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WESLEY'S COUNSEL TO A PREACHER

"Your talent in preaching does not increase. It is just the same as it was seven years ago. It is lively, but not deep. There is little variety; there is no compass of thought. Reading only can supply this, with daily meditation and daily prayer. You wrong yourself greatly by omitting this. You can never be a deep preacher without it, any more than a thorough Christian. Oh, begin! Fix some part of every day for private exercises. You may acquire the taste which you have not. What is tedious at first will afterwards be pleasant. Whether you like it or not, read and pray daily. It is for your life! There is no other way; else you will be a trifle all your days, and a pretty superficial preacher. Do justice to your own soul; give it time and means to grow; do not starve yourself any longer."

This excellent advice is found on page 210 of the book entitled "Wesley and His Century," which is a part of the Ministerial Reading Course for the present year. Its application is timely, and should be effective in influencing all ministers and conference workers who have thus far delayed in joining the Reading Course study circle to apply for the registration card and secure the four books which have been carefully and wisely chosen by a representative committee. The combined volumes furnish a four square field of investigation:

- First, Devotional Study: "The Crises of the Christ"
- Second, Inspirational: "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing"
- Third, Historical and Biographical: "Wesley and His Century"
- Fourth, Consecrational: "The Glories of the Cross"

Perhaps you have said, and are saying, "But I have no time for study!" A book has been written by Arnold Bennett, entitled "How to Live on Twenty-four Hours a Day," in which he makes the assertion, which must be admitted as true, that "We never shall have any more time." We have, and we have always had, all the time there is. It is not "more time" but a systematic budgeting of the day's time, which

is called for. Think of an engineer whose train is behind schedule. He needs every possible second. But in his tank is low. Does he rush heedless? No! He takes time, and thereby gains time as he stops to refill his water tank. Or, there is a surgeon with an emergency case requiring immediate operative measures. Every minute counts. Does he dispense with needed antiseptic preparation? O no! He takes time to scrub up and to disinfect to avoid infection and make recovery favorable. We must make time for study. It pays—spiritually, mentally and in dollars and cents.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION,
Takoma Park,
Washington, D. C.

ARISE UP QUICKLY

"Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains", and sixteen soldiers stood guard on the outside. From a human viewpoint his situation was hopeless. The Lord had commanded him to preach the gospel and "Lo I am with you" was the promise. And the mighty angel sent from heaven said to Peter, "Arise up quickly" and the chains fell as he obeyed. Be orderly, but make haste and follow me were the instructions. Peter obeyed and was led out of his difficulties to victory.

We are entering another year of colporteur ministry. The weeks are coming and going rapidly. The command is "Arise up quickly and follow me," and with obedience and faith come success and victory.

Indications are that a large book work will be done this year in the south by our great army of colporteurs, but it is an individual matter. Peter obeyed quickly and was led to victory.

A paragraph of an article in "The Magazine of Wall Street," dated January 29th says: "The food and feed requirements of the South should even more largely be supplied by home-grown products, but the uninformed adviser must disabuse his mind of the idea that there is no diversification in the South. Less than forty per cent of the cultivated area in the Southeastern cottonstates is devoted to this crop, (cotton). Approximately forty-three per

cent is planted to corn, and about twenty per cent to miscellaneous crops. In spite of this, almost sixty-one per cent of the total crop value was due to cotton, while less than nineteen per cent is attributable to corn.

The farmers of the South in the period from 1922 to 1924 produced \$707 worth of their home requirements on their own farms; while the farmer of New England produced only \$656 worth of the goods used on the farm. The average for the entire country was approximately \$684 a year."

You will observe that the Southern farmer produces more for his home requirements than the average for the entire United States and considerably more than the New England farmer. And, dear fellow workers, these conditions are improving rapidly. Let us all resolve to put in full time and do bigger things in the South than ever before, aside from the peak war-time years. We at the home office work forty-four hours a week. Why not the entire publishing family do that? And let us "Arise up quickly," make haste and follow Him to victory. M. F. KNOX

DIGEST QUOTES SIGNS

In the *Literary Digest* of January 29, 1927, under the title "The Pope's Appeal to Men to Reform Women's Dress," is found a symposium of the comments of a "number of the leading religious journals" on the pope's recent pronouncement against immodest dress. In the forefront of this group of "leading" journals is the *Signs of the Times*. An editorial from the pen of Elder A. L. Baker is quoted at length, and is described by the *Digest* editor as a "passionate protest" against the modern trend of women's fashions. Furthermore, the reader is specifically informed that the *Signs* is a Seventh-day Adventist paper.

Is it not fortunate that in these days of moral and spiritual crises, when many religious journals and many denominations are sounding an uncertain note, the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, through its great medium to the world, should be able to pour forth a "passionate protest" against the influences undermining society? And is it not also fortunate that this

"protest" can be voiced through a journal that is so edited as to command the attention of a paper like the *Literary Digest*? Again are we encouraged to believe that the *Signs* is succeeding in its policy, of preparing a paper, editorially and typographically, that will hold the attention and respect of thinking men everywhere. That is why the *Signs* is, after all, the most economical piece of literature to use. It is results that count.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

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Arkansas Tract Society:
Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

FIGURE FIVE, ARKANSAS

In answer to a long-standing call for a meeting, Brother Anderson and wife and the writer came to Figure Five, and began a series of meetings last Friday night, February 18th, with a real good hearing considering the cold wave which struck that day.

The meetings are being held in a Presbyterian church which is known as Dripping Springs church. If the weather is good we expect a good attendance, for the people appear friendly and have expressed themselves as enjoying the four services already held.

The pastor of the church was present Sunday, it being his regular appointment, but he insisted that I occupy the pulpit in his place, which I did. At the close of the service he came to me and said he liked the talk so well he was going to invite me home with him for dinner. The invitation was accepted and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed with him.

Remember the work here in your prayers.
ISAAC BAKER.

HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH

A clipping from the Davenport, Iowa, *Democrat and Leader* of October 1, 1926, tells the interesting story of a good brother, who, after leaving minor cash legacies to his relatives, willed the bulk of his estate to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and specifically provided that a certain part of the money should be used to send the *Signs of the Times* to a variety of people in his home town. If the terms of

the will are carried out, the *Signs* will appear each week for a period of from two to five years on the reading tables of the Davenport and Rock Island Police and Fire Departments, the county jail, the county poor farm, the county library, the Lend-a-hand club.

We certainly think this brother made wise provision for the distribution of his estate when he ordered the pioneer missionary journal of the denomination to be sent to these various places. He rests from his labors, but his works do follow him. However, we need not wait until our wills are probated in order to do a strong work with the *Signs*. Individually and as churches, we may right now do a mighty work.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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North Tex. Book and Bible House
Sec'y-Treas.—C. G. Ortner

NORTH TEXAS NEWS ITEMS

Orders for Institutional Relief books are still coming in. We are glad for a splendid order from the Avinger church.

Elder Yates spent several days at the office getting advertising matter in readiness for the Denison effort.

Elder Benton was with the Fort Worth church Wednesday night where he conducted the prayer meeting.

Elder Miller is holding a series of meetings at Corsicana. Splendid success has attended his efforts.

Our believers at Denison have greatly improved the interior of their church building. The church was re-papered, which gives it a very neat appearance.

We wish to call attention to the fact that the missionary secretaries of our churches are doing excellent work. Of all our churches only three were indebted to the Book and Bible House at the close of January. The total indebtedness of these three churches amounted to \$91.55 only. We appreciate the excellent service of these faithful men and women as well as the co-operation the other officers and lay members of the churches are giving which makes it possible to make up a good showing as a whole in the North Texas Conference.

Offering next Sabbath for Religious Liberty work.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NEWS

We are receiving names for reading course certificates every little while. We are glad to see that the young people in our conference are improving their time by reading good books.

The conference Missionary Volunteer goals for 1927 are as follows: Conversions fifty-two, Bible Year thirty-two, Standard of Attainment twenty, Reading Course one hundred-thirty, Missions \$1300 00. Will you as a society do your part in reaching these goals in 1927?

The Dalworth church organized a Missionary Volunteer Society Sabbath, February 26. They enrolled about thirty seniors and juniors. Mrs. Howell Brooke has been chosen as leader. They are beginning in earnest and expect to make their department a real asset to the church.

On Sabbath afternoon, February 19, some of the members of the Keene society went to Fort Worth and favored the young people's society with a splendid program. The program was a treatise on the authenticity of the Bible from the evolutionary and archeological standpoint.

While at Jefferson, Brother Ruf met the officers of the young people's society to discuss some of their problems. The Jefferson society is the second largest in the conference and we are sure that the society will prosper under the leadership of Douglass Premier, and Miss Nora Parsons as secretary.

The members of the Missionary Literary Club composed of the young ladies of the Dallas church are taking up correspondence with those to whom they are sending papers. They have one hundred and fifty names, and these were divided among the members. They will no doubt have some interesting experiences to report at their next meeting. We are glad to report the attendance at these regular meetings are growing from time to time.

The 1927 Senior Reading Course books are:

Cannibals and Headhunters of the South Seas,

The Lighted Way,

From Beacon Lights to Radio,

Glimpses of Indian America.

Some of these books can be obtained already from the Book and Bible House.

IMPORTANCE NOTICE

There seems to be a general misunderstanding on the part of many of our

believers in North Texas in making out checks and post office money orders. We have had considerable extra work at the office because post office money orders reach us made out to some individual instead of to either the North Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, or the North Texas Book and Bible House.

We very much desire that all post office money orders and checks which are intended for the conference be made out in favor of the North Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, and remittances which are intended for the Book and Bible House be made out to the North Texas Book and Bible House.

I am sure no one has been lax in this respect on purpose but simply thought that remittances would reach their proper destination. It is true, remittances coming in made out to some individual do reach their proper place but sometimes with a great deal of extra work. Often our departmental secretaries are in the field. In order not to forge these names on money orders or checks we are compelled to hold some remittances over until the party concerned returns from the field. I am sure you realize that this necessitates unnecessary delay and extra work. We thank you for your cooperation in this respect.

C. G. ORTNER
Treasurer North Texas Conference
and Book and Bible House

OBITUARY

Julius John Graf was born in Posen, Germany, November 22, 1851. At the age of nineteen he came to the United States, and later settled, with his father's family, in Good Thunder, Minnesota. Here, in 1874, he was married to Bertha A. Meilicke. To this union were born three children: Otto J., Alma J., and Carl H., besides whom two brothers and two sisters survive him.

In 1884 he and his wife became Seventh-day Adventists under the labors of W. B. Hill, and a little later, when a church was organized at Good Thunder, he was chosen elder. At this time he was in the hardware and implement business, but the call of the Lord's service became so insistent that he sold his business and entered the ministry. He was ordained in Minnesota and labored largely among the German-speaking people in the Northern and Central Union Conferences.

Since the death of his wife in 1916 he has made his home with his younger son, Carl, and it was here in Arlington, Texas that he died suddenly of apo-

plexy, February 12th, 1927, at the age of seventy-five years, two months and twenty-one days.

His trust and confidence in the Lord grew stronger during his declining years, and the Christian's hope of the glorious reunion at the coming of Christ filled his life with peace and contentment. P. L. THOMPSON

REPORT OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS FOR THE YEAR 1926.

Church	Members	Offerings	Per Capita
Graham	5	\$304.18	\$1.16
Cedar Grove	6	208.96	.66
Dallas, Col.	4	117.75	.56
Corsicana	5	132.45	.50
Sherman	20	469.57	.45
Dallas, Sp.	5	118.56	.45
Lufkin	5	85.45	.32
Ft. Worth	108	1720.61	.30
Wichita Falls	31	443.01	.27
Henrietta	10	131.64	.25
Corsicana	20	263.22	.25
Cleburne	15	186.26	.23
Waco	63	666.96	.20
Dalworth	75	747.59	.19
Gainesville	12	113.84	.18
Ft. Worth, Sp.	5	46.61	.17
Dallas	276	2366.39	.16
Jefferson	99	862.53	.16
Denison	19	139.49	.14
Keene	333	2342.03	.13
Conf. Scatt'ed	46	304.18	.12
Clifton	6	39.96	.12
Waco, Col.	19	116.21	.11
Paris	11	65.43	.11
Salmon	10	52.73	.10
Valley View	58	313.06	.10
Lone Star	6	27.95	.08
Jefferson, Col.	7	30.46	.08
Myrtle Sp.	34	154.23	.08
Mosier V.	7	27.25	.07
New Hope	18	63.12	.06
Avinger	6	16.67	.05
Mt. Pleasant	7	9.51	.02
Hamby	6	18.34	.05
Sulphur Sp.	13	23.26	.03
Chireno	6	10.84	.02
Douglass	22	32.90	.02
Hillsboro	16	24.31	.02
Mt. Pleasant	7	9.51	.02
Springtown	12.00
Hail	10.60
Decoy	4.97

The report above shows the records made by the Sabbath Schools of the North Texas Conference during the year 1926. Eight schools reached the thirty cents per week for missions

through the Sabbath School, and two raised more than sixty cents, which is the total missions goal including all donations given to missions.

The Sabbath School offerings for the year 1926 were \$13,046.49, making an average of eighteen cents per week per member. This is just three cents more than half of what we should raise. We are going to publish in the Record, each quarter, a report of all the Sabbath Schools, so all may know how their school is getting along. We are pleased to note that in one Sabbath School, if they do not get the desired amount when the envelopes are taken up, they continue to pass the plate around until the goal for that day is reached. They do not fall below the goal at any time during the quarter. If every school will raise their goal every Sabbath, there will be no shortage at the end of the quarter, or year.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.
Nadine Harris, Secretary.

MISSIONS INVESTMENT DAY

You have, doubtless, read the article in last weeks RECORD, calling attention to the Missions Investment program to be held March 12th, in all our churches. The plan is to have a little program at the close of the Sabbath school, setting before our people the missions investment plan. I suppose every one of our members and our Sabbath school members believe that they should have some investment or rather should make some investment, in missions. Some of our people have made very large investments, in that they have given their sons and daughters to go to foreign fields and in some instances never will see them again until they meet in the earth made new. The most of us are not called upon to make such investments as this, but would it not be nice if we would all mutually enter into the investment plan?

While we cannot invest sons and daughters, we can invest some little thing of value and give it opportunity to grow and help it develop into more value so we can make larger offerings to missions. The missions investment plan is a right hand helper in the sixty-cents-a-week fund. What we desire to do in North Texas is to raise sixty cents a week per member throughout the year for our entire membership. I am sure this can be done if we all rightly relate ourselves to it. It is intended that in the missions investment

plan each person will either invest in money or in some article of value a certain amount that it may grow and make a larger amount. I think in the previous article in the RECORD there were a number of suggestions made such as a certain number of rows of cotton or corn or other produce, also a setting of eggs or a number of eggs each week or a definite percent of eggs or any other produce. I have known of instances where people have made investments that seemed very small but when they were consecrated to the cause of God, he so blessed them that they produced many fold, so let us not despise the day of small things but let us each one take part in the missions investment plan and make some investment that will have opportunity to develop and grow, so that we will be able to place a larger amount in the missions investment than we have in the past.

R. L. BENTON.

SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARIES' HONOR ROLL

There are two things that largely determine the efficiency of a local Sabbath school secretary in her work of acting as a medium between her school and the Sabbath School Department of the conference. These two things are; reporting on time, and seeing that the report is complete and accurate. These two items are of vital importance to the one responsible for the Sabbath school work in the conference office.

During the year 1926, there were a number who faithfully performed their work in this respect. We want to express our appreciation for the good work of these secretaries. Below, is a list of those whose reports were complete, and were received on time, for the last quarter of the year.

Name of Secretary	Name of Church
Arthur Edebum	Fort Worth
Mrs. M. L. Lee	Corsicana (col.)
Betty Doub	Graham company
Virginia Means	Dallas
Evelyn Plemons	Dalworth
Freda Sadau	Olney company
Elizabeth Mosley	Terrel company
W. B. Capps	New Hope
Mrs. G. M. Taylor	Dallas (col.)

The following are those whose reports were received on time.

Mrs. C. C. Welch	Commerce company
Arnetis Gregory	Chireno
Mrs. E. S. Olson	Paris company
Mrs. Ralph Whitaker	Athens company
Mrs. D. D. Siebenlist	Henrietta
Mrs. W. F. Crowley	Fort Worth (Span.)

Mattie Mae Hoblit	Gainesville
Mrs. T. N. Polk	Salmon
Levonuia Holder	Mosier Valley
Mrs. Claude Dilden	Sherman
Lizzie Nystel	Clifton
Leona Laird	Keene
Benice Andrews	Jefferson
Lucile Turner	Corsicana
Rosetta Griffin	Jefferson (col.)
F. M. Jones	Waco (col.)
Mrs. Bain	Denison
Mrs. Flynn	Wichita Falls

Watch the RECORD for the names of those that will appear after the reports are received for the first quarter of this year.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Nadine Harris, Secretary

OBITUARY

MAYS—Mrs. Mary Jane, formerly Miss Mary Jane Williamson, was born in Salisbury, N. C., July 19, 1849. Died February 5, 1927, at the age of seventy-eight years, six months and seventeen days.

At the age of five, she moved from North Carolina to Newbern, Tennessee, with her parents, who were pioneers of that day, and both strong Christian characters. At the age of seven little Mary Jane gave her heart to God and later united with the Methodist church with her parents. She was firm in her faith and faithful to her covenant with the Lord through all these years.

As a child, she was very studious and when her parents bought toys for her they were always books. Her first teacher was the grandfather of Dr. William Anderson, Jr. who is now pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Dallas. In her young womanhood she had ambition to enter the medical profession and read to some extent along these lines, but the Civil War interfered with her plans, as it did with many others, and through her unselfish spirit she gave up her schooling so that her younger sisters and brother, six in number, might have the advantage of an education, for all of which her father had to pay in those days when there were no free schools.

She was married to Thomas Frazier at the age of nineteen, to which union was born four sons, Sam Willie, Thomas Franklin, Clarence who passed away in infancy, and Bob, to whom she was not only mother, but comrade as well, even to the teaching of her little boys to swim. Their

father, who was never well, passed away leaving mother with three boys to raise. Undaunted, she assumed this responsibility bravely and cheerfully. After four years, she was married to Thomas Jefferron Mays and in this union her mother heart was made happy by the birth of three little girls, Lucy, Jessy, and Sarah who passed away in infancy, and one boy, Cecil. The loss of the second husband necessitated her taking up again the responsibility of being father, mother and companion to a second family of children. She was a devoted mother, always putting the interests of her children first; never tiring of encouraging them to noble achievement and constantly guiding them in Christian endeavor. Through patient toil, she not only raised her own six children to maturity, but also three step-children and several other little orphans, to all of whom she was a real mother. Her greatest hope was to be allowed to live to see her children all settled in life, and she often expressed thankfulness at being allowed this privilege. And her last days were made happy by having all of them near her.

She was never too busy, even with all of her large family, to find time for church work and was always active in Sabbath school, missionary work and other church activities, training her children accordingly. About eight years ago, she became interested in the Seventh-day Adventist church and after making a close study was baptised in that faith by Elder George Seltzer, of the Dallas church, in which hope she continued faithful to the end.

Two years prior to the day she passed away, she fell, crippling herself to the extent that she was never able to walk again and became an invalid and shut-in, but always hopeful of full recovery. During the first of her illness, she was lovingly attended by Dr. Will Davis, an osteopath and a real Christian gentleman, who always took pleasure in talking with her about the beautiful truths of the Word of God. During a portion of the time, she was also lovingly attended by Dr. W. T. Baker who was never too busy and in too much of a hurry to stop and visit with her awhile.

She was made happy, too, by the many visits from the ladies of the Eastern Star, the Seventh-day Adventist church, and the many other friends

who were always dropping in for a little visit, or sending beautiful flowers to brighten up her room, which mother always called "God's thoughts." When visitors came, she was always the most cheerful one present, and when they would leave, she never failed to express gratitude for her many loving friends.

Being naturally spiritually minded, her last days were spent in fondest anticipation of the great life that lay beyond. When the end came, she closed her eyes in peaceful sleep, and of her it can truly be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the kingdom of thy Lord."

Words of comfort were spoken by Elder H. S. Prenier, assisted by Doctor Frank O. Wheeler. JESSY MAYS.

BEREA NEWS NOTES

Elders Benton and Prenier, Professor Pohle, Brethren Ortner and Ruf were visitors of our school Monday and Tuesday. They met with our local school board Monday evening to discuss plans for the upbuilding of the school.

Mrs. B. A. Wolcott went to Dallas with Elder and Mrs. Prenier to make them a visit. She expects to visit her son, Wesley, at Keene before returning home.

Mr. Roger Davis, county agent of Marion county met with the school Friday morning to organize the Community Agricultural Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Culpepper and Mrs. Hayes visited their brother Mr. B. A. Hood at New Hope on Tuesday and Wednesday of the past week.

The community was especially favored with a lecture given by Elder Prenier Tuesday evening, February 15.

Mr. Olga Johnson returned home Friday morning after a few days absence.

Elder J. S. Yates spoke to the students at vespers Friday evening on the subject of Friendship.

Mrs. J. W. Andrews, the school nurse, has been nursing in Jefferson during the past week.

Our school attendance increased to eighty-one members when Gladys Hess from Dallas enrolled Tuesday morning.

Elder French, of Keene, occupied the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath, The sermon on the Holy Spirit was enjoyed by a good attendance.

Miss Hand and Miss Dossett spent the week-end with Miss Hand's sister at Queen City.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Greenhill returned home Sabbath morning after a visit with relatives at New Hope.

Elder Yates and Professor Gunderson spent Sabbath with the Avinger church.

Mr. and Mrs. Benedict and Miss Bobbie Roe from Shreveport surprised their sister, Valerie Roe, with a visit over Sabbath and Sunday.

Relatives of the Wilburn family, from Houston, arrived Sabbath for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hopkins, their daughter, Pauline, Marvin Faudi, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Culpepper, from Shreveport, Louisiana visited friends and relatives here Sabbath afternoon.

The students enjoyed games and a marshmallow toast Saturday night.

DENISON MEETING

You will be glad to know as you read this that our public effort in Denison has commenced. Sunday, February 27, was the opening meeting and they are to run until the first of April. We have secured the Star Theater, which will seat 1,000 people, for our Sunday night services. Sister Tilden, a member of our little Denison company, donated five-sixths of the entire rent of the theater. The other members we have here are doing all they can too, to make the meeting a success, and have faith that it will be one. The conference has arranged for Brother Ortner and Sister Glendenning, of Dallas, to help in the service over week ends, and are also supplying us with several thousand tracts and papers for free distribution. If you have friends living in Denison write them of the meeting.

J. S. YATES.

OUR LIBERTY IN DANGER

The forces of evil are putting forth strenuous efforts to get Congress to pass religious laws which would seriously conflict with religious liberty. If you could spend several days at Washington, D. C. you would have the privilege of seeing our brethren at the present time putting forth untiring efforts in trying to hold back such evil enactments.

Each year one Sabbath has been devoted to a religious liberty program in order to keep our people informed along

these lines. This year the first Sabbath in March was set apart for this important work. The last number of the program should be a liberal offering toward the conference religious liberty fund. The offering is greatly needed for the paying of eight hundred *Liberty Magazine* subscriptions to prominent lawyers and educators residing in our field. Brethren, we must educate the public in regard to these far-reaching principles of religious liberty. Let the offering be a liberal one, after which you may also wish to take all the *Liberty Magazine* subscriptions possible, but be sure to send all such subscriptions through our office in order that there be no duplicating, since the conference is already sending eight hundred *Liberty Magazines* to prominent men and women outside of our faith.

C. G. ORTNER.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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Sec'y-Treas.—Lowell Estes

Oklahoma Book and Bible House:

Sec'y-Treas.—B. E. Bridwell

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES.

Brother Hooper is in the field busily engaged getting his canvassers started.

Among recent callers at the office were C. W. Cox, of Bartlesville, and Ray Guffey, of Shawnee.

A long distance call just received from Ardmore reported the death of Brother Bridwell's aunt, Mrs. Brewer.

Elder Clark is spending a few days at Weatherford and Binger before going to College View for Union College board meeting.

With the rush of work Mrs. Estes was called to help out in the office a few days. She has not forgotten how to do it and it seemed quite natural to have her numbered with the office working force.

Things have been very quiet about the conference office since the colporteurs' institute closed. The secretaries including the Book and Bible House secretary have been in the field and the change is very noticeable.

Elder Clark spent Friday, Sabbath and Sunday with the Follet and Shattuck churches. He reports a number of good meetings in spite of the fact that he arrived there in the worst bliz-

zard of the season. Many people in the country could not attend the service. The roads were blocked to the south church so a large number from there attended the city church.

Word coming from the last place visited by Sister Minnie Sype makes it possible to report that her visits among the churches in the conference were profitable and greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Elder Beddoe and Brother Bridwell spent several days at Ardmore over the week-end in a home missionary convention. Elder Eichman of the union conference joined them in this meeting. Sister Sype's assistance was greatly appreciated also.

Elder Dart has been under the weather with a heavy cold and spent the week-end at home and with the Oklahoma City church. He is just starting a tour of the southwest part of the state as these items are being written.

March 5 is an important day and is being emphasized by the present battle in Congress to secure the passage of a Sunday bill. It is Religious Liberty program day and we sincerely hope every church and company, also the isolated, will give the attention to this program of which it is worthy.

Elder Clark and Brother Estes made a trip to Guthrie last Tuesday to meet with the Commercial Club and city officials with a view to making arrangements for the camp meeting. The Methodists and Presbyterian people are desirous of arranging their meetings with ours so that our equipment may serve all.

Word from the elder of the East Cooper church assures us that all preparations will be made to make the church officers' convention to be held there March 11, 12, and 13, a profitable and pleasant meeting. The Shattuck group is already planning for a big meeting when the convention is held there March 18, 19, and 20.

OKMULGEE CALLS

A few days spent with the believers at Okmulgee were both enjoyable and profitable. Arriving there on Sabbath morning we were met at the depot by Brother Smith who took us three miles out to his farm where the other believers soon gathered and we held service at the home of the brother.

At the close of the service a number of questions were asked and a Bible study followed after which those faith-

ful people turned in their tithes with gladness of heart.

On Sunday we were taken four miles further out to hold a meeting at the Sunrise school house. Soon after sunset the visitors began to gather at the hall and so anxious were they to hear the message that they lighted up the hall and had it all ready when we got there. After speaking to them on the subject, "Life only in Christ" we had some very interesting testimonies interspersed with jubilees which were very inspiring.

At the close of the meeting the man in charge of the building extended to us a standing invitation to occupy the hall every second and fourth Sunday and impart to them more of this precious truth.

Consequent of the roads being very bad we were unable to respond to the invitation of Pastor Henderson of the Congregational church to occupy his pulpit on Monday night but assured him that we will not fail to respond on our next visit, weather permitting. It is also interesting to state that as a result of our visit one woman took her stand for the truth, and inspired by what she saw on Sabbath, has begun paying her tithes.

We thank the Lord for these providential openings and bright prospects. We feel that Okmulgee has issued her Macedonian call for help and we are hoping to launch an effort there and by God's help gather in a number of souls for the Master's kingdom. Remember these hungry souls when you pray.

SAMUEL A. HODGE.

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AN INTROSPECTION

"Behold, what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Behold now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." I John 3:1,2.

"For even hereunto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps." I Peter 2:21.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do what-

soever I command you." Jno. 15:14.

"And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." Heb.5:9.

Am I a son of God?

Am I like Jesus?

Am I following in His steps?

Am I His friend?

One of His commandments was, "Go ye." Am I obedient? Are you, dear reader? D. VAN CAMPEN.

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UNION NEWS NOTES

Elder M. B. Van Kirk is attending a meeting of the Broadview College board at La Grange, Illinois, this week.

Elder A. F. Harrison is conducting a colporteurs' institute at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Elder G. F. Eichman spent last Sabbath with the church at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Elder E. A. Pohle has just returned from the Arkansas Conference where he spent a few days in the interest of the educational and missionary volunteer departments.

Mr. W. E. Abernathy, General Conference Auditor, visited our office last week and audited the books of the Southwestern Union Conference, and reported everything in excellent condition.

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TEXICO NEWS NOTES

Brother Cecil Chastain, who has been ill, is steadily improving.

Elder J. E. Brown tells us that the Roswell Sabbath School is being held in the new unfinished church.

Miss Edith Johnson, who has been visiting the Slaters for the past six weeks, left last Sunday for California where she will spend a few weeks with her sister before sailing again for China.

Brother Aubry Chastain, who has been out of the colporteur work waiting on his brother, Cecil, is again in his field of labor.

Brother C. D. Colburn, another one time colporteur, has placed his order for some Bibles and supplies, saying he will soon be back in the work.

Brother T. A. Pate has gone to Amarillo to enter the book work. Brother Pate has canvassed before. Truly the Lord calls the colporteur back to his work.

Elder LaGrone, of Amarillo, has been visiting and studying with some who have recently moved there, and they will soon unite with the church. Surely the Lord is seeking those who seek Him.

Elder LaGrone reports a new interest manifested in their missionary society in Amarillo and they plan to use the *Present Truth* in their work. He will leave for Hereford and follow up the interest near the city, where he will hold meetings over the week-end.

Sister Hoyt, who has been in the hospital at Roswell, is much improved in health and expects to be able to leave there Tuesday, February 22. Being informed by the doctors that there was no hope for her recovery, yet through the prayers of our people she was restored.

Elder E. T. Wilson has been away from the office for the past week on an extended trip throughout the south and west part of the conference, also on a business trip to Loma Linda. He is joining Elder Casebeer the latter part of this week on a little prospecting tour in the neighborhood of Las Vegas. We hope to give his report later.

Elder Nelson plans to spend the week at Las Vegas and Mora County, returning for week-end to Gardner and Raton.

Elder A. G. Nelson has a growing interest in Mora County, New Mexico. He says: Another community is asking for meetings where there is a large protestant population. The interest at Gardner continues good. Several persons are joining the Bible reading class.

SPANISH WORK IN NEW MEXICO

The Sunday before last I went to visit the Spanish Presbyterian church and as they saw me they invited me to take charge of the young people's meeting.

The subject for that night was "How to Pull Together" and I took advantage and talked about the importance of cultivating the brotherly love of which Paul speaks and added that it was impossible to conceive such love if we were eating impure foods. I explained that is a reason why the Seventh-day Adventists teach and practice temperance.

When I closed, the pastor asked me to talk to them about temperance the next Sunday and I did it gladly.

After I explained that the observance of the law of God is love, for it is a law of love, and after I talked briefly of what the Scriptures says about food and about the care we are to take of our bodies I read a few quotations from the testimonies of Mrs. White.

When I finished, many of the brethren came to me to shake hands and told me they never before had realized the great importance of temperance, and its relation to religious matters, concerning the use of tea, coffee, chile, and meat. Then several asked me the name of the author of such a good book that tells the actual truth.

I am distributing much literature and even though the people seems to be quite indifferent and suspicious, it seems to me they do not receive with scorn the papers I give them as they do with the Baptist and Presbyterian literature.

May the Lord bless and guide those that are reading, so when those that preach the truth clearer come to them they do not feel offended but will accept the truth.

C. I. AYALA
Las Vegas, New Mexico

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS, THE INHERITORS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY BANNER

Speaking of the loyalty of the early reformers, when the German princes assembled at the Diet of Spire, and the hope of the world, as it were, seemed about to be crushed out, the Lord says, "The banner of truth and religious liberty which these reformers held aloft, has in this last conflict been committed to us," and further, "As we make God's word the guide of our lives. . . the acknowledgement of the truth in word and deed is our confession of faith. Only thus can others know that we believe the Bible." Test. Vol. 6: 402-403.

Speaking again of our activities to enlighten the world upon the principles of religious liberty the servant of God tells us that, "Everything that we can do

should be done that those who are willing to suffer for the truth's sake may be saved from oppression and cruelty. . . . But the people of God are not to hide their banner. They are not to ignore the commandments of God, and in order to have an easy time, go with the multitude to do evil." Vol. 9: 230.

So dear brethren, while God has committed to us His precious banner of truth and religious liberty, let us never forget that the world is watching to see if we are true to our profession, while scattering the literature bearing the message pertaining to this great issue, for only as we practice the truth before our neighbors and friends will they be convinced that we believe the Bible.

Then let us go forth as an "Army with banners," doing everything possible to enlighten the world of the coming crisis by making liberal contributions Sabbath, March 5, that the great moulder of public thought may find its way into the homes and offices of every leader in the Texico Conference, and by scattering the printed pages dealing with this particular subject, and last, but by no means the least, let us never forget that, "The most powerful argument", which we are able to present is a clean, pure Christian life. E. T. WILSON.

OUR SCHOOLS LIKE CITIES OF REFUGE

The Lord has told us that our schools are to be like cities of refuge for the tempted youth, and as asylums for those who are sorely tried, and to fit the youth to stand in the day of God's preparation, protecting them from the infidel sentiments of the world, and prepare them for the heavenly school, and that these institutions should be object lessons for surrounding communities.

Ever since the subtle tempter succeeded in getting our first parents to receive a bit of mixed knowledge, the question of what should and what should not be taught in the schools has been one of supreme importance, and one over which there will be a controversy until the close of time. And it is not a strange thing that the same subtle influences come knocking at the doors of these "cities of refuge," neither is it strange that now and again, those who are not familiar with the warnings of the Lord concerning the danger of this worldly wise nostrum from the leaves of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, should get into

an institution of the Lord's planting, and thus succeed in turning the tide of that center of learning's influence in the wrong direction for a time.

That the above is not an overdrawn picture is evident from the following words from the Spirit of Prophecy; "Though in many respects our institutions of learning have swung into worldly conformity, though step by step they have advanced toward the world, they are prisoners of hope. . . . If they will listen to His voice and follow His ways, God will correct and enlighten them, and bring them back to their upright position of distinction from the world." Vol. 6, pp. 145.

Oh, how it ought to rejoice our hearts to know that God has not cut off these little cities of refuge, and left the Advent youth with no place to flee for safety in these troublous times.

The great question with everyone of us then is, how shall we relate ourselves to these divinely appointed havens of rest for our children? What shall we do about it when things seem to be going in the wrong direction around our colleges and academies? Shall we say, "Well, the schools of the world are just as good, and I am going to send my children there?" No, no, let us not say that, for this would please the enemy, and be an acknowledgment of defeat, and make it impossible for the schools to serve their purpose, so far as we are concerned, and would give the lie to our profession concerning Christian education.

Rather, let us be slow to criticise that which God has planted, but swift to pray earnestly that He may impart wisdom to those who have to do with selecting faculties to teach in these institutions of learning, that the day may speedily come when every worldly influence may be uprooted from these cities of refuge, and that they may occupy their rightful place distinct from the world.

The writer was impressed with the sacredness of these asylums for the sorely-tried youth recently while visiting some of the more important ones, and listened to teachers and students with one accord tell why they were there, giving their lives in unselfish service, or training to go to some far-away mission land to tell the sweet story of God's love to those who know Him not.

While our schools have not always been what God intended, the tide has surely turned, and beyond a shadow of a doubt we are soon to see them standing in that "upright position of distinc-

tion from the world." And for this high ideal shall we not, one and all, work and pray so that when the Master comes, we shall, with our boys and girls, enter the great school above?

E. T. WILSON.

good credit for the coming year of school.
P.L. THOMPSON.

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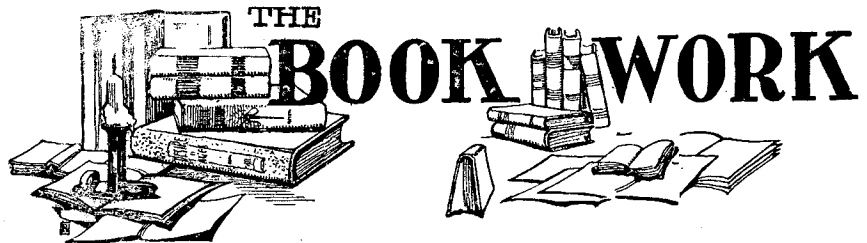
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A. A. Prewitt	HM	49	6	24.00	71.50	95.50	13.50
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