony when he passed away? She tried to teach the natives to dig a grave deeper and deeper she implored them to dig it, lest his body be taken up by the cannibals, roasted and eaten. And then because there was no coffin or even boards to make one, she wrapped that precious body in the matting that covered the floor, and

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saw him lowered into that grave. She knew the meaning of the word sacrifice—we do not.

Another one of our missionaries said "goodbye" to her husband as he started on a trip among a fierce tribe of cannibals; a people who had never seen a white man. She tried to smile until the last "Goodbye" was said. Then she went to her room and in her loneliness cried to God to help her bear that separation and bring her husband back to her. The days lengthened into weeks and the weeks into months she knew not whether he was living or dead. There was no way to know, for there is no mail service in the South Sea Islands. The letters that make separation so much easier to bear in the home-land are denied our workers over there. She knew the meaning of the word sacrifice—we do not.

One of our friends in India wrote us the other day that he and his family were suffering so much from the intense heat in India that clothing, where it touched the skin, causes intense pain that it is as though needles are piercing every part of the body. Surely in this country we do not know the meaning of the word sacrifice.

A little boy was sitting on the curbstone one evening looking very interested and very happy with the end of a string in his hand. A gentleman passing by noticed his eager interest and asked him what made him so happy and interested. "Oh," he said, "I am flying my kite." For an instant the man's eyes scanned the darkening heavens "I do not see your kite," he said. The boy's eyes followed his "I don't see it either," he replied "but I feel it pull."

Have we not come to the time, dear friends, when we should "feel the pull" of this message so strongly in our hearts that it should cause us to lay up our treasures in heaven? God grant that it may be so, for "where our treasure is, there will our heart be also."

CARRIE LUKENS.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

We regret the necessity that calls for the announcement of the death of the father of our College treasurer, L. N. Carter, which occurred about two weeks ago. Brother Carter was called to Dallas by a phone message saying that his father had been badly burned in a rooming house fire, but his father died of his injuries before he reached there. We extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Carter and his family in this loss of a loved one.

Somebody sent us a little leaflet in a letter "Ten Reasons Why Every Christian Home Should Have a Family Altar," and wanted to know how much it would cost to have 500 printed. We read it and it appealed to us, both by the forcefulness of wording and our knowledge of the need upon which it touched. We printed 5,000 and sold them, and this week we are printing 10,000 more. Of the first three orders on the second edition the first was from the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department at Washington, the second was 1500 for the Kansas Conference and the third was 1000 for the Eastern New York Conference. We are selling them just as near cost as we dare to and they are just the size to slip in an envelope with your letter. How many shall we send you? 140, ½ cent apiece; 100 for 25 cents; 1000 for \$2.00, postpaid. Order of us.

It is a long time since we have heard as good a missionary talk as Sister C. N. Woodward gave at the Keene Missionary meeting on a recent Sabbath afternoon. The simple directness of the recital of the experiences, and the manifest sincerity of purpose running through it all made it doubly effective.

Last Thursday the first chapel exercises were held in the auditorium

of the new college building, and the entire building was put to use for class work that day. Appropriate exercises were held, and friends from the village met in this first convocation.

Next Week our paper will have a large part of its space devoted to figures and financial reports. We will also publish at that time a full account of the opening program in the new College Hall at S. W. J. C.

We were kindly remembered by the Secretary of the South Texas Conference with a copy of the "Information Budget" which they send out to their isolated members each quarter. It contained nine typewritten pages of interesting reports, statistics and information from the conference departments and from the field, and could not help but make members receiving it feel they are "a part of the concern." Remembering the isolated always brings results, for by the very nature of the case, they are among our very strongest and most missionary members.

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