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## South Texas Conf.

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### ELGIN

Brother Conway and the writer spent several days the first part of the month with the Elgin church. We had meetings every night while there, and the Lord gave freedom in speaking the Word. This church is not so large as formerly, as some have moved away recently, making quite a difference in the attendance at the meetings, especially the young people's meetings, as a number that left were young people.

Several from here have been planning to go into the field in the colporteur work, but for different reasons have been hindered. We hope to see them in the field soon, for we are certainly in the time when every one that can work should be at work, and now is the most favorable time for reaching the people that we have ever had.

I had planned to go on from here to Brenham and Houston, but was called home on account of the sickness of Mrs. Neff.

We are glad to report that a number of our people are entering heartily into the Investment work, and we are sure that the Lord will bless them in this effort to help in the work of God. We are certainly fast coming to the time when these opportunities will be forever in the past, so let us all be faithful until our work is finished.

E. L. NEFF.

### SAN ANTONIO

It has been some time since I made a report to the RECORD. Since my last report I have labored at the following places: In November I held a series of meetings in Mercedes, where I baptized one, and two others were keeping the Sabbath.

The first of January I went to Elgin

where I remained a few days and baptized eight young people, some of the fruit of the church school work being done there.

For two weeks after this I visited churches and isolated members at McDade, Elgin, Littig, and Austin. From Austin, Brother E. Taylor and the writer drove out thirty-five miles into the hills southwest of the city, where several families are seeking for the truth, as the results of Brother Taylor's canvassing work, and were calling for a minister. On arriving there we learned that diphtheria had developed in the neighborhood, so we had to postpone our meeting until later.

From there we went to Buda, where another interest has sprung up as the result of Brother Taylor's canvassing work. We commenced a meeting in a school house five miles east of Buda, where we held five meetings, when an epidemic of measles broke out and we had to postpone our meeting until later.

We then went to Charcoa and visited some isolated members.

I am now at San Antonio, doing Bible work, and several are becoming interested. This is a needy field, but the laborers are so few. We need the prayers of God's people that we may be able to reach the honest at heart before it is too late.

J. B. HAMPTON.

### NEWS ITEMS

Rifle shot visits have prevailed this week.

Elder Christian spent one day, Tuesday,—no nights—in the office this week in counsel with the Conference Committee on matters pertaining to Conference work.

Brother C. P. Corwin also paid the office a short visit Tuesday, and spent the night with Brother and Sister Atcheson.

In passing through from Brownsville, Brother and Sister Bainer spent Sabbath with friends in San Antonio. They live on wheels—rather, they do their canvassing in an automobile, and live in a tent,—so when it becomes necessary to make a shift all that is

necessary is to loose the stakes and drag the tent. They went from here to Keene for the purpose of leaving Baby J. W. with his grandparents, so they could both put in full time in the canvassing work. Sister Bainer will canvass the towns for "Bible Readings."

Brethren Adams and Benson held a rousing meeting with the San Antonio church Wednesday evening, and left the next morning for Elgin, Texas. They plan to hold a short series of meetings with the Elgin church, then pass on to Houston for the Sabbath. They come and go as a shadow but they leave the sun's influence.

Elder Neff reports a profitable stay with the Houston and Brenham churches the latter part of last week and the first of this. There is a good interest in both of these cities.

We take the following from a letter just received from Brother Huie Orsborn, of Corpus Christi: "It is still very dry here. About all one can do is to haul water for their stock. We are entering on our second year of drouth. Everyone that can get away is leaving. Times are very hard. Have heard that Mexicans in town are starving, and I do not doubt the truth of it. But our God in heaven will not permit us to suffer. Our whole trust is in Him." Is this not a touching scene? Can we not remember these dear people in prayer?

Even though the drouth is causing a "hard times" thump to be heard from many sections of the Conference, our Sabbath school offerings are jumping up fast from the isolated, and the letters have a ring of good courage. Of course we have not had time to hear from the schools yet, but we have high hopes of taking a frog-like leap and landing on the Honor Roll this quarter. We have some interesting things concerning the Sabbath school work that will be published in the near future.

Brother Conway is horse-hunting this week for two of the workers who luckily have the cash with which to buy.

What about our Home Missionary work? Please get your reports in

early in April. We are anxious to know what has been done. We have a general mixture of denominational tracts that we can sell you \$2 worth for \$1.

Are you thinking seriously about camp meeting? July will come just like tomorrow, and now is a good time to begin to plan to attend. Unless notified differently, the meeting will be held in San Antonio, July 12-22.

Elder Hampton, who has been taking treatment at Dr. Leach's Sanitarium, in San Antonio, is much improved and will resume his field work soon. He has been busy visiting the different ones, and holding studies while here in the city.

Elder Neff visited the company at Fant City, where he found Elder Stueckrath holding a meeting for the German people, with quite a good interest. We hope that some will take their stand for the truth in this place and join the company that is there.

Brother Miller reports continued interest among the colored people of Houston. They have moved to a more desirable place of meeting, and hope soon to be able to have a place of their own in which to worship.

The work for the Mexican people continues to go forward. Brother Lopez expects to begin a meeting near Laredo about the first of April. Brother Delgado is working in the city of San Antonio, and also reports some about ready for baptism at Yorktown.

Have you sent in your Investment Pledge yet? If not, fill it out and send it to the office now, while you think of it.

#### A HANDY HELP

Have you one of those little five-cent maps showing the route of Paul's three missionary journeys, and his trip to Rome? It is only six by four inches in size, but it is plain. You can carry it in your Bible, open the book to the verse you are studying, and consult your map without losing the place. Every teacher and every student needs one. Suppose you order for yourself and your pupils. Hundreds have done so; why not you?

**VACATION** is at hand. If you wish to make up a study in order to square yourself with your course or finish it, write to C. C. Lewis, Principal of the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C. He will tell you what many others are doing and what you can do. Write today for the "Nutshell" booklet.

## North Texas Conf.

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### CUSSETTA

Our meetings with Cussetta church were accompanied from the beginning by a great manifestation of God's power in reclaiming backsliders and in saving souls. Many confessions have been made by those whose hearts have been softened and made tender through the power of the Holy Spirit. "I have treated you wrong and I want your forgiveness!" could be heard from trembling voices, amid streaming tears. There seems to be a general spirit of revival in the church here, and sons and daughters are being born to God. Eight souls have yielded to the claims of the gospel, and presented themselves for baptism and church membership. Three have been reclaimed, renewing their covenant with the Lord.

Oh! that God may bless His careworn and waiting people with a spirit of revival, at this time of so great danger, and when the end seems so near. We must be in the time when Satan is working with all signs and power and lying wonders. But thank the Lord, who has vouchsafed to us an abundant protection in this testing time, through the latter rain of the Holy Spirit, we are more than a match for Satan if protected by the abiding presence of the Spirit.

I am praying and believing that this year may mark the greatest progress in soul saving ever witnessed in the history of God's closing message. God is able, the field is ready, and we are willing. Then why should we not trust Him for it? God says, "Redeem the time."

W. M. CUBLEY.

#### (Three Days Later)

The revival spirit continued with us to the close of our meetings, and many souls were made to rejoice in the forgiveness of their sins. Altogether, there were twenty added to the church, fourteen of which were baptized. I am expecting a better experience and a more aggressive work for this church.

The church school has been a seeming success, and there is talk of a summer school. Persons wishing to locate and farm near one of our schools will do well to get in touch with H. H. Hopkins, Marietta, Texas, Route 2. Land is cheap and of a very good quality.

I now go to New Hope for a ten days or two weeks meeting with that church. Pray for a glorious revival there.

W. M. C.

### SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Conventions! We notice this word in every newspaper and magazine that we pick up. But why have conventions when our Sabbath schools are moving along so smoothly, and seemingly doing good work? Because every person engaged in any worldly enterprise finds it an advantage to meet with others who are doing the same kind of work to exchange ideas concerning the most approved methods of doing that work, and why should not our Sabbath schools seek for improvement? Our Sabbath school conventions should be educational, and help in establishing reforms, and in inspiring greater zeal in this line of work.

Two Sabbath school conventions have already been held in this conference this year; one at Dalworth, on March 10, and another at Dallas, on March 17.

Suggestive programs had been sent to the superintendents of these schools, and the topics given out to suitable persons several weeks in advance. It was encouraging to note the interest that the superintendents, other Sabbath school workers, and the church school teachers had taken to make these programs entertaining to both the old and the young.

At both places time was given for questions, in the afternoon session. This afforded opportunities to discuss the difficulties and obstacles we have to meet, also the general plan of the Sabbath school work.

We believe all enjoyed these conventions, and realized that their true value must be estimated by the permanent effect they produce. We do not believe any will be satisfied with just the hearing of these good things, but that advanced steps will actually be taken to try to make their schools the very best.

Believing that conventions are well worth the efforts it takes to provide

them, we plan to hold as many as possible during the year, hoping that our Sabbath schools will be strengthened by the efforts put forth.

MRS. A. M. WOODALL,  
Conference Sabbath School Sec'y.

### OBITUARY

NEELY.—Francis Marion Neely was born February 10, 1840, in Cole County, Illinois, and died of pneumonia at his home, near Wilmer, Texas, March 10, 1917, aged seventy-seven years and one month. He settled in Dallas County, Texas, in 1848. At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in the Texas Cavalry and served throughout the war. About thirty years ago he accepted present truth, in a tent meeting held, I believe, by Elder Kilgore at Ferris, Texas, and continuously, till his death, he "adorned his profession with a godly life."

During his last illness, which was of brief duration, he talked much of the blessed hope and the faith of Jesus. Not being able to locate and secure one of our ministers, Brother R. K. Huffstetter, an old friend of the family, who was also with them when he died, conducted the funeral service. A very large concourse of friends and neighbors bore witness to the high esteem in which he was held.

Brother Neely was a faithful member of the Dallas church and always attended quarterly meeting, although living a considerable distance away. He was a constant reader of the Review and several others of our publications, and was earnest and zealous in talking the truth to his neighbors, and in the distribution of literature. It was once my privilege to hold a couple of meetings in one of the churches of his village, which he secured for the occasion.

His aged and infirm wife, one daughter, and several grandchildren survive him. Having heard, by chance, of his illness, I went to visit him, but found that he had already been laid to rest. Of him it may truly be said, "Life's work well done, life's race well run, now comes rest."

W. A. SWEANY.

"The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray."

"Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as a sunbeam,"

## Oklahoma Conf.

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### OBITUARY

PLANT.—Hettie Plant was born March 22, 1858, and died March 23, 1917, at the age of 59. Her death was very sudden, being caused by heart failure. She accepted the third angel's message about fifteen years ago and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Kansas City. Later she moved to Tulsa and was a charter member of that church. She was living at Sand Springs at the time of her death. She has been faithful in her work, distributing the message-filled books and magazines and giving Bible readings to those who desired to learn the blessed truth. Many have been made happy by her faithful work. She leaves a husband, two daughters and many friends to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken from Isaiah 57:1 by the writer to quite a large congregation. She sweetly sleeps in Jesus, and will rise in the first resurrection at the coming of the great Lifegiver. Blessed hope!

E. B. HOPKINS.

Brother Fitroe, of the Tulsa church, died Sabbath morning, March 24, after an illness of a week. Obituary will appear soon in the RECORD. It was a sad day indeed to have two funerals in the Tulsa church the same day. But we sorrow not as those that have no hope.

E. B. H.

### PORTER

The meetings at Porter have closed for the present, after continuing a little more than a month.

We had the pleasure of baptizing eight souls in the Verdigris river, and leaving a little church of eleven members to hold up the truth to others who may be seeking the light. Five of these had been believers in the Seventh-day Baptist faith, but as clearer light came, it was accepted, and we rejoice to see them getting hold on the complete message of heaven for this time. Others are interested, we hope. Several say we have the truth,

but "want more time" to think and investigate for themselves, and we did not feel it wise to press them harder at this time.

Brother W. E. Barr is the elder of the little company, and we hope his regular visits will not only strengthen the new converts, but will be a means of adding others who say we have the truth.

In at least one way this was a remarkable meeting. We had the entire series in the Presbyterian church, and if there ever was any complaint about our using the house, we never heard of it. The fact that there was no Presbyterian preacher near by no doubt helps to explain this, however.

It is easy to see, and in harmony with the truth, to expect the growing indifference of professing Christians to present truth. As the church loses its love for Bible truth and true godliness, the way is opened for church federation and armed peace deceptions which are soon to work the ruin of the whole world.

It is well to keep in mind a statement found in "Testimonies," Vol. IX, p 11: "The last movements will be rapid ones."

C. M. McDONALD.

### GUTHRIE, PERKINS

Since writing last I have visited the churches at Guthrie and Perkins. This is the busy seed-sowing time of the year, and following the same law in spiritual lines, many of our members are sowing the seeds of truth, with the promise that it will produce its harvest. The Perkins church has been putting the Present Truth into the homes of the people systematically. They have a goal set for a definite number of subscriptions to the Signs, and a number have planned definitely for soul-winning work.

It has been my privilege to visit a number of isolated families, and while they feel lonely for human companionship, they are clinging more closely to the One who does not forsake, and are working with Him for others.

C. J. DART.

### MUSKOGEE (Colored)

The Lord blessed our efforts last summer in giving us about sixty souls as the result of our tent effort at Muskogee. We have planned to put forth another effort in the northwest part

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**A COLPORTEUR'S LETTER**

Just a few notes by the way. I certainly do enjoy the book work this year, and I don't believe I have ever seen people more anxious to buy our books. When we go to the people and tell them that we have a book that will show them that these times are a fulfillment of prophecy, and that the end of the world is almost here, and that they need an understanding of these things in order to be delivered by our Savior, they usually will buy.

The time is here for us to have a definite message and make the people feel like it is the most important thing in life. I consider these things "a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death."

I believe we, as colporteurs, should expect great things this year. I am not satisfied with past experiences. I want to be so completely given up to the workings of the Holy Spirit that I can realize the loud cry of the mighty angel in my territory. I see the people are stirred to some extent in their hearing of the book before I get to them, but I am not satisfied. I realize that soon this work will close.

of the town, and we are asking for 150 souls for the year. Please help us win this number. The colored people are precious in the sight of the Lord, and He will bless those who in any way help to bring these people to a knowledge of his message for today.

We are asking for your help in three ways, so that the campaign will not go lacking: Send us all your used Signs of the Times, Watchman and Signs Monthly. Send us a donation with which to buy Present Truth Series. This paper will greatly aid us in bringing the truth before the people. As we preach, we desire to distribute the pages filled with the message. After doing this, please keep us at the throne of Grace. We believe if we work and pray, and you pray, that we will get the 150 souls.

Send all papers to Elder M. G. Nunes, 810 South 3rd St., Muskogee, Oklahoma. M. G. NUNES.

and we can meet some of the people in the kingdom. I often tell the people that some are going to go to the Beautiful City, and it might as well be them as any one else. But souls are perishing, and we need some more to help us "man the life-boat."

Why not you, my brother, my sister, "come over and help us"?

IRA H. NEWKIRK.

**WHERE IS YOUR HEART?**

It has been said that one season in the canvassing field is worth two years in school. No doubt the reason for such a statement can be traced to the fact that the canvassing field offers an all-round education. It teaches us how to approach men and women in all walks of life and under every con-

dition. It not only teaches us practicality, but it is remunerative. And last, but not least, it gives us an opportunity to bring the light of truth directly into the homes of the people.

President Wilson said: "To my mind, the colporteurs, the men who are traveling by every sort of conveyance, carrying with them books containing the Word of God, seem like shuttles in a great loom that is weaving the spirits of men together." This is the work of our colporteurs—carrying to the people books containing the Word of God. To present Christ is our mission. When we lose sight of this all-important fact, we cannot hope to have the fulness of God's blessings.

Brother E. Hanson, working in Arkansas, reported \$167.00 worth of sales in thirty-six hours. Heavy rains

**COLPORTEUR'S WEEKLY REPORT**  
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Name	Address	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	Total	Del
<b>ARKANSAS, March 24</b>								
J. C. Brewer, McGehee		PG	42	71	349.50	2.50	352.00	
D. M. Twiggs, McGehee		PG	45	53	202.50	1.60	204.10	
E. E. Hanson, DeWitt		PG	48	38	153.00	23.00	176.00	
J. A. Lyles, Jelks		BR	36	34	138.50	.75	139.25	
Earnest Hanson, DeWitt		PG	45	26	109.50	12.25	121.75	
C. W. Cutter, Jelks		DR	40	16	61.00	1.85	62.85	
G. O. Bayless, Lonoke		BR	24	14	54.00	1.75	55.75	28.00
Mrs. Krum, Walnut Ridge		BFL	36	13	29.50	9.55	39.05	
L. N. Newkirk, Palestine		BFL	34	16	35.50	.85	36.35	
Miss Krum, Walnut Ridge		BFL	20	15	35.00	1.35	36.35	
W. Brinegar, Devalls Bluff		BR	48	9	34.50	1.50	36.00	
F. M. Garner, Nashville		USP	23	7	20.00	1.50	21.50	
W. Kirkham, Searcy		PG	1	3	13.50		13.50	
I. H. Newkirk, Palestine		DR	5	2	9.00		9.00	
E. F. Smith, Cotton Plant		BFL	9	3	6.00		6.00	
Miss Thompson, Hoxie		BFL	20	1	2.00	1.00	3.00	
Mary Mullins, Little Rock		WC	2			1.50	1.50	
J. R. Howard, Hope		GC						36.00
		Bibles			42.55		42.55	
Agents 18			478	321	1295.55	60.95	1356.50	64.00

<b>SOUTH TEXAS, March 24</b>								
D. Von Cram, Crystal City		GC	55	38	187.00	2.00	189.00	2.00
A. A. Prewitt, Kennedy		CK-GC	48	40	140.50	3.45	143.95	3.45
C. L. Bainer, San Benito		GC				3.00		92.50
A. Salazar, Thomaston		GC	21	15	74.00	1.00	75.00	1.00
J. E. Sims, Tanglewood		DR	19	17	69.50	.95	70.45	.95
C. H. Chenault, Bryan		DR	32	18	66.00	.75	66.75	4.25
Chr. F. Mahr, Humble		CK	28	20	30.00		30.00	
R. F. Dunks, Elgin		DR	26	5	17.50	1.05	18.55	1.05
Mrs. Hollenstein, San Ant		Misc			3.60		3.60	3.60
Miss M. P. Sparks, San Ant		Misc			1.25		1.25	1.25
Agents 10			229	153	589.35	12.20	598.55	110.05

prevented him from working the full week. He says: "I am sure having a good experience in the work, and it seems as if the Lord leads me just the right way. I wish every young Adventist would enter the work and get a taste of the best work I was ever in."

By the looks of Arkansas' \$1,356.50 colporteurs' report for week ending March 24, it looks as though there were others in the conference who felt like they were in the best work they were ever in, and that their heart and soul is in their work. Six workers reported \$1,065.30 worth of sales in one week. They put in full time. Their average was 42 2-3 hours with an average sale of \$177.55. Brother

M. G. Haynes, in speaking of J. C. Brewer's report, says: You will remember that he promised us last week that as soon as he recovered from the measles he would send in some good reports. So, as a result of his first week's work he took, in 42 hours, \$352.00 worth of orders for books, and \$9.45 for Bibles, a total of \$361.45, which is an average of a little better than \$8.60 per hour. Out of 72 exhibitions, he secured 71 orders." It is plainly to be seen from this report that a resolve was made, like the apostle Paul, "This one thing I do." With a mind and heart to work, God will give His blessing. You may say, I never could do that. Our answer is, "I can't do it" never did anything.

**Texico Conference**

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**TEXICO, CROWELL, GOOD CREEK**

I have not sent in a report for some time, as the work has been reported by others. I came out to Crowell on March 23, and began a meeting some twenty miles in the country, at what is known as the Good Creek school house. The attendance was good from the beginning. We had some very cold and disagreeable weather, with about three inches of snow, but after that it was quite warm and pleasant.

As a result of the meeting a church has been organized, with a full set of officers. Sabbath afternoon, March 17, we had a baptismal service, in which five were buried in the watery grave. There is still a desire on the part of some to hear. The meeting closed the night of the eighteenth, with a church membership of seventeen.

I expect to put in a week or ten days visiting the isolated in this section, then go back to Good Creek and hold quarterly meeting with that church. Will be there for five or six days in meeting. The harvest truly is ripe.

G. A. LaGRONE.

"I will try" has worked wonders. "I WILL DO IT!" has performed miracles.

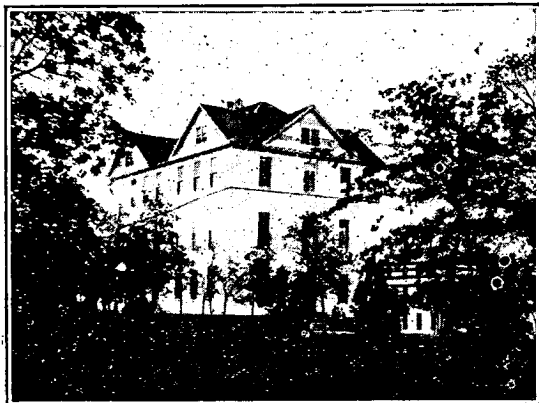
A quick work is being done in the earth today. Are we doing our part, or shall we allow some one else to take our crown?

"I am only one, but I am one. I can not do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do; what I ought to do, by the grace of God I WILL DO!"

S. J. ABEGG.

**WANTED.**—Clean copies of back numbers of Review, Signs Weekly, Signs Magazine, Watchman, and Instructor, to be used in missionary efforts among colored people. Address W. S. North, 810 South Third St., Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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<b>OKLAHOMA, March 24</b>								
E. G. Birdseye, Curtis		BR	25	2	34.00	1.50	35.50	1.50
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		PG	49	20	70.00	7.10	77.10	18.10
J. A. Copple, Coodys Bluff		PP	38	15	59.50	3.25	62.75	3.25
E. W. Crawford, Quinton		CK	38	3	4.50	3.60	8.10	3.60
J. R. Doss, Walters		BR	34	22	70.00		70.00	
J. W. Funkhouser, Tushka		BR	27	14	49.00	1.80	50.80	8.80
A. W. Francis, Wewoka		BR	75	23	89.50	2.10	91.60	2.10
M. B. Lockwood, Tulsa		BR	32	8	31.50	2.50	34.00	2.50
H. H. Malone, Tulsa		BR	41	14	50.00	2.10	52.10	2.10
W. C. Menefee, Alva		BR	16	1	3.00	17.45	20.45	17.45
C. J. Morgan, Idabel		BR	43	41	149.00		149.00	
Miscellaneous					36.45		36.45	
C. L. Robinson, Tushka		PG	32	27	108.50	2.25	110.75	2.25
W. S. Roy, Coodys Bluff		BR	24	14	50.00	5.50	55.50	43.00
Lizzie Schilt, Muskogee		BR	3	4	14.00		14.00	
C. S. White, Guthrie		BFL	12	4	7.50	.75	8.25	
J. A. Young, Grandfield		PP	30	8	28.00	2.75	30.75	2.75
		Bibles			93.90		93.90	5.50
Agents 16			519	220	948.35	52.65	1001.00	106.70
<b>NORTH TEXAS, March 24</b>								
A. Gregory, Granbury		GC	47	28	100.00	1.45	101.45	1.45
J. W. Sisk, Arbala		BR	37	15	53.50		53.50	
O. Glass, Bonham		BR	27	18	63.00		63.00	
Susie Bodeu, Rosser		DR	34	12	47.00	.85	47.85	.85
Chester F. Way, Paris		PG	42	41	77.00		77.00	
W. R. Hixon, Keene		PG	42			2.25	2.25	190.75
Mrs. E. M. Gates, Ft. Worth		PPF	23	18	46.00		46.00	
Z. S. Arey, Cleburne		Misc	54		10.45	6.05	16.50	6.05
Mrs. N. J. Liebman, Dallas		PPF				4.00	4.00	4.00
Agents 9			306	132	396.95	14.60	411.55	203.10
<b>TEXICO, March 24</b>								
C. E. Gober, Runnels County		BR	39	37	135.50	.75	136.25	
H. W. Spraggins, Knox City		BR	18	8	28.00		28.00	
A. C. Wade, Clyde		DR	15	3	12.00		12.00	
		Bibles		1	3.60		3.60	
Agents 3			72	49	179.10	.75	179.85	
<b>GRAND TOTALS—Agents 56</b>			<b>1604</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>3409.30</b>	<b>141.15</b>	<b>3547.45</b>	<b>483.85</b>



## NEWS NOTES

Mr. Carl Staben's mother, of Laredo, Texas, is visiting at the Southwestern Junior College.

It is just a little early for Arbor Day, but the gas plant has been "planted," nevertheless.

Mr. William Dunks was in Keene Thursday. He is planning to be in school next year.

Mr. Grant gave a housewarming for the Senior Class night after Sabbath. Seniors "is" Seniors!

The vesper service Friday night was conducted by Elder Carey. A rousing testimony meeting followed.

Arthur King has been infusing the real "stuff" into the Bible Year campaign of the Missionary Volunteer Society. One hundred four have promised to read the Bible through this year.

The Zoology class had planned a bug-hunting expedition for Sunday, but a Texas zephyr brought rain during the night. Now, a prerequisite in a bug hunter is courage—if he hasn't it the thrill of the chase develops it—and so trifling a thing as a small-sized cloudburst could not dampen the ardor of the class. They went and—it was April 1!

Where?—All over this Southwestern Union!

When?—July 11, 1917!

Why?—A better library for your school!

Who?—You, Friend Student! You!!

Professor Howell will arrive in Keene Tuesday to visit the College.

Thursday the students met in groups, according to the states they were from—to cultivate the fellow-

feeling and plan for those 250 students next year.

Miss Jessie Casey has been elected to teach the primary people in the Normal Department next year.

Didn't those pictures of Arabian life, at the Foreign Mission Band last Friday night, make you feel thankful that you know the third angel's message?

The Juniors are organizing. They will soon be Seniors. More anon.

Plans are being perfected for the taking over the printing plant by the College, and printing will be offered as an industry next year.

Where is your heart? Think it over and get ready for the week of April 8.

Say, father, that boy's success in life depends upon his preparation to solve life's problems. Won't you assure him success by having him trained in the school that builds character into the man by making the man build character into his work—S. W. J. C.

## THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Early in the morning, when the golden monarch of day is looming up from the misty shadows of the east, and a chorus of bird notes rings out on the soft spring air from a hundred feathered throats, somewhere in the happy melody chimes a bright, crisp piano scale, or the voice of an aspiring young soloist. This addition to the morning praise anthem comes from a low, humble building on the east side of the walk just across from the girls' dormitory, and is just one of many proofs of the faithful work of the music director of S. W. J. C.

Ruth Lenore Harvey came to live in Newton, Kansas, in October, the month of scarlet and gold, some twen-

ty years ago. Of course all mothers love their little daughters, but Ruth and her mother were different. From Ruth's babyhood up they were constant companions in the sweetest, chummiest, most confidential sense of the word, sharing every secret, every sorrow, every joy.

From her earliest remembrance this little maid loved music. There was a military school near her home, and though there was something fearfully solemn and awe-inspiring about the big soldiers when they went through their drill, yet it was so fascinating to hear the band play that sometimes the little musician would run away to hear them. There was music in her blood, which came from a richly musical inheritance; and the wise mother saw, and fostered, and trained this taste of her child.

Music lessons began early, and her mother became very useful, for tho' it was fun to learn to play, the little fingers would get "so tired," and the big, summery outdoors called so loudly that only mother-love and firmness could keep those practice hours filled out, full and round.

Throughout the girl's career this feature of mother's training—her unbending rule that the practice must be faithfully done, rain or shine, work or play—has been a most important factor in her daughter's success. There was another rule Mrs. Harvey had, that music lessons and school work did not mix well, that they should be kept strictly separate. So, when they removed to Minnesota, Ruth was placed under competent musical instructors, and during the next two years she advanced rapidly.

She was now ten years of age, and it was time for her schooling to begin. They—she and her mother—went to Bethel Academy, in Wisconsin, and here the happy school days flitted away until very soon the preparatory course had been finished, then a year in Berrien Springs.

And now the wise and loving mother encouraged her daughter to specialize in the thing she loved best. All along, whether taking school work or not, that daily practice had been kept up, which faithful work stood her well now as she went from professor to conservatory, and from conservatory to professor, mastering the most difficult and classical pieces with ease and rapidity.

And then came her recital under the

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## Department





In the Music Hall

talented Professor Taylor. He was proud of his pupil and praised her skill, but oh, how timid she felt as the eventful night approached. A whole evening just for her! It came—as do all eventful nights—a fresh, spring evening, and the blooming, blushing girl of seventeen came forth, and the first soft, trembling notes were struck. The rest was like a dream,—and then it was all over, ending in a shower of bouquets and compliments, and Ruth and her mother, sharing the joy of it all, went home together.

That was only the beginning. Mrs. Harvey deemed Union College the next stepping stone in her daughter's musical education, and thither they two repaired the following autumn. There were some splendid teachers here, both vocal and instrumental, who applied their finishing, polishing touches to the beautiful structure the girl was rearing.

Also there were some character stones to be placed here and there on the broad and strong foundation that had been laid in childhood, and the uplifting, ennobling influences of Old Union did their work tenderly and gracefully.

Two years of thorough and painstaking work, and then came her graduation recital. Oh, the pages and pages that must be memorized before that April evening when the little queen of music must make public demonstration of her magic powers.

And oh, the congratulations and the flowers that came when it was all over—a whole tubful of them! And Ruth, to the unfeigned astonishment of her friends, carried them by armfuls to her sick and lonely acquaintances.

Even before she was ready for the place, her place was ready and waiting for her. There came a call to teach at Strode Academy, and she accepted. The summer following graduation was spent in Kansas City,

visiting relatives, and when the September days brought school time once more, she took the train for Oswego, Kansas,—and mother came, too. Miss Harvey's mother was preceptress that year, and so for two more years they worked and chummed together, the vacations being spent in Kansas City, while the young music teacher took advanced vocal and instrumental work. From a weak, struggling existence Miss Harvey built up the music department of Strode Academy so that it became a potent factor in the school's influence.

It was in the spring of 1916,—Miss Harvey had already accepted a position for the next year—when a call came from the Southwestern Junior College for her services. She decided to come to Keene. There were some lonely hours at first, far away from mother for the first time; but there was so much to be done, and—well, ask her now if she is sorry she came to Keene, and see her dimpled smile as she replies, "No, I'm not sorry."



Miss Ruth Harvey

Ask her class of devoted pupils if they are sorry, and hear their indignant, "No, sir!" Ask her host of admiring friends, the worshippers at her shrine of music—ask anyone who has ever heard those soft, clear strains of liquid melody, or whose heart has been made glad in the sunshine of her winsome smile—and you will know why everyone loves Miss Harvey.

ETHYLE COBERLY.

#### EDUCATIONAL SABBATH, APRIL 7

The first Educational Sabbath in 1917 is set for April 7. It is highly fitting that a work of such vital importance and far-reaching influence as that of our schools should be specially considered in all our churches twice a year. For this reason the North American Division Conference Committee, through the Department of Education, has set apart two Sabbaths for studying the principles of Christian education and praying for the prosperity of our schools. The first one, April 7, is devoted to the following four topics:

1. Questions and answers on why we conduct denominational schools, with emphasis on the elementary schools.
2. A Symposium on "My Past Year in School," by students.
3. A Symposium on "How I Secured an Education," by leading workers.
4. A reading on "All Can Obtain an Education," with illustrations drawn from the lives of successful men and women who had serious obstacles to overcome in securing an education.

Let every church member and every Sabbath keeper rally to the services of this day, and pray for still greater progress in our educational work.

W. H. HOWELL.

As the Present Truth War Special was printed as No. 5 of the series for this year, and as it will not be a standard topic of the regular series after this year, and as other changes in the series will probably be made during the year to meet emergencies, thereby still further confusing the numbering of the series, it will be best for all to order hereafter by the subject rather than by the number only. It will be but little more trouble, and will insure against disappointments in having orders filled with numbers not desired,

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## ELDER DANIELLS' NEW BOOK

The accompanying is a fac simile cut of the front cover of Elder Daniell's new book, entitled, "The World War; Its Relation to the Eastern Question and Armageddon."

Already large orders are being received for this book by the publishers, one mail alone bringing orders for 2365 copies. There is every indication that the book is going to have a large sale and there is also every reason why several thousand copies should be sold in every conference. The following from a local conference president is expressive of the interest that is being manifested in this book:

"Before I received your good letter I was all enthused with the announcement in the Review about Elder Daniell's new book, 'The World War.' I am glad that you are awake over at the S. P. A. and will have this book ready for us so soon. We will give it a boost, you may be sure, and also 'The Return of Jesus.' We are not going to let the little do-nothing demon get the start of us over here. We have heard about his counsel and expect to defeat it. As long as you furnish us with such good ammunition, we will use it to break down the stronghold of Lucifer's castle. I feel

most deeply the great responsibility God has laid upon us, and with divine help I will seek to stir our people to action."

The following is the table of contents:

- The World War.
- The Cause and the Meaning.
- The Great Nations Speak for Themselves.
- The Eastern Question.
- The Fate of the Ottoman Empire.
- Armageddon.
- The Present Outlook.
- A Kingdom of Righteousness.

The book will contain 128 pages, well illustrated, and will be ready not later than the fore part of April.

Cloth, 50 cents; paper covers, 25 cents.

Fifty per cent discount in lots of ten or more, postage extra.

Order from your tract society, and books will be shipped as soon as ready.

The workless people are the worthless people.—William C. Gannett.

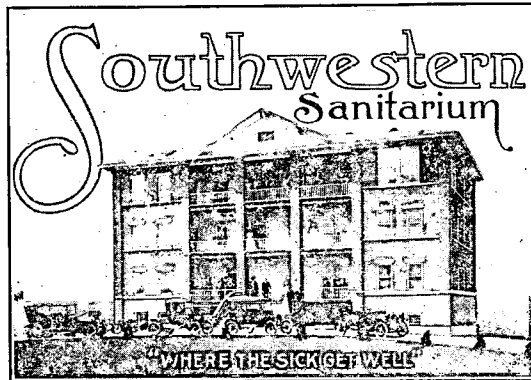
Have you sent in your renewal?

Brother W. H. Grayson spent Sabbath and Sunday in Keene. He is still actively engaged in scattering the "autumn leaves" of present truth, and is full of courage and hope.

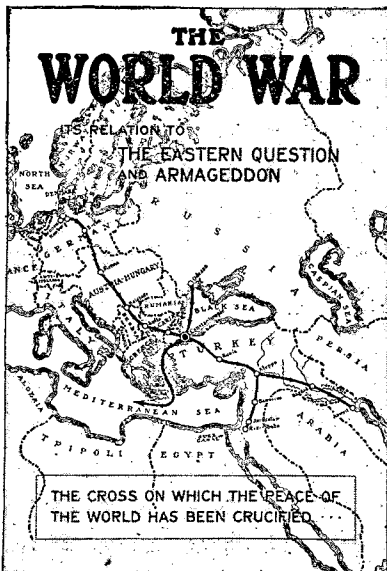
Mrs. R. M. Moseley, of Hamby, Texas, spent a few days visiting friends in Keene last week.

Quarterly meeting services were conducted in the Keene church last Sabbath afternoon. The attendance was above the average, and the words of hope and courage expressed show that God's people are striving for the victory that will enable them to stand perfected before Him.

Mrs. L. O. Corwin left this week to join her husband, who is in business in Waco. Their many warm friends here regret to lose them from our midst, but gladly unite in wishing them the blessings of the Lord in their new home.



T. S. Jackson, Supt., Cleburne, Texas



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