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SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

On this page of the RECORD you will find a statement of the sixty-cents-a-week fund for the year 1926. You will note that the white membership raised 68 68% of their quota and the colored membership 43% or an average of 66.17% for white and colored.

While this is much less than we had hoped to raise yet we are pleased to note we have made an increase of 4% over the standing for 1925. We trust that we will make a greater advancement during the coming year.

C. E. SMITH,
Treasurer of the S. W. Union Conf.

COLORED BELIEVERS, ATTENTION!

The attention of the constituency of the Southwestern Union Conference is called to the Institutional Relief Campaign, which is set for February 5 to 26, 1927. Each member is asked to sell one copy of "Christ's Object Lessons," and turn in the full amount to your

church treasurer or to donate personally \$2.00. All the money raised by colored believers will be used in improvements of the Oakwood Junior College the only school devoted to the training of our colored youth. Let us all rally in this drive and do our part. We are counting on you.

J. G. D.

OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE

I have just returned from the biennial constituency meeting of the Oakwood Junior College, Huntsville, Alabama. The meeting was held in the chapel January 21, 1927. It was a very interesting session. With a great deal of interest and pleasure we noted the progress and advancement of the institution as brought to view in the reports of the president and treasurer.

While there I took some time walking about the campus noticing a few of these improvements and the needs of the place.

One of the many buildings under process of construction is a new dormi-

tory for our girls—a commodious three-story building 32x106 feet, containing about fifty rooms; this includes guest parlors, preceptress quarters, bathroom, and other apartments. We are hoping that this new dormitory will be ready for our girls at the opening of the next school term. It will take between \$75.00 and \$100.00 to furnish one room. All the money raised in the Institutional Relief Campaign, February 5-26, will be used to furnish this new dormitory. Please do your part. Sell one copy of "Christ's Object Lessons," and turn in the full amount to your church treasurer or donate personally \$2.00.

It might be there are those among us who are willing to be responsible for the furnishing of a room. You are welcome to do so, but let all money be paid to your church treasurer who will hand it over to the conference treasurer, who will in turn hand it over to the manager of the Oakwood Junior College.

J. GERSHOM DASENT.

DAVIS INDIANS

Word just comes that Brethren Cott and Christian with their wives, have started on their way into the interior of Guiana, to Mt. Roraima, where they will establish a mission among the Carib Indians of that district.

The Lord greatly prospered them in their plans and it is very evident that He is leading them to this, another field, where the banner of truth is to be planted.

They are leaving civilization so far behind that they had to take food supplies sufficient for months, and it will require nearly one hundred Indian carriers to get these supplies to Mt. Roraima.

We are happy to note that the Post Office officials are co-operating also, in that they hope to establish fortnightly service to the Mission Station and have already furnished mail bags marked "Mt. Roraima S. D. A. Mission." These families need our prayers as do also the Indians among whom they will labor, so let us not forget them and especially just now as they are on their journey, that the

STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND FOR FIFTY-TWO WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 25, 1926.

Conference	Membership	Am't at \$31.20		Amount Cents per	
		Per Member	Amount Received	Short	Member
(White)					
Arkansas	500	15,600.00	8,403.61	7,196.39	.328
N. Texas	1555	36,036.00	22,196.88	13,839.12	.370
Oklahoma	2055	64,116.00	46,772.78	17,343.22	.438
S. Texas	632	19,713.40	15,337.65	4,380.75	.467
Texico	429	13,384.80	9,517.76	3,867.04	.427
	4771	148,855.20	102,228.68	46,626.52	.412
				68.68 per cent.	
(Colored)					
Arkansas	72	1,872.00	779.87	1,092.13	.208
N. Texas	79	2,054.00	944.65	1,109.35	.230
Oklahoma	106	2,756.00	920.87	1,835.13	.167
S. Texas	310	8,060.00	3,495.05	4,564.95	.217
Texico	52	1,352.00	780.10	571.90	.289
	619	16,094.00	6,920.54	9,173.46	.215
				43.00 per cent	
(Combined)					
White	4771	148,855.20	102,228.68	46,626.52	.412
Colored	619	6,920.54	6,920.54	9,175.46	.215
	5390	164,949.20	109,149.22	55,799.98	.389
				66.17 per cent	

Lord may prosper and protect them, and ultimately make them a great blessing in that district.—M. A. Holister, in Field Gleanings.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

1215 Marshall St.
Little Rock, Ark.
President—R. P. Montgomery
Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black
Arkansas Tract Society:
Sec'y-Treas.—L. J. Black

ARKANSAS NEWS NOTES

Brother G. C. Jenks, of Kensett, called at the office Tuesday morning.

Elder Baker and Brother and Sister Anderson are working in Hatten.

Elder Montgomery is spending a few days in the office now.

Elder Haughey and Brother Young are attending the Bookmen's convention in Nashville this week.

Brothes Van Campen stopped for a few minutes the middle of last week. He was on his way to attend the Bookmen's Convention at Nashville.

We find it necessary to order more Sabbath school banners, as we did not have enough of them to supply the needs this quarter.

The remodeling of the office building is well under way at the present writing. The plasterers will begin their work as soon as the rain ceases so they can operate.

Brother Twiggs writes that he has found about three places in and near Gentry calling for meetings. He plans to conduct a series as soon as the rains let up so that it will be possible.

Elder Pohle and Elder Haughey will hold a meeting in the Little Rock church the last of this week. They are working in the interest of the home missionary and young people's work in this state.

Fort Smith's thirteenth Sabbath offering lacked \$1.24 of reaching the goal. When they were notified of this shortage they took up another offering and sent it in, so they are entitled to keep the Banner another quarter.

Elder Corwin, who is working at Texarkana, writes: "We are holding some cottage meetings here that are very interesting. One we hold every Sunday afternoon. This afternoon we had three men and three women, heads of families. I am just giving the Sabbath Question through the prophecies. These six are

regular attendants at every meeting. We have never had any one more interested than all of these are. They are all working to get more to attend the meeting. Some of these have promised to come to church next Sabbath. We have other meetings that are just as interested, for which we are very hopeful."

BIBLE YEAR CERTIFICATES

Those recently reporting to us having read the Bible through are: Elder R. P. Montgomery, Sister Emma J. Songer, D. M. Ross, H. M. J. Richards, Mayme Jackson, and Irene McCormick, Brethren J. A. Cupp, W. M. Brinegar, and W. L. Loudon. Charles Beeler finished the Junior Bible year. Elder Montgomery has read the Bible through twenty-two times and is now on his twenty-third reading. Miss Songer writes that she has read it through six times since 1917, and Brother Brinegar says this is his fourth time.

No doubt there others in the conference who have finished the Bible year. We shall be glad for you to write in for a certificate if you are due one.

Two years are allowed for the reading of the Bible. Those who wish to start either the Junior or Senior Bible year, please notify Elder Haughey and he will be glad to send you a schedule for daily reading.

HATTON, ARKANSAS

We came to Hatton, January 14th to fill an appointment over Sabbath and Sunday, expecting the next night to begin another meeting in an adjoining neighborhood, but the rains set in and have continued so constantly that it has been impossible for people to attend. Therefore we are spending the time in visiting and holding Bible studies in the homes of the interested ones all the weather will permit.

We plan to go to De Queen Friday January 28 and remain over Sabbath and Sunday, where a baptismal service will be held.

ISAAC BAKER

WORK FOR COLORED PEOPLE IN ARKANSAS

January 15 and 16 were glorious days in Little Rock church No. 2. On Sabbath, the 15th, we received into the church six persons subject to baptism. These will be baptized at our next baptismal services, January 29. On the first

of January we baptized three and received one on former baptism. One of this number is a blind young man whose mother was the first one to keep the Sabbath in the West Helena company.

Sunday, the 16th, at the evening services we received another member subject to baptism. When these last seven have been baptized we will have received into the church eleven souls for 1927. Our goal for this year is fifty.

The Little Rock church has recently elected a full set of officers for 1927. Wesley Loudon was elected and ordained as local elder.

We ask of our colored people of Arkansas to remember our state meeting in special prayer. Russellville—February and March—a special meeting! Sister Caroline Smith is spreading literature among the people there to prepare souls for our coming.

Pray for the half million colored people of Arkansas. W. S. NORTH

DID CHRIST ARISE ON SUNDAY? NO 2

It was shown in the preceding article that the clause, "In the end of the Sabbath," Matt. 28:1, was used not only to denote the closing hours of the Sabbath but also included a period of time after its close.

The next statement is "as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre," etc.

Strong in his Bible Concordance says the word "dawn" means, as used in this scripture, "To begin to grow light, to illuminate, to give light."

Webster's Dictionary says "dawn" means "Break of day, grow light."

Thus it is plain that after the Sabbath was past, as it began to grow light the first day morning the Marys came to the tomb and found it empty. This, doubtless, was the same time referred to in Jno. 20:1, of Mary's going there while it was yet dark, and as she stood near the sepulchre Jesus appeared to her and told her not to touch him. Jno. 20:11-17. She then with the other women went to tell the disciples, Jno. 20:2-4, and Luke 24:10-12, and Peter and John ran to the sepulchre and saw the empty tomb, then returned home.

While those women were on their way to tell the disciples of what they had seen after Jesus had appeared to Mary at the tomb, Jesus met all of them, Matt. 28:7-9; Mark 16:9, and they held him by the feet.

The fact that Matthew does not make mention of the women bringing spices,

and Mark and Luke do, does not prove that each writer was speaking of a different visit any more than the fact Jno. 12:15, says Jesus sat on an ass's colt when he went into Jerusalem, while Matt. 21:7, says he sat on both the colt and its mother, prove there were two triumphal entries.

The Saviour told his disciples at different occasions that he would be crucified and arise the third day, Matt. 16:21; 20:17-19; Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22. If we can learn which was the third day after his trial, suffering, and death then we will know beyond a doubt which day he arose, for he was to arise the third day. So let us go to Luke 24:20, 21, where the two disciples, on the first day of the week were explaining to Jesus about the trial and suffering of Christ, said "This is the third day since these things were done."

Since he was to arise on the third day, and the first day of the week was the third day, it is plain he arose on the first day of the week.

ISAAC BAKER.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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

NORTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Every worker sell two Object Lessons and every layman one, and the profits to be turned in for institutional relief. Will you?

Remember the Big Week profits count on the sixty-cents-a-week fund. North Texas raised thirty-four cents in 1926. We are going to do better.

Brother Ruf is visiting our schools and young people in the Jefferson and New Hope districts. Our young people's work is continuing to show growth, for which we are grateful.

Miss Harris, our departmental office secretary, is detained at home through illness the day these items are written. We hope soon to see her smiling face in the office again.

Brother Norman is starting out several new colporteurs this week. Watch the orders mount up as spring draws near. We must have more colporteurs, too. Does this mean you?

Brother Salazar, in charge of our Spanish work, is working steadily to

build up a congregation in Dallas. The interest is growing. He expects to go to Phoenix soon to attend the Spanish worker's institute.

Elder Wolfe reports continued and increasing interest in the work at Lufkin. The brethren are looking forward to a school and place of worship there. Elder Benton plans to visit Elder Wolfe a few days beginning with Sabbath the 5th.

Elder Yates plans to begin a series of meetings in Denison about the second week in February. Brother Ortner is going to assist Brother Yates in this meeting. We hope every office worker may from time to time get some experience in our evangelistic work.

Big Week is coming. — North Texas led all the conferences in the three southern unions last year in institutional relief; now let us lead them all this year in Big Week. Everyone a colporteur during Big Week. From the president to the plowman. Watch for the signal.

Continuous rains throughout the field give bright promise of a good season in the ground for next spring's crops and encourages all to hope for a prosperous year in 1927. Better still is the bright promise of God that if His people will bring all the tithes into the storehouse He will rebuke the devourer for their sakes. Does not this include drouth and panic and all things that devour?

Elder Miller, our colored evangelist, began a series of meetings some time ago at Mosier Valley. They were hindered by the rainy weather but a good interest was manifested while the meetings lasted. These will likely be continued again soon. Elder Miller has other appointments for the immediate future. The colored work is gaining in strength and interest. The tithe is showing a good growth.

All isolated and churches will please bear in mind that the Institutional Relief program which was to have been held the 5th of February has been postponed one week on account of the delay in getting out the special programs which are being printed at Keene. These programs will arrive in time for the 12th and will be of interest to those who are loyal to the plan of relieving our institutions of debt.

Is Sabbath Keeping A Question of Morals? Many people think it is just that, and so have a perverted conception

of God's true Sabbath. Do you have friends or neighbors who wonder about the real significance of the seventh-day Sabbath? Give them a copy of the *March Watchman*, containing this convincing article. Order yearly subscriptions in lots of four or more, sent to separate addresses, for only \$1.05 each. Single yearly subscription, \$1.75. Ten or more copies, ten cents each.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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Oklahoma Book and Bible House

Sec'y-Treas.—B. E. Bridwell

EAST COOPER CHURCH SCHOOL

In spite of the storm it was a pleasure to visit the Omega and East Cooper churches in the interest of the church school work. I spent Sabbath in Omega and am glad to report the prospects of a church school there another year.

It was a real inspiration to visit the school at East Cooper and find the splendid work that is being done by the church there along real educational lines. I met with the school board Sunday night for the purpose of checking the school, and we found things in the best of condition both in appearance and in operation. We were able to give them a B rating. I believe with a few improvements, East Cooper can be a grade A school. Miss Esther Kraft, who is the teacher, is doing a good work not only with the students but with all the young people of the church. She has the full confidence of the students and patrons who in turn are supporting their teacher and school. The board is working out plans for a two teacher ninth grade school for another year. The students are spiritually minded and doing well in their prayer bands and Missionary Volunteer work.

K. L. GANT.

The Comparison of Religions. The present popular attitude of believing in the good of all religions, tried out for millenniums on the best testing ground the world has produced,—and the result. Here is food for thought. Share it with your friends and neighbors. Your Book and Bible House can fill your order for ten or more copies at ten cents each. Why not place some subscriptions? Only \$1.75 a year. \$1.05 each for a club of four or more, sent to separate addresses.

DUNCAN AND CHOCTAW

I hardly ever see anything in the RECORD from a layman, but I am going to write a little as some of our friends might like to know where we are and what we are doing.

It was with some hesitancy that we left Duncan after having been there for several years. The work was first started there, I think, in about 1921 under the leadership of Brother and Sister G. E. Smith who aroused quite an interest there at that time. Brother Smith being a "rig contractor" and general contractor as well furnished employment to quite a number of Adventists. Brother Smith, with some others, tried to have an effort held here at that time, offering to help in a financial way, but the conference for some reason was not able to open the work there at that time.

In the words of Luke in Acts 2: 5 there were at that time men from almost every state and some other nations as well. How devout they were I cannot say, but they were there. When the oil boom died out and Brother Smith left the interest almost died too. There were, however, a few faithful ones left, who kept working and praying and they have had the satisfaction of seeing the congregation grow from a handful to about fifty each Sabbath.

The Lord has been with us in getting a house to worship in. The Methodist people have let us have their nice building to worship in, free of rent. When they changed pastors we did not know how we would fare, but the new one was as nice to us as the old one. We now have a church school with Brother Elbert Gepford as teacher, and have bought a small building in which to hold the school, but they still meet on the Sabbath in the Methodist church.

For the last half of 1926 the church goal was \$50.00 a quarter and they went "over the top," which is pretty good for a few women and only two men. Pray for the work at Duncan.

Brother Seamen advertized in the RECORD for a rentor for his place near Choctaw who would carry on the work there which he and his wife had started. I qualified, (I suppose) at any rate we are here and with the Lord's help we will do our very best. The interest here is very good at present. Brother Seaman has had a hard pull here, as it is the home of H. W. Rupert, and he has had that error to contend with. They were only organized in May 1926, I think, and their offerings have been over \$85.00 for the balance of the year.

We have some help from Oklahoma City nearly every Sabbath, as we have our meetings in the afternoon and are only sixteen miles from Oklahoma City. Pray for the work here, and also for us on whom the responsibilities of it rest.

S. L. HOLMES.

SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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South Texas Book and Bible
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TEXICO CONFERENCE

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Texico Book and Bible House:

A WORD FROM HONDO

To a small group of students there is perhaps not a place in the southwest that is more beneficial to them at the present time than the little church school located sixteen miles south of Hondo,

I must say we are working under very difficult circumstances, due to the loss of our school house by fire. We are using our church with its straight seats, which of course makes it very uncomfortable. Neither have we any library of which to boast. But if you could walk in for chapel some morning and listen to our teacher, Brother John Gepford, give us one of his uplifting talks, you would say, "No wonder those students are willing to buckle down and get Geometry, History, Bible, etc.

The lower grades are taught by Mrs. H. J. Spicer. They are doing all that could be expected of them. Their willingness to get the lessons assigned, the quietness that prevails in their room, and even while playing on the school ground, all go to show that never before has this school had such a measure of success.

Our motto is, "Let us all work together for the greater success of the Hondo church school."

A STUDENT-

A Woman's Religion. A penetrating article for woman who live deeply. In this article is portrayed the comfort, joy, and assurance experienced in living the consecrated life. Sound the call for deeper consecration to our Saviour by distributing this March number. Place some subscriptions, \$1.05 each in club of four or more. \$1.75 for one yearly subscription. Ten copies, ten cents a copy. Your Book and Bible House will supply your needs.

The Long Shadow of Babylon the Great falls across the pathway of na-

tional greatness today. Will statesmen follow back with their eyes and learn from the past? Prominent men everywhere would study this article. Why not order a club of four or more, \$1.05 each, to be sent to separate addresses? One yearly subscription \$1.75. Order lots of ten or more at ten cents a copy. Write to your Book and Bible House.

TEXICO NEWS ITEMS.

A letter just received from Elder C. S. Lonacre, General Secretary of the Religious Liberty Department, informs us that we are facing a critical situation in Washington at the present time.

This situation arises because of another Sunday Bill introduced into the senate, which, if it should become law, would affect the whole union.

The number of this bill is, S 4821. It is to be hoped that every believer in the third angel's message, if we are the one hundred per cent. Americans, will, at this time, write a tactful letter to the United States Senator from his district, petitioning him to oppose this and other proposed Sunday legislation.

Dear Brethren, let us not fail in this important matter now, for to do so, may very materially hinder the progress of our work.

The El Paso missionary volunteer society of twenty-one members, nine seniors, and twelve juniors, raised for Harvest Ingathering \$162.67, which is \$12.67 above their goal of \$10.00 for senior and \$5.00 for junior. We hope the juniors all over our conference will do that well another year.

C. U. TAYLOR

AN OPEN LETTER
TO THE TEXICO CONFERENCE

Dear Fellow-Soldiers:-

Please pick up that statement sent you a few days ago and note the encouraging features of it. See how much better you did during 1926 as compared with 1925. Is it not cause for rejoicing when we see that, in spite of the large slump in prices of all kinds of farm products, a gain was made in every single goal which had to do with finances?

These lines are being written just before leaving for Nashville, where a large representative gathering of workers will meet with bookmen who long ago told us that "There is no crisis with the Lord", and some way I believe Texico folks are adopting this splendid slogan for all their endeavor. The writer anticipates a large measure of inspiration which always comes from such meetings as will be held in Nashville from January 21 to 28. So please pray for brethren Slater, Taylor, Kinder, and myself as we attend this meeting, that God will help us to receive from, and put into this convention all that He plans for us; and also that we may bring back to you a good report and a few grapes, that we may all catch a vision of what God is actually doing right here in our own field, even in troublous times.

In closing this letter may we remind you again that we have everything to encourage us, and nothing discouraging to say about our past endeavors for the Master, but in the language of the "True Witness", to the churches may I say, "I know thy works and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience; and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things", of which I wish to speak, and they are summed up in one statement viz: "Thou sufferest members of the opponents of Joshua and Caleb to teach in your congregations, and this ought not to be so."

E. T. WILSON

**"WITH THANKSGIVING LET
YOUR REQUESTS BE
MADE KNOWN"**

If the above admonition is appropriate when making our requests known to God, would it not be well to accompany them to His children with expressions of gratitude?

As evidence of the writer's belief in the affirmative answer to the above question, he is taking this opportunity of expressing his deep appreciation for the splendid cooperation on the part of the believers in the Texico Conference in making the 1926 record what it is; for we want you to know that this was not accomplished by those living in Clovis, nor at any other one place, but by the church as a whole.

True it is, some did better than others, but we hope the excellent records made by some, may provoke the rest of us to better endeavors next time.

The new year stretches out before us all. The way is untried, save by Him

who is the "way, the truth, and the life," and if we keep our eyes upon Him, we shall not lose our way, nor fail to reach any goal set for us by Him. So in requesting you to join us in each campaign, and special offering again this year, we would point you to the One great Leader, who never failed nor became discouraged.

Would it not be well to begin the first month in the year, and keep a check on how we stand on our individual goals? It appears to me if we were to do this we should not find it so hard to finish our year's work with joy.

Again thanking our faithful band of Christian soldiers in Texico for their loyalty during 1926; we take this as an earnest of what we may expect in 1927, and pledge to you our whole-hearted cooperation in service to the cause of the third angel's message this New Year.

E. T. WILSON.

**ECHOES FROM THE SOUTHERN
PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION**

That the Bookman's convention being held in Nashville at the present time is the greatest meeting of its kind ever conducted is the unanimous conviction of all in attendance.

An earnest desire on the part of all classes of workers for soul-winning power was expressed in the testimonies bourned the very first meeting, and the keynote was sounded by Elder J. L. McElhany, Vice-president of the North American division of the General Conference, when he pleaded for a clean ministry—one that really believed the message, and lived it out in the individual life.

A stirring message by Elder N. Z. Town, General Secretary of the Publishing Department on Sabbath morning from the words of the Master when He said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears," bringing before our minds the marvelous working of God among these engaged in the literature ministry, declaring that we have come to a new day in our work, and surely that prophecy uttered so many years ago concerning this branch of the work is meeting a definite fulfillment before our eyes as we see book work advancing "with increasing success."

And truly it is just one thrilling story from the day that little tear-stained *Present Truth* took its flight from New England, leaving a stream of light behind it, until now it has reached around the world, fulfilling the statement that "largely through the circulation of our

publications is this work to be accomplished."

The all-prevailing sentiment of every person attending this convention is that we have reached a time when we must address ourselves to a definite program of personal evangelism, whether we are a home missionary, field, Book and Bible House, or Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer secretary, and the personal conviction of the writer is that we have reached the time when every believer in the third angel's message should catch just such a vision of soul-winning endeavor for himself, and it is to be hoped that Texico will come behind in no good gift along these lines.

E. T. WILSON.

**CATECHISTICAL INSTRUCTION
FOR CHURCH MISSIONARY
SECRETARIES**

No 1

In this, the early part of the year, when new church officers are becoming acquainted with and accustomed to their duties, a bit of counsel to the faithful army of church missionary secretaries throughout our ranks, regarding the successful carrying forward of their work, will not come amiss. The question and answer method of imparting information being very effective, that form will be followed in a series of three articles covering this subject.

1. What qualifications are necessary in a successful missionary secretary?

Answer: The essential requisites for success in this line of service might be summed up under three headings:

1. A victorious Christian life.
2. Consecration to the work of God and earnest, effective missionary service for its furtherance.
3. Business ability and carefulness in attending to details.

2. What relationship does the church missionary secretary sustain to the church?

Answer: The church missionary secretary is its business agent and sustains the same relationship to the church as does the Book and Bible House Secretary to the conference.

3. What are the duties of the church missionary secretary?

Answer: The most important duties devolving on the church missionary secretary are:

1. Church business agent.
 1. Order all literature used by the church.
 2. Keep literature fund.

3. Pay bills to conference Book and Bible House.

2. Pertaining to records.

1. Record church missionary receipts.

2. Collect and report individual reports.

3. Report missionary work done and standing of finances to church and conference Home Missionary Secretary.

4. Keep minutes of First Sabbath meeting, weekly missionary meetings and meetings of the Missionary Committee.

3. Cooperation.

1. With elder, missionary leader and all other church officers.

2. With all church members.

This article deals with the work of the church missionary secretary in a general sense. The two which follow will take up in a more detailed way the duties outlined herein.

RUTH TYRRELL, Office Secretary, General Conference Home Missionary Department.

HOME NURSING CLASSES

If we cannot secure a nurse—then what? Over and over again you have read "Every church should be a training school for Christian workers . . . There should be schools of health, cooking schools and classes in various lines of Christian help work. There should not only be teaching but actual work under experienced instructors" and you have said "But we have no experienced instructor available in our isolated church or community to teach us these things. Especially do we need a nurse to teach, us nursing, care of the sick in the home."

If you can not secure such help why not do the next best thing? Take the course of lessons in Home Nursing offered by the Fireside Correspondence School. The lessons carefully studied will help you many times in your sick problems in your home and community and lay a foundation on which to build in your future reading along the lines of hygiene and health and home care of the sick.

As you progress in your studies you may find a graduate nurse to assist you in learning how to do the simple nursing tasks outlined in the course such as reading a clinical thermometer, making an occupied bed, giving a soap wash, a fever sponge, or a simple treatment. All these and other skills should be the accomplishment of every member of a Seventh-day Adventist church.

If you can secure a nurse to teach an organized class write the General Conference Medical Department for detailed instruction, and if you are situated where no such help is available write the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C. for a description of the course they offer.

The Medical Department is assisting the Fireside School to make available to every one an organized outline of instruction to those who want the best in this line that can be offered through correspondence.

KATHRYN L. JENSEN, R. N. Medical Dept., Nursing Division.

IT'S RESULTS THAT COUNT

At the close of a recent meeting in the Laguna Street church, San Francisco, the *Signs* was presented. At the rear of the church a brother spoke up and declared that he believed the distribution of literature to be the most economical method of reaching the world with this message and that he therefore wished to renew and enlarge his club, which was already a very large one.

Then up rose a sister and declared that she had been sending the *Signs* to her brother in Mexico for fifteen years and that just recently he had accepted the truth.

Then another brother got up to tell of sending the *Signs* to a friend of his whom he had not seen for ten years. He did not tell his friend that he was sending the paper. Some months later he visited this man. The conversation was scarcely opened before his friend began to tell of receiving a paper called the

Signs and of how he believed it contained the truth. A Bible study followed and the man accepted the message.

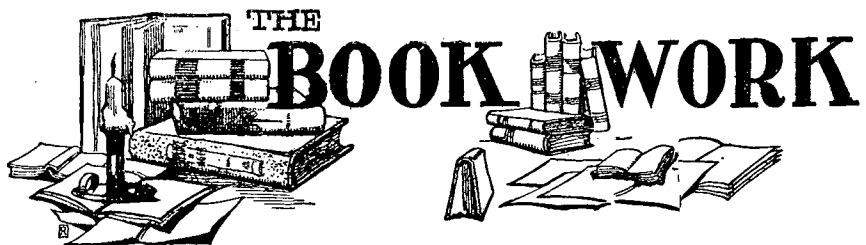
Still another brother arose to testify. Said he: "I was taking a club of ten *Signs* and finally got discouraged and dropped them because I didn't see any results. But just a little while after, I discovered that one of the people to whom I had been sending the *Signs* had joined the church. I'm going to take a club this morning." Thus the meeting went. When it was ended the church members had subscribed for almost exactly 800 *Signs* for 1927.

It's results that count, and those who are using the *Signs* are most enthusiastic about continuing their distribution of it. If your club is expiring within the next few weeks, why not renew immediately so that there will be no break in your missionary work? Result come to those who continue to use the *Signs* regularly and systematically.

ARE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS BLASPHEMERS?

During the past two or three years the various "Bible Institutes" of America have been very zealously distributing tracts and articles declaring that Seventh-day Adventists are blasphemers. They say we make the devil our saviour because of our teaching on the scape-goat in connection with the sanctuary question.

Our people and ministers everywhere are meeting this slander more and more, and it is high time that a comprehensive and conclusive treatment of this point is broadcasted to the honest in heart who may be trapped by these



COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT

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Remember the Date of our Institute FEBRUARY 7th.

allegations.

Elder Milton C. Wilcox, one of our veteran Bible expositors, has prepared a final answer to this charge against us. This will appear in the February 15 *Signs*.

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PARENTS! TAKE NOTICE

(The following very interesting account of a survey of our young people in the Montana Conference is given with the hope that it may be helpful to some who are halting between two opinions as to where to get their education.)

Up to Monday, December 27, the names of 270 children and young people of Adventist parents including one young person alone in the truth, were returned in as a result of the census campaign being conducted by the Missionary Volunteer Department of Montana. 88 out of the 270 are between the ages of 12 and 25. These 88 are within the age when 90 per cent of the baptized children of S. D. A. parents are converted.

Will you not give the following survey of these 88 young people your most careful and prayerful consideration? It presents a problem which we in Montana MUST solve:

Fifty-two Faithful

Fifty-two young people out of the eighty-eight are now faithful to the church. Thirty-five of these faithful fifty-two HAVE attended church school at least one year or are attending this year. That leaves seventeen faithful young people who have never attended our schools.

ONLY two of these seventeen are above twenty years of age. In other words, out of fifty-two young people

who are faithful there are but two above twenty years of age who have never attended our own church schools! And these two accepted the truth after they were twenty years of age!

Out of all the young people of these eighty-eight who previously knew the truth, not a single one stayed in the truth beyond twenty years of age without attending our own schools!

What should these facts mean to us as Christians?—That we should work as for life to get our own young people in our own schools while they are children, and not to leave a stone unturned to place them in the church schools and our Academy.

If we are not successful in placing them in our schools while they are young, there is hardly any chance whatsoever of keeping them in the truth beyond twenty years of age.

Thirty-six Unfaithful

Now let us look at the remaining thirty-six young people who are not faithful to the church. Why ARE they unfaithful?

Thirty-one of them never attended our schools at all. THREE of them took the ninth and tenth grades at Mt. Ellis Academy, but it was too late. They should have had eight grades in the church school. ONE went to our schools five years, but afterwards attended a University and so the truth was undermined by the worldly theories and allurements. The thirty-sixth one attended our schools for nine years, but married out of the truth and so, as in many other similar cases, is unfaithful.

Do not these figures prove that sending our young people to the worldly schools makes them go into the world? There is no immunity from it either by age, disposition, talents, home environments, or sex. If we take the risk we must pay the price.

Marrying Unbelievers

Seventeen of these eighty-eight young people of Seventh-day Adventist parents have already married out of the truth.

Fifteen of them have married out of the truth within the last four years at an average age of twenty years and twenty-one days.

At this rate, during a cycle of twenty years, seventy-five out of eighty-eight would marry out of the truth.

Only two of the seventeen were reported as "faithful to the church."

One mother frankly confessed that her daughter was "trying to be."

God has repeatedly warned His people against this worldly inter-marriage during a period of thousands of years. "I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit." Isaiah 48:17.

Let us profit by the many pitfalls which have caught our Montana young people. Let us train every young man and every young woman in God's own schools. Then God can save our young people.

REUBEN E. NELSON, in North Pacific Union Gleaner.

WHEN SUPPER IS OVER

Evenings are the beginnings of a new day. An evening spent in studying a lesson in Bible Doctrines, or learning to speak or write effectively, or mastering some of the principles of Salesmanship, will pass rapidly and pleasantly, and will leave a blessing behind. A well-spent evening leads to refreshing sleep and health and forward-looking thought. You can become a better father or mother, a better Sabbath School teacher, a more efficient church elder by taking up some definite line of correspondence study. Our teachers will give you their personal attention and help you to work out the plan that God has for your life. May we not have the pleasure of hearing from you and adding your name to our list of students?

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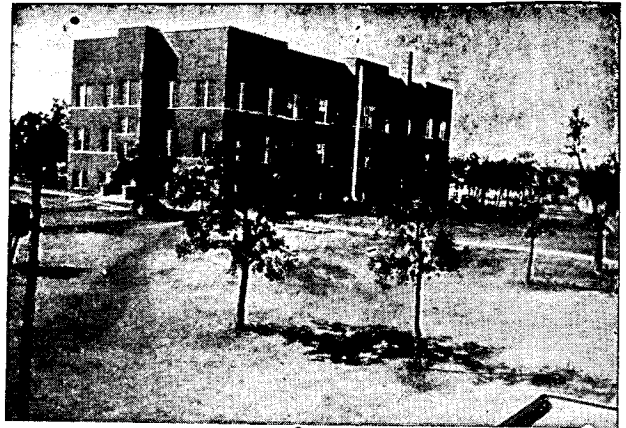
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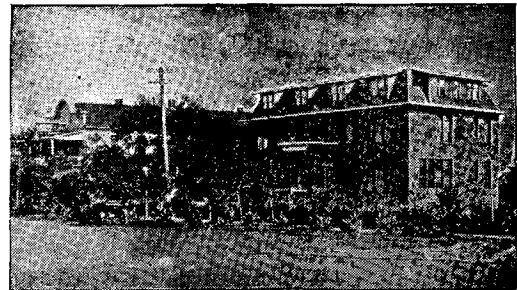
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