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The "Watchman" for Big Week

MORE of our people are using the *Watchman* Magazine to earn their Big Week goals each year. The May *Watchman* will be the Big Week number this year. No effort has been spared to make it an outstanding number for this work.

Leon S. Caviness, of Geneva, Switzerland, writes on "Removing the Question Mark from the Roman Question."

Charles S. Longacre discusses the significance of calendar reform to lovers of liberty.

William G. Wirth presents "Russia as an Object Lesson to the World."

Hans S. Anderson, Dietician, has written a strong health article for this number, entitled "Every Man His Own Doctor."

Charles L. Paddock, of the *Canadian Watchman*, has an inspiring article called "Are You Religious?" written in his distinctive style.

The May *Watchman* is a full-message journal, and is full of selling point for Big Week workers. The sale of only fourteen single copies or five subscriptions will make the goal of two dollars. Your Book and Bible House will gladly supply you.

LYNDON L. SKINNER.

Rural Schools in the South

IN speaking of the great needs in the Southern Field, Sister White says that schools should be established in many places, and that those who are endeavoring to live the Christ-life should be sought to teach old and young. How to reach the unwarned millions living in the rural districts, is the great problem facing us here in

the south. Surely there can be no better way than to establish schools among them.

A great work is yet to be done in the Southland. Much has been accomplished, for which we are grateful. Yet, when one stops to consider the millions living in the rural and mountain districts who have never heard this message, he gets a slight conception of the need for more schools, and more families moving into these sections and living the truth before the people.

Where can you invest your money and receive greater returns than in the salvation of some soul? Where these rural schools have been established, entire families have been won to the truth and Sabbath schools and churches have been organized. In due time workers will be developed and the truth will be spread to other fields.

But had you thought that these schools are dependent upon the income earned by their promoters from farming and such industries, and upon the collection which is taken just once each year in the churches of the North American field? Suppose the offering is not sufficient to meet the needs? Are you willing that some of these training centers should close their doors? Surely you are not. So remember the offering April 13, and begin now to plan to make it a liberal one.

W. H. HECKMAN,
President of the Southeastern Union

Jews Not Going to Palestine Very Fast

THE Zionist organization presented a memorial to the League of Nations, summarizing the situation for the year 1927. They affirmed that the Jewish population of Palestine at the end of the year was about 159,000, or eighteen per cent of the total population, and that 5,073 Jews left Palestine, and 2,713 entered. At the close of the year the number of Jews without employment was 6,361. During the year the Zionist executive spent 3750,000 upon the unemployed, much of it by way of giving them construction work on buildings, irrigation and drain-

age of swamps.—*Current History Magazine, November, 1928.*

Gathered Here and There

Sightseers are now admitted to the Great Mosque, of Heron, built over a cave said to contain the bodies of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah.

Carbon Monoxide last year killed some seven hundred automobile drivers who allowed their motors to idle in closed garages.

There are two separate languages in China—the written and the spoken—and only a few of the inhabitants can read. Consequently, there are no half-educated people in China. The Chinaman is either a scholar or a coolie.

A doctor of the United States public health service says that on account of the rapid growth of great cities, rivers and streams will eventually become so contaminated that purification of the water will be impossible by any known means.

Pure water is more directly responsible for the progress of the temperance movement than appeals to man's morals, Dr. William Mayo, of Rochester, recently stated.

Railroads use about one-fifth of all the lumber produced in the United States.

Among the world's needed inventions listed by British patentees are: a collapsible umbrella to fit into a pocket; an unpuncturable pneumatic tire; rubberized fabric for heels, toes, and soles of hosiery; and a clear name plate for streets that can be read by day or night.

Twenty years ago there were 2,000,000 customers for electric light and power in the United States. Today electricity is serving 19,000,000 homes and 95,000,000 people.

Radio in ten years has developed a business volume of \$600,000,000 annually, with receiving sets in 10,000,000 homes in the United States and 40,000,000 listeners-in.

Great Britain has a smaller percentage of forest land than any other industrial country.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
 1215 Marshall St., Little Rock, Ark.
 President—Elder R. P. Montgomery
 Sec'y-Treas.—J. B. Ross
 Arkansas Book and Bible House
 Sec'y-Treas.—Ella Winn

Arkansas News Notes

The colporteurs' institute has gotten into full swing. Brother Young reports that there were twelve colporteurs present for the opening service. Several who will be in attendance later, were kept from being present at the initial service on account of deliveries and other unavoidable reasons.

As it is, the institute is as large as any ever held in the conference during Brother Young's leadership. We are certainly glad to welcome these loyal colporteur evangelists. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work."

Elder Montgomery returned from his visit to Hope, Texarkana and De Queen and reports a real interest among our people for the Institutional Relief project. He delivered several books and has the promise of others to be delivered later.

Brother Hanhardt writes encouragingly from the northwest part of the state. He has ordered a second shipment of books, so the northwestern sisterhood of churches must be taking hold of the need of the hour with a real determination to see it through.

The Little Rock church rallied to the call as presented last Sabbath by Brother Ross. Orders were received for forty-one books, with the promise of many more to follow. We surely appreciate the whole-heartedness of the response that comes from our good people everywhere when some call for the work of God is laid before them.

The church school at Bonnerdale has had to close its doors, probably for the rest of the school year, on account of an epidemic of smallpox which is sweeping their neighborhood. We are sorry to have this calamity come to them, for their school was doing splendid work under the direction of Brother John Kibbey.

Elder Baker reports a reasonable success in his presentation of the educational relief among the churches at Malvern and Bonnerdale. Owing to the sickness of so many members of the Bonnerdale church, however, it

was difficult for many of them to give definite promises as to just when they would be able to take their books.

Word has been recently received at the office from Sister Vera E. Bosshardt, who recently moved to Morrilton from Little Rock, to the effect that they have a nice Sabbath school started there that is being well attended by outsiders. To create an interest and to fill the need that exists there, they are holding their services on Sunday afternoon. There should be many of these Sunday schools and Home Department Sabbath schools started all over the conference. If we would make the start and give our hearts to this work, the Lord would add his blessing and we would find that in many instances they would bear fruitage in a sturdy Sabbath school and church.

Brother E. A. Huelsenbeck, in attendance at the colporteurs' institute, reports that they have a live Young People's Missionary Volunteer started at Oneal. Their meetings are largely attended by outsiders. Who knows what the results will be?

Seventh-day Adventist Layman Called Upon to Hold Funeral Service

ALTHOUGH many people in the Louann district are prejudiced against the truth, the neighbors of Brother Richie called upon him to conduct the funeral of one of their loved ones. Brother Richie spoke from I Cor. 15 and I Thess. 4:13-18, bringing to the people's attention the soon-coming of our Lord, and the necessity of preparing for that great event. Several songs were sung from "Christ in Song," after which Brother Livermore closed the service by asking God to bless the people and help them to see the necessity of preparing themselves to meet the soon-coming Saviour.

Brother and Sister Richie are isolated members but are living such consistent, Christian lives that their neighbors are noticing it.

A FRIEND.

A Correction

THE Lincoln-Douglass Program, which was given by the Marianna, (Arkansas) school was on February 12, instead of February 22.

MRS. E. E. MOORE.

De Queen, Hatton, and Hope

ON my eleven days' trip out in the field I went from Texarkana to De Queen. Here we have a little church about six miles southeast of De Queen. I was with them Monday night and Tuesday night. Although the weather was unsettled, the attendance at the two meetings was good. The brethren and sisters have a good Sabbath school, and we were very much encouraged as we studied the Word of God together. Sister Stacy, who is one of the senior members of the church, recently had a stroke of paralysis, and she is bedfast. Sister Stacey is passing through her afflictions with thankfulness to God for His mercies.

From De Queen I went to Hatton where we have a few isolated believers. Sister Stanford is holding up the 'Lamp of Truth' there. She is teaching in the public school.

From Hatton I went to Hope where I spent the Sabbath. We had three meetings on the Sabbath. The church is doing remarkably well paying the church school teachers when we consider the poor crops they had this past year. The prospects are for a better year this year. It was certainly a privilege to visit these churches and isolated on this trip, and a number of the institutional relief books were taken by the members. Those who were not prepared to take the books assured me they would take some before the close of the year. We shall continue to keep this matter before the people this year until we dispose of the entire 544 books. We want to do all we can to pay off the debt on the college at Keene.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

Obituary

SHOCKEY—MRS. LYDIA ANN SHOCKEY was born September 19, 1847 at Warsaw, Indiana, and passed away at her home in Malvern, Arkansas, March 14, 1929. She had four brothers two of whom survive her death; namely, Bartholomew of Memphis, Tenn., who is now eighty-five years of age and Nute Bartholomew of Warsaw, Indiana, who was eighty-two the fourth of March.

Sister Shockey was united in marriage on March 13, 1872 to Mr. John Shockey at Warsaw, Indiana. To this

union were born three sons and five daughters. Seven of her children still live. They are Mrs. Ada Atwood, of Springdale, Arkansas; Mrs. Flora Battreal, Mrs. Bell Dyer, Mr. Charlie Shockey and Mr. Lewis Shockey, all of Malvern, Arkansas, Mrs. Winnie Miller, of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Minnie Weber, of Little Rock, Arkansas. She has twenty-seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Sister Shockey was converted in her girlhood days, and united with the Methodist church. In 1872 she, with her husband attended a series of meetings conducted by Elder C. L. Boyd at Seward, Nebraska, and embraced the views as held by the Seventh-day Adventists. In a few years they moved from Nebraska to Roundhead, Ohio. In November 1884, they came to Malvern, Arkansas where her husband passed away October 11, 1897.

Sister Shockey was a loyal church member and a sincere Christian to the day of her death. Before she passed away, she made provision that her Sabbath school offering of one dollar for each Sabbath be given until the end of the quarter. It may well be said of her, "Blessed are they that die in the Lord. . . . for their works do follow them." ISAAC BAKER.

An Appeal to Sabbath School Superintendents and Secretaries

THE offerings of the Sabbath schools in the Arkansas Conference for the month of February were as follows:—

Brentwood	\$ 1.76
Conference Church	8.25
Decatur	2.77
De Queen	2.40
Fayetteville	8.26
Fort Smith No. 1	23.63
Gentry	35.07
Hiwassee	2.16
Hot Springs	28.98
Hope	11.76
Little Rock No. 1.	101.55
Lucky	2.39
Jonesboro	7.59
Malvern	.....
Searcy	8.82
Springdale	18.34
Texarkana	12.40
Total	\$276.13
COLORED	
Fort Smith No.2	\$ 6.19

Little Rock No. 2	22.97
Mariana	8.76
Pine Bluff	.....
West Helena	2.82
Total	\$40.74
Grand Total	\$316.87

I sincerely hope that all our superintendents and secretaries will study these figures and plan to bring up the Sabbath school offerings quite materially. For the first two months of this year our people in Arkansas have given to missions only a little over thirteen cents per week per member. That is not sixty cents, is it? It seems to me we should do much more than we are doing. If all our Sabbath school workers and teachers would take this upon their hearts I am sure we could do much better. Let us put forth an extra effort for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering.

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE
 2900 Live Oak St., Dallas, Texas
 President—Elder Roy L. Benton
 Sec'y-Treas.—L. R. Alexander
 North Texas Book & Bible House
 Sec'y-Treas.—L. R. Alexander

North Texas News Notes

Saturday evening at eight o'clock, the many friends and acquaintances of Brother and Sister Ortner gathered in the main auditorium of the Dallas church for a farewell program in their behalf. The program was well rendered, and showed the love and esteem in which Brother and Sister Ortner are held by the members of the Dallas church. During the program Brother and Sister Ortner and Harriet were called to the rostrum, where Elder McCutchen, in behalf of the church, presented them with a beautiful, two-toned, cathedral-gong clock, as a token of their love and appreciation of the faithful services rendered. After the program was over their friends gathered around them, wishing them many blessings as they take up their work in the Southeastern Union Conference.

Brother and Sister Ortner left Tuesday morning for Oklahoma, for a few days' visit with relatives, after which they will go to Atlanta, Georgia, where Brother Ortner takes up his work as manager of the Atlanta Branch of the Southern Publishing Association. We all regret to lose the faithful services of Brother Ortner in this field,

but we join in wishing him God's blessings as he takes up his new labors.

Elder Casebeer, of the General Conference, accompanied by Elder Staben, called at the office Sunday to see Elder Benton relative to the Spanish work in this conference.

Elder Rubendall returned Tuesday, after having spent a number of days visiting churches in the southeast district, and left Thursday afternoon to visit the churches at Marshall and Naples.

Elder Benton spent several days in the office this week, and left Wednesday afternoon for Valley View to assist them with their church building. He will spend Sabbath with the Fort Worth church.

Brother Ruf, assisted by Miss Mamie Harper, the school nurse of Southwestern Junior College, visited the schools at Fort Worth, Dalworth, and Dallas, giving the students a physical examination.

Elder Stemple White has been in Keene this week assisting in conducting the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer with the college students.

Brother L. R. Alexander reported at the office Sunday morning to take up the duties of secretary-treasurer of the conference.

H. J. Miller, colored worker for the union conference, called at the office Sunday.

Brother Watkins, colored worker in Dallas, has been soliciting funds to assist in the erection of the colored church in this city.

Just Four Short Years

IT was just four years the fifteenth of March, as nearly as figures reveal, that we came to North Texas. The time has passed very rapidly. To the best of my knowledge, there has been no four year period which has slipped by so seemingly unnoticed on our part. The friendly greetings at our arrival four years ago did, not fade away, but grew until the very last day of our leaving. The friendly associations of the workers, from the president down to the conference janitor, Brother Cooper, together with the unstinted co-operation of the brethren and sisters in the field, has been a great source of pleasure during our work here. We shall never forget the many kindnesses enjoyed in Dallas and North Texas, and at the

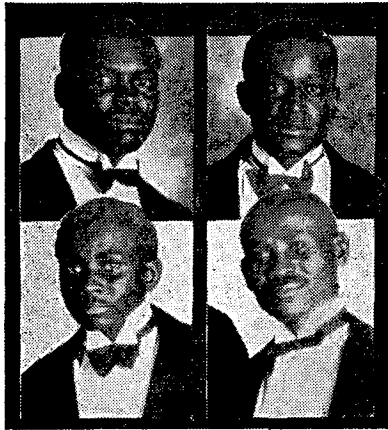
same time, we realize that the golden cords of friendship which extended here and there beyond the borders of North Texas through the Southwest, will never be severed. We bid you all farewell, realizing that we shall meet again, if not here, in the land of eternal joy and happiness.

C. G. ORTNER AND FAMILY.

Fort Worth Jubilee Singers

It has been arranged for the jubilee singers to be in the tabernacle Saturday night, March 30. This is a benefit concert given in behalf of our building fund.

These singers are local men, but they come to us well recommended as real old plantation singers. We are inviting our people who are within driving distance of Fort Worth to spend the Sabbath with us in a real good old time song and revival service and remain for the evening musical program.



JUBILEE SINGERS

The picture in this paper shows you the men who will bring the joy of music to us that night, March 30, 7:30 p. m. Come and be with us.

J. W. McCOMAS.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE
Box 1077, Oklahoma City, Okla.
President—Elder W. H. Clark
Sec'y-Treas.—Lowell Estes
Oklahoma Book and Bible House
Sec'y-Treas.—B. E. Bridwell

WANTED—An Adventist home for a boy two years old last November. Excellent health. Brown hair and eyes. It is desired to locate him where he will be adopted. Write Mrs. Geo. W.

Struble, Route 4, Box 665, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Obituary

FROST—WILLIAM L. FROST was born January 24, 1864 at Dayton, Missouri, and died at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, March 13, 1929 at the age of sixty-five years, one month and seventeen days. As a boy he removed with his parents to Ohio and in 1876 to Ottawa, Kansas. From there he removed to Prague, Oklahoma in 1920 and to Arkansas in 1926, where he resided until his death.

In 1884 he was united in marriage with Anna Larson at Ottawa, Kansas. To this union were born two sons and six daughters. Three of the children preceded him in death. The deceased was the youngest and last survivor of a family of eight children. His immediate survivors are his wife, of Green Forest, Arkansas; Mrs. Pearl Slagle, of Clinton, Missouri; Mrs. Goldia Roberts, Ottawa, Kansas; Miss Eunice, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; Mrs. Bertha Hink, of Kansas City, Missouri; John Frost, of Earlsboro, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Other relatives and a large circle of friends sympathize and sorrow with the companion and children but not without hope for as a young man he was converted and united with the Christian church, and thirty-five years ago embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith to which he was faithful to the end, holding membership in the Arkansas Conference church, and went to his rest with a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection when his Saviour returns. As a long-time friend and neighbor, the writer was called to conduct the funeral service which was held at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and we laid him to rest in the cemetery nearby. All the children were present for the funeral.

W. H. CLARK.

Obituary

DOBBS—ALICE N. CROUCH was born in St. Augustine, Texas September 7, 1853 and died at her home in Fort Scott, Kansas March 11, 1929, being seventy-five years, six months and four days of age. Death resulted from apoplexy.

She was united in marriage with William L. Fowler December 1, 1872 at Kaufman, Texas. Seven children were born to this union and survive their mother. The husband and father passed away in 1886.

February 17, 1890, Mrs. Fowler was united in marriage with James J. Dobbins of Fort Scott, Kansas, and to this union two children were born and survive. Mr. Dobbins died in December, 1910. The surviving relatives are, a sister, the nine children, and nine grandchildren and other more distant relatives. Mrs. Dobbins had resided in Fort Scott more than forty years and a large circle of friends sorrow with the relatives, but not as those without hope.

In early womanhood, Mrs. Fowler-Dobbins was converted and united with the Presbyterian church, and more than fifty years ago she embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith, uniting with that body as a member of the Fort Scott church and lived a faithful consistent Christian life, and went to her rest in full hope of a part in the resurrection of the just when the Life-Giver returns. The writer conducted the funeral service from the United Brethren church at Fort Scott, assisted by the pastor of the church. She was happy to see most of her children in the truth and some in conference work. Her son, F. O. Fowler, is a minister in the Oklahoma Conference, and her daughter's husband, Mr. W. D. Gahagan, is home missionary and field secretary in the Missouri Conference. Mrs. Fowler, as she was known, has been a mainstay in the Fort Scott church these many years.

W. H. CLARK.

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE
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South Texas Book & Bible House
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Our Mexican Work

WE WERE very much pleased to receive a visit from Elder H. D. Casebeer, who is in charge of the Spanish Department, last week. Elder Casebeer spent Sabbath, the ninth of March, at San Antonio, preaching on Sabbath, also Sabbath and Sunday evenings. His work was much appreciated by our believers here. Monday and Tuesday were spent at Yancey, where a few believers live who came

over from Mississippi last year.

Brother Miguel Reyes has been very faithful in teaching the truth in that vicinity and when we reached his house we found a goodly company of people ready to listen. We began to preach at five o'clock in the afternoon and continued until seven. It was extremely muddy so we planned to have no meeting in the evening. However, several came out so they talked and sang until late. We began the meetings at 8:30 in the morning, and I preached and talked until eleven, when I had to leave for Austin. Elder Casebeer remained and held meetings all that day and on Sabbath. Six dear souls were baptized. Two are planning to attend our Mexican Institute at Laredo the last week in March. They have a treasurer and a nice sum of tithe was already collected. There is a good atmosphere there and a worker would find an abundant harvest. We have no one to send, and must wait until means come in before securing another worker. Pray that the Lord will care for these believers in the message.

F. L. PERRY.

South Texas News Notes

The Ephesus church in San Antonio prints a small paper each week to stimulate interest in the various church activities as the Sabbath school, home missionary work, missionary volunteer work, etc., and it is read every Sabbath. Brother North reports the Sabbath school attendance much greater than it ever has been, and the offerings are also increased. A great interest is being shown by the believers in that church in regard to each church activity.

A letter just received from Sister Rhoda Williams states that she is 100 years old and loves the truth. She lives with some of her children who wish to be baptized and join the church. This isolated colored sister sends in some Harvest Ingathering money, and says she is doing all that she can to advance the message.

Another isolated sister sends in some tithe. She is poor, and is greatly in need of money, but hurries on the tithe before she is tempted to use it for her own needs. Surely when we get these letters, we sense the need of greater economy in the expenditure of the Lord's money. If all were as faithful as these sisters in doing their part, there would be no lack in the treasury,

and the work would move much more rapidly.

As Brother Walgren was returning home from Port Arthur one day last week, where they had been distributing the *Liberty* extra a large flour truck struck the back of his car damaging it considerably. Brother Walgren stated they had some wonderful experiences in placing these magazines in the hands of the more prominent people. He says, "An article appeared in a newspaper relative to the proposed calendar reform one afternoon, and we began distributing the magazines the next day. We found scores of prominent people who had read the article, and many of them were highly pleased to receive the paper. We handed out 1,000 copies, but could have used 2,000 easily."

Corpus Christi is having a very interesting and growing Sabbath school. There were sixty-four in attendance last Sabbath. We are certainly gratified to hear this. The average attendance for the previous quarter was forty.

Brother Van Landingham reports a very good response at Corpus Christi to the presentation of the Relief Campaign.

Brother William J. Prindle, of Houston, has entered the canvassing work again, and is having some very profitable experiences. He says, "After coming in about 3:30 for lunch I told my wife I was going out for more orders. My wife said, 'Going back this late?' I replied, 'Surely.' After getting to my field the first place I went I met a preacher. I secured his order, and then went on to the second man. This man told me, 'I have been studying the Bible only a short time, but I have learned to keep Saturday for the Sabbath.' He knew nothing about Seventh-day Adventists. I had two tracts on the subject of the Sabbath, so gave them to him. I feel like I was well paid for going back to the field so late in the day inasmuch as I found one soul who was interested and I also took eight orders. A number of people have told me that when I come with the books the money will be waiting for me.

The appearance of the Corpus Christi church has been improved by the varnishing of the floors, and putting in of new Florentine glass windows, and also new runners.

Mrs. F. L. Naugle, and children, Doris and Fred, and niece, Miss Nell

Wiseman, of Keene, visited friends in San Antonio last week-end.

Brother and Sister O. D. Slatér and family spent Sabbath and Sunday in San Antonio this week. Brother Slatér was at one time Book and Bible House secretary of the Texico Conference.

Austin

IT was my privilege to spend a few days recently with the Austin church. I greatly enjoyed visiting in the homes of these dear people and talking with them regarding the interests of the cause of God. A very willing response was given to a presentation of the Relief Campaign and I believe that Austin will do their full part in this effort. The Austin church has its perplexities and problems, but if the spirit revealed during this visit is maintained and developed, there will certainly be a splendid future before the church in that important city.

F. L. PERRY.

Spanish Colporteur Institute

WE are planning for a colporteurs' institute at Laredo beginning Monday, March 25. This is to be solely for our Spanish-speaking brethren, and is the first institute to my knowledge that we have ever had for our Spanish believers. We have a large population of Spanish-speaking people in this conference, and we are looking forward to a great work among them this year. We are expecting about six workers to be in attendance at the institute. Some of these, of course, are students of the mission school at Laredo, conducted by Brother and Sister Beans. We hope to develop some true Spanish colporteurs as a result of this institute.

D. VAN CAMPEN.

Obituary

NAVRIS—GRACE ALMORENE NAVRIS was born November 15, 1897 in Moore, Texas and died March 9, 1929 at her home in San Antonio, Texas. She was married to Harvey Scott on January 15, 1920, and to this union were born two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Scott was converted and joined the Baptist church in 1910, and in 1922 she accepted the third angel's message under the efforts of M. G. Lunes and

his workers, and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, living a very consistent Christian life until her death. She leaves to mourn her loss beside her husband and four children, a mother, father, sister, four brothers, and a host of friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 57:1-4. We hope to meet our sister again in the first resurrection.

W. S. NORTH.

The "Liberty"

WORD from the Religious Liberty Department informs us of the steady increase in the circulation of *Liberty*. During 1926 the average circulation per issue was 20,136, in 1927 it was 99,471, while for 1928 it rose to 118,175, and for the first quarter of the present year *Liberty* has had a circulation of about 155,000 copies. This shows splendid growth. The principles of religious liberty, for which this magazine stands should be dear to every American heart, but we are living in a time when efforts are being made to overthrow these principles, and bring about conditions which will cause ancient persecutions to be revived. We who know these things have a duty to our country and to the world. Let us through the greatly increased use of *Liberty* and any other means in our power teach the truth regarding these things and thus help to preserve religious freedom.

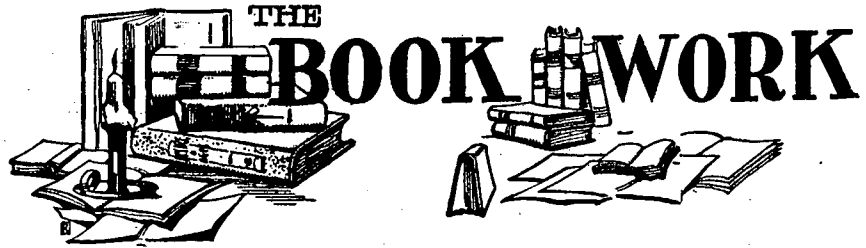
F. L. PERRY.

New Pastor at Ephesus

I AM glad to be in San Antonio, Texas, as pastor of the Ephesus church. Much good has been accomplished by the former pastor, and I am doing what I can to build upon the good foundation already laid. There are two things I am going to do by the wisdom and grace of God. First, to tell the truth, and then to live the truth. We hope to pay the lumber bill and keep everyone busy doing all we can to help advance the cause along all lines in the home first, and in all the world. My wife's mother is still ill, but we are looking for arrival this week. Pray for us all.

W. S. NORTH.

Are you going to have part in the Big Week campaign this year? We should do our part to help our publishing work in other lands.



COLPORTEUR REPORTS

ARKANSAS COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 16.

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Tot. Val	Val.-Del
B. G. Maguire	PP	58	8	46.00	24.00	70.00	203.50
R. Livermore	GC	51	12	75.00	9.50	87.50	133.20
W. M. Brinegar	BR	45	7	37.50	11.00	48.50	11.00
R. C. Dearing	PP	44	5	27.50	15.00	42.50	8.50
Killis Boyce*	RJ	59	7	21.00	34.75	55.75	6.50
Workers	5	257	39	207.00	97.25	304.25	362.70

*Two weeks report.

SOUTH TEXAS COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR. 16.

W. H. Atherly	RJ	53	63	190.00	24.25	214.25	95.75
Chas. Baldwin	BR	.....	7	35.50	18.25	53.75	.....
C. H. McColrey*	OD	95	29	120.00	2.75	122.75	14.35
Wm. J. Prindle*	Helps	32	71	.....	81.50	81.50	.50
Tomas E. Requenex	OD	15	7	8.75	.35	9.10	5.00
M. M. Young	GC	38	26	76.50	29.75	106.25	.75
Workers	6	233	203	430.75	156.85	587.60	116.35

*Reports for two weeks.

TEXICO COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 16.

C. Kinder	GC	86	6	39.00	11.00	50.00	238.25
G. W. Calloway	GC	42	6	32.50	14.10	46.60	252.60
C. D. Colburn	GC	66	13	72.50	51.75	124.25	14.25
C. Moore	BR	35	4	22.50	8.25	30.75	28.50
Workers	4	229	29	166.50	85.10	251.60	533.60

GRAND TOTAL:

Workers	15	719	271	804.25	339.20	1143.45	1012.65
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TEXICO CONFERENCE
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Texico News Notes

We are happy to report to our Texico believers that the last statement of the Sixty-cents-a-week fund reveals the fact that we are still leading the union at the close of the second month of the year. We want you to know that this splendid showing is greatly appreciated by all of us here at the office, for it represents co-operation on the part of the field, and now if we keep this up for ten months we will stand where we once did in the union, and where we should always stand, viz.—in the first place.

Elder Wilson spent Sabbath with the Hagerman church, and conducted quarterly meeting, and ordained a second deacon while there, and reports the brethren of this old Adventist community of good courage, and that some are awaiting baptism as the result of faithful home missionary work covering a period of several months, and a few sermons by our workers who have visited there from time to time.

Many good and encouraging reports are coming in from the colporteurs with large orders for books. Texico colporteurs really mean business and are going after this work in a business-like and consecrated way that will bring far-reaching results. Prospects in this field were never better and if you have a burden to enter this line of work, remember this needy field.

The Sunday evening meeting at the Clovis church has been started again with good attendance. The Clovis young people distributed one hundred papers Sabbath evening, inviting those to whom the papers were given to come to the Sunday evening services.

An order for 700 sets of Big Week books has been placed with the publishers. Texico is leading in offerings for missions, why not lead in this mission program by ordering your number of sets now and sell them? You will have no trouble in selling these books as they are very attractive titles that appeal to people.

Complimentary copies of three new twenty-five cent books have just been received: "The Way of Life," "The Saviour of the World," and "The Wolves of Society." These books have a message of interest, hope and warning to the world. Order through your Book and Bible House.

Some of our people are sending orders for periodicals direct to the publishers. Why not follow the plan outlined by the General Conference and order through the Book and Bible House? Your orders will have prompt attention and your papers will reach you as quickly as if sent direct to the publishers.

Words of Appreciation and Appeal

WE hope these words will be true to the title above, and so we desire to express our appreciation to those who have already responded to the call, and have taken their quota of Relief Books, and are thus doing their share toward quickly liquidating the indebtedness on our beloved Southwestern Junior College.

We also desire to appeal to all those who have not ordered your book or books to do so at once, and in this connection we wish to call attention to a plan whereby you can make your payments in three installments as follows: One dollar down and one dollar a month until completed. This refers to each book, of course, instead of the entire price of three dollars.

Every place we have visited we find that our people are interested in seeing the college free from the burden of debt, and all that is needed now to fully realize this noble desire is for you to join us by taking at least one of those new books which you will

want for yourself, and one to loan or sell to your neighbor, and the prelude will begin and we shall all join in the grand jubilee chorus this fall. Let us do it. What do you say?

E. T. WILSON.

The Seventh-day Adventist Movement at Wink, Texas

NOTWITHSTANDING all that is said and written concerning the anti-Christian feeling at Wink, Texas, the truth of the matter is that the needs of the work before us were never greater, but the prospects were never so bright and promising as now.

We hope and pray that the time will soon come when we can have a permanent place to worship, and all our work will go forward on a good, strong basis. There is a great work to be done in Wink, the "modern Sodom." The Christian people have prayed so long for help and a minister of some denomination to be sent to their aid, and their prayers were answered by the coming of Brother Ferguson.

There was not a place of any kind to worship in, but the good people have opened up their homes to the need. Brother Ferguson gave studies and worship went on in this manner until we erected a little union mission.

Brother Ferguson's unselfish kindness and forethought for others has made him very dear to all the people of Wink. He has gone through the crisis at Wink, when the believers were few and it took courage to keep the brightening hope renewed. Though simplicity and sacrifice marked the beginning of the work here, it seems that we are to soon realize that our hopes and prayers have not been in vain.

While we regret very much the leaving of Brother and Sister Woods, the Lord has placed another worthy worker in our midst, Brother Potts, a well-known druggist of Kermit, about ten miles from here. Brother Potts was reared in the Seventh-day Adventist faith, but has been out of touch with it for forty years. He is now glad to get back again.

He has proved very helpful in a number of ways since uniting with us. He is now teaching in the Sabbath school, and giving Bible studies one evening each week. He talks now of selling his possessions which are large, placing them in the cause, and helping Brother Ferguson in spreading the

gospel. The prophecies are being fulfilled by the coming back of God's people.

MRS. JOHN SOWELL.

Union College News Notes

March 15-23 is being observed as the spring Week of Prayer at Union College. Class periods have been shortened to give time for the meeting of special prayer bands just before the opening of the session. Chapel services were held on Tuesday and Thursday as well as on the regular chapel days. Joint worship for all students and others who wish to attend is being held in the chapel every evening.

Elder J. J. Nethery spoke at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath, March 16, on the "Prodigal Son."

The members of the Sunshine Band depicted in their meeting Friday evening a typical scene from the Sabbath afternoon Story Hour at the Orthopedic Hospital.

The Modern Language department of the college gave a program in the college chapel Saturday night, March 16. The program consisted of scenes portraying French and Spanish life, the Reformation in Luther's time, and a meeting of the League of Nations as well as songs in German, French, and Spanish.

A scene depicting life in a mission field will be given in the Asiatic Mission band meeting Friday evening.

The chapel hour Friday, March 15, was given over to a Sabbath school rally sponsored by Miss Lulu Blanche Hiatt, the Sabbath school superintendent. The speakers were Miss Mildred Rhoads, Miss Lilah Baer, and Reuben Johnson.

Professor H. K. Schilling gave his lecture on "What is Light?" as a number of the lecture course at Shelton Academy, Saturday evening, March 16. Merrill Smith accompanied him to assist with the electrical appliances used.

Correspondence

FROM a letter from Brother George Spilman, renewing his subscription to the RECORD, we take the following:

"About 1911 I read 'Heralds of the Morning', and found that I had been thinking that the voice of the people was the voice of God. So I thought that the people who wrote that book could show me some other important things also. Though

prejudiced against the Sabbath, I was willing to accept it if it could be made as plain as the "Swords and Spears" explanation. So I wrote for more books and was referred to the *Signs of the Times*, and I have been reading our missionary paper most of the time since then. . . .

"The line is to be drawn more definitely on the Sabbath question, so that none may have any excuse for not knowing which is the seventh day. And we hope that the last message of mercy will soon go to the world. Some think that the world is getting better, but others realize that conditions are not any better than they were in President Wilson's time,—not fit to live in. Therefore we war to make it fit, and may have made it worse."

S. W. J. COLLEGE

S. W. J. C. News Notes

Mrs. Lee Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ortner, of Oklahoma City, spent the week-end with friends in Keene. Mrs. Ortner will be remembered as Minnie Carter.

As Saturday night was open night the girls enjoyed a marshmallow roast in the school pasture and some of boys went on a hike.

Sabbath closed the spring Week of Prayer for the school. Elder Stemple White, pastor of the Dallas church, gave us special help, and we feel that real blessings have been gained by the faculty and student body during this week.

Misses Jeannette Franks and Vivian Beach spent Sabbath with their parents in Fort Worth.

Mr. Willard Johnson, leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society, arranged a Rally Day program for last Sabbath afternoon. Special music was furnished by Miss Evangeline Green and Mr. John F. Anderson.

Friday evening after vesper service the Spanish mission band presented a mission dialogue showing in a very practical way the needs of the field. The scene was in South America and those taking part were: Misses Evangeline Green, Nora Burk; Messrs: Clinton Woodland, Willard Wolcott, Earl Usher, C. J. Dart, and William Castello.

Big Week April 27-May 4.

The Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer in the Training School

THE children of the training school were very glad to have Elder A. F. Ruf with us during our entire spring Week of Prayer. He gave some very interesting and beneficial talks. Some of these were about "The Two Ways," "The Steps to Baptism," "What we Must Endure for the Sake of the Gospel," and what the following motto means, "To know Him is to love Him; To love Him is to serve Him." He explained it in this way: If we know Jesus we will love Him, and if we love Him we will serve Him.

In the talk about "What we must endure for the sake of the Gospel" he told us of ten boys who gave their lives because they would not eat a small piece of meat. I wonder how many of us would prove faithful in a test like that.

In the afternoon he met alternately with us in our prayer bands. We prayed for our relatives, our school and for each other. We hope that many souls will be brought to the Lord as a result of our prayer bands. As a result thus far eighteen boys and girls joined the baptismal class while others were drawn closer to the Lord.

JEWELL MAE WILSON.

A pupil of the eighth grade.

What Price Calendar Reform?

WHAT would the widely agitated calendar reform mean to the divine system of reckoning time and the requirements of God's Word? Do we want to worship on a different day of the week each year? The significance of the reform to lovers of liberty will be presented by Charles S. Longacre, Secretary of the Religious Liberty Association in the May issue of the *Watchman Magazine*.

Leon S. Caviness, the *Watchman's* observer at Geneva, Switzerland, close to the seat of the papacy, asks if "The Question Mark" has been removed from "The Roman Question". He reveals the trend Roman affairs are taking, their meaning to the world, and their bearing on the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

Articles on other leading points of our faith combine with these features to make the May *Watchman* a strong number. The *Watchman* is in touch

with the times and is therefore ideal for selling by the single copy or to be sent by the year to those you would interest in the message.

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LYNDON L. SKINNER

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