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When You Attend the Union Workers' Meeting at Keene, Texas January 3-10

WHAT TO BRING

1. **BEDDING.** The weather may be delightful. It will probably be cold and windy. Whatever bedding you are able to bring along will be a safeguard against shortage in the event of severe weather. It would be well to bring your own towels in case you are quartered in a dormitory or similar building where these personal requisites are not furnished.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

1. **UNANNOUNCED WIVES.** Our accommodation will be taxed during the meeting. We have a carefully compiled list of those planning to attend, sent in by the local conferences. If your wife, although not a conference worker or teacher, is on this list, we are reserving accommodation for her, but if not you may have to camp under a tree, unless you have made personal arrangements with friends in Keene. If you are not sure your wife is listed drop me a card to avoid calamity.

2. **UNANNOUNCED CHILDREN.** We assume that no children are coming unless they are listed with us. So far only three children are being provided for. If you plan to bring yours, please help us by letting us know the particulars.

WHAT TO DO

Plan to arrive sometime Wednesday, January 3. Please stop first at the union office, even if you know where you are to sleep. We desire to register you for the convenience of everyone. You will be taken to your room and everything possible done

to assure your comfort. Those quartered in outlying districts will be called for and delivered morning and evening by the union conference taxi service.

Keene waits to welcome you.

ROGER ALTMAN.

Obituary

PRESSNELL — Mary Elizabeth Pressnell-*nee* Leavell was born December 1, 1840 in Southern Ohio; died at the home of her daughter Mrs. M. B. Van Kirk, at Denver, Colorado, November 29, 1933. She lacked just two days of having reached ninety-three years of age. The cause of her death was a fractured hip which occurred as she was walking across the living room Sabbath afternoon, November 25. The right hip crumpled as she was walking from her chair to her room. The remaining four days of life were days of suffering. During these days many scriptures she had learned earlier in life were constantly on her lips, as well as some of the earlier Adventist songs.

She spent her girlhood and youth in Cadiz, Henry County, Indiana. She was married to Jonathan Pressnell September 11, 1857. To them were born three sons, Alva, Charles, and Lynn and one daughter Ada, now Mrs. Van Kirk. In 1866 the family then comprising but four moved to Eagle Lake, Blue Earth County, Minnesota and began their pioneer life in the big woods of Southern Minnesota.

In 1877 at a camp meeting in Eagle Lake attended by Elder and Mrs. E. G. White the attention of the family was called to the doctrines taught by Seventh-day Adventists. Later at a meeting held by Elders D. P. Curtis and W. B. Hill the family became identified with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination with which faith she retained her connection the remaining days of her life.

Surviving to mourn mother's departure are two sons, Charles Pressnell, of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., and Ada, now Mrs. M. B. Van Kirk, of Denver, Colorado, three

grandsons and two grand daughters, and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. M. B. Van Kirk by her son-in-law, Elder Van Kirk assisted by Elders J. J. Nethery, president of the Colorado Conference and George Matthews, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Society. The funeral was a quiet gathering, just a few friends and acquaintances. The body was taken to Minnesota to be buried beside her husband and two sons who had gone before. The writer accompanied the body to its resting place.

She was laid to rest December 3. Short services at the grave were attended by thirty or forty old friends. We laid her to rest with the hope of her resurrection when call of the Arkangel comes.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

Sabbath School Workers' Training Course for 1934

PURPOSE: To increase the knowledge and teaching efficiency of Sabbath school officers and teachers everywhere, to the end of making the Sabbath school truly a soul-winning agency.

BEGINS: The first of January, 1934; ends the last of December,—a twelve months' course.

TEXTBOOKS: "The Christ, the Church, and the Child," by Carey Bonner; and the *Sabbath School Worker* January to December 1934.

COST: The book costs eighty-five cents; the *Worker*, ninety cents per year for a single copy, seventy-five cents each where more than one copy goes to the same address. The Review and Herald Publishing Association are agents for both publications. Order of your Book and Bible House.

STUDENTS: This Training Course is intended for all officers and teachers in service during 1934, for prospective Sabbath school leaders, and for any others interested in this form of self-improvement.

CLASS: Each Sabbath school should form a Training Course class, with as capable a leader as is to be had, who will carry the course

through to completion. There should be a regular weekly time and place of meeting. This study can be in conjunction with the weekly teachers' meeting. One isolated or otherwise unable to meet with a class, can take the course alone.

ASSIGNMENTS: Will appear in each issue of the *Worker* for the current month; also study and recitation questions, accompanied by an illuminating Training Course article.

CERTIFICATE: To each one completing the 1934 Training Course an attractive lithographed certificate, signed by the Secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, will be issued. It is a desirable symbol of individual ambition and growth.

REMEMBER: All progressive Sabbath schools provide for the Training Course. All efficient officers and teachers take it.

J. C. THOMPSON,
*General Conference Sabbath School
Department.*

An Open Letter to Seventh-day Adventists

(From time to time we have inquiries from earnest brethren asking about certain rumors and charges against the leaders of this movement and the work in general. Only recently I had such an inquiry regarding statements found in a paper known as the "Gathering Call". Inasmuch as the following open letter, written by one Walter H. Brown, throws light on these matters, we have felt it a good plan to publish the letter in full.

R. L. B.)

SOME years ago I became interested in the teachings and work of Seventh-day Adventists. Study of these has led me to conclude that Adventists are teaching Bible truth more definitely, completely, and sincerely than is any other denomination. If the Bible is the Word of God (and I sincerely believe it is), then without a question, the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists are God's message to the world for this time. If the predictions of the Bible are to be counted reliable, then such a message is now due. With those predictions before me, and after thorough examination of the teachings of Seventh-day Ad-

ventism, I am compelled to acknowledge that God is the author of their work, and truth the bulwark of their teaching.

However, my interest in Adventism has brought me into touch with some who oppose the Adventists. It seems almost impossible for one to display interest in Adventist belief without finding himself the object of solicitude at the hands of some of its opponents, the real purpose of whose efforts is, quite obviously, to counter the influence of Adventist truth in the heart of the enquirer. The methods of some of these opposers I have found to be sometimes quite unfair, and sometimes absolutely dishonest. The purpose of this letter is to make known the unscrupulous and misleading efforts being put forth by one particular set of these opposers. I shall draw attention to some of the many instances of their occurrence that have come to my attention. Most of those with whom I have made contact have a denominational or church name. These to whom I shall refer, however, if they have a distinctive church title, have never revealed it to me. They will be sufficiently identified, though, if I speak of them as the people whose leaders publish a little paper, entitled "The Gathering Call." Their headquarters are in the United States of America. They are not numerous, but they surely are very noisy. I am given to understand that they have a few followers in Australia.

From time to time representatives of these people have made contact with me, and thus I have become possessed of a good deal of their literature. Having thus been provided with first-hand opportunity to study claims and teachings, I have done so with care, but having done so, I have rejected them.

The stated purpose of these people is to "reform" the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. But let it not be thought by Adventists that the "reform" which they intend concerns itself with only such matters as the truthfulness and sincerity of Adventist leaders, the prophetic gift in the church, and interpretations of certain scriptures. Such things as these all might be changed, more or less, and still the denomination retain its identity and its purpose. But the

"reform" which these people are seeking to bring about, if successful, would completely change the identity of the denomination, and give it an entirely different purpose. All this they have the right to attempt, and I am not interested overmuch in their doing so. Consequently I have desired to protest neither their existence as a people nor any honest effort which they might make toward reaching their avowed aim. It is of their methods of procedure that I shall write, and by consideration of these reveal the falsity of their claim, that they are a "reform" agency that God has called and is using.

First, let it be noticed that they call themselves a "movement." In one of their published statements they speak of themselves as "this new movement."

Next it should be observed that the particular field of operation for "this new movement" is, by its own admission, within the membership of the Adventist church.

Then it is interesting to note from its own writings that, when it has succeeded in reforming the denomination, it will quit publishing "The Gathering Call." Nothing can be clearer on this point than the following taken from "The Gathering Call:": "We do believe that God has called us to point out the errors and sins of Seventh-day Adventists and we are trying to do that work to the best of our ability.

"... When Adventists forsake the errors in their creed and cease to pervert the word of the Lord, we will cease to publish the Call."

By this same statement we observe, too, that this "new movement" holds itself to be divinely "called" to reform Adventists' sin. Thus we see that these people claim to be:

1. A new movement.
2. Called of God to do a work of reform within the Adventist denomination.
3. Ready to cease their efforts when Adventists reform.

However, the leaders of "this new movement" do not hope to be successful in their divinely appointed work. The "reforms" which they propose are very radical, yet they have said, "We do not expect to bring about any very radical reforms in the organized body."

They attribute their lack of success

entirely to the hardened wickedness of the ones reprov'd, particularly of the denominational leaders, and they write bitterly of their inability even to cause the denomination to give them attention. It is just possible, though, that their lack of success is attributable to far other causes. As to the extent to which such a work of "reform" of the denomination is necessary I shall have nothing to say. If such a work does just happen to be as much needed as "this new movement" claims, though it is quite possible that it really does not, it is not unreasonable for the people whom "this new movement" reprov's to require that it give evidence, both by the spirit in which it does its work and by the methods which it employs, that its claim to divine calling is based on fact? And is it not also entirely within reason for the denomination, before giving credence to such claims, to question the divine right of "this new movement" to be its reprov'er when it finds "this new movement" practicing the very same sins which it loudly charges upon the denomination, and scathingly rebukes in Adventist leaders? It is my firm conviction that the principle still holds, that he who would stone the sinner must himself be without, at least, that particular sin for which the sinner must die at his hand. Frankly, I believe that neither the method nor the spirit of the "Gathering Call" gives evidence of divine calling. That little publication, acting in its self-styled office of reprov'er to Adventist leaders is systematically and insidiously seeking to spread the spirit of distrust of leaders among the Adventist membership. Its so-called reprov'cs of denominational leaders are in reality nothing else than a series of personal attacks. Its use of harsh terms and insulting expressions is very unlike the divine Lord whom it claims to serve in a special way. Such expressions as the following find frequent repetition in its pages: "Willful misrepresentations," "cunning misrepresentations," "wilfully and knowingly misrepresent plain facts," "lying," "False," "Deceptions," "Willful deceptions," "pretense." These are hard words to hurl at responsible men and they indicate a spirit to hurt and destroy rather than a spirit to reform. It requires little courage thus

to write of religious leaders who, unless they stoop in personal explanation to the low level from which such changes are hurled, are without means of personal defence. Some of the men thus attacked have proved their truthfulness and trustworthiness under great responsibilities and in positions of high service. Their record as men, ministers, and leaders is clean and clear. Such a man is Mr. Spicer, secretary of the General Conference for many years, and president of the General Conference for eight years. Yet in "The Gathering Call," of August, 1932, in an article entitled, "Stripping Off the Mask," he is attacked with conspicuous unfairness in the following words: "Again, my informant writes: 'I heard Elder Spicer say that he drank beer when in Germany.'" The writer of that article states that his informant is an employee in the "Review and Herald" office. He well knows, though, and the publishers of "The Gathering Call" well know that such a charge, so far as Adventist could be led to believe it, would seriously hurt the influence of Mr. Spicer, and would strongly tend to weaken the influence of the denominational leadership. Immediately after quoting his informant, the writer of the article in question exclaimed, "Good example for a Seventh-day Adventist Conference minister and official!" There can be no question in the mind of any reader of that article that it intends that the statement be made public as fact, and that it be made to stick. But there is nothing in the article to indicate that either its author or the publishers of "The Gathering Call" took any steps to ascertain whether the statement is true or untrue. The query arises unavoidably: Do these men, claiming to be divinely called to reform the denomination, believe such methods of attack to be Christian? Do these men, who unhesitatingly challenge the truthfulness, the sincerity, the manliness, and the Christian integrity of such men as Mr. Daniells, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Wilcox, and others, feel that the employment of such methods of attack is necessary to bring about such reform as they propose?

(To be continued)

Watch for remainder later.

The Home Missionary Dep't of the Southwestern Union

HENRY F. BROWN, *Secretary*

Church Officers Attention!

NOW that you know you are to be a church officer you are anxious to know how to be a good one. You are scratching around for information and helpful material. Did you know that the denomination publishes a little paper for you, brim full of good, helpful material, suggestions, program and instruction to make you a better church officer? Well, it does and this can be secured from the Book and Bible House (in clubs) at seventy-five cents a year. Every church officer should have access to it. If you can not subscribe to it personally the church could subscribe for one for the elder, the missionary leader and the Y. P. M. V. leader, with the understanding that these should be at the disposal of the other officers. Its name is *The Church Officers Gazette*.

Providences in Welfare Work

FOR some months some of our evangelists have been planning on entering into welfare work in a public way showing the world that Adventists believe in helping those at home as well as those in the foreign lands. The General Conference has recommended that where there is need, and the conference committees see fit to encourage it, the churches endeavor to feed the temporarily jobless.

This has developed a type of institution called the "Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria." Several are in operation in the United States with considerable success and now we in the Southwest can point to a beginning here. Elder C. W. Rubendall writes that the Shreveport church has taken steps that will have in operation by Thanksgiving such a plant in that city. The providences shown them are really marvelous. Let us rather hear the story in his own words:

"Some fifty inches of free publicity of the finest type has been given us in the newspapers. We surely have

heard *many* nice things about it from all quarters. A very prominent man, owner of a circus and manager of the State Fair told me, 'I am for it,' and loaned us 100 chairs and expects to donate 140 that we can repair and make eighty to 100 of our own. Sears, Roebuck & Co. gave us new plumbing goods today without a moment's hesitation, even though the man is one of the chief community chest directors. Four lumber companies cheerfully donated about 1200 feet of lumber. The plumbing is all going in free including the transfer of a toilet, and the installation of a water heater, pipes, faucets etc. A three way dish sink has been made for us. The tables are done, also the serving counter. A furniture store will give linoleum for the table tops. We have two gas ranges and part of the dishes and trays. We hope to open Thanksgiving day and have the mayor and others as guests of honor. We have no salaries to pay except five dollars a week to the manager and his wife."

We will watch with great interest the outworking of this effort in Shreveport.

Little Rock Knows How

THE Singing Bands of Little Rock went to sing in a small town not far from the city and in one night returned with \$40.00. This is the best we have heard thus far this year. Has any Singing Band done better?

AND SO DOES SHREVEPORT

"Three ladies went to nearby towns and secured \$25.20. They had a fine time and received more money than the same trip netted them last year."

ELDER C. W. RUBENDALL.

"I Am Not Much Good at this Ingathering Business"

A LETTER from Sister M. C. Smith of El Campo brings cheer to the hearts of all who read it and we pass a portion of it on to you. She says, "You know I am not much good at this Ingathering business, but somehow a measure of the spirit of service took hold of me this fall and I have surely enjoyed the work. One party gave me \$15.00 as his donation. So you see I am enthusiastic over the work now. I have to my credit \$27.80

now so you will have to give me my bookmark. The El Campo church has more than it had last year."

Notice the remarkable statements in this letter: "The Spirit of service took hold of me;" "I enjoyed the work;" "I am enthusiastic over the work now;" "My church has passed its last year's mark." A perfect sequence. Joy comes from doing the work the spirit of service has given us to do. Enthusiasm comes to those who work. God gives the results, and then as we work our church passes its goal.

Real Pleasure

IT IS real pleasure to better last year's record. isn't it! Boys will scratch a mark on the wall to see how much they have grown in a year, or how much farther they can jump than last time they tried.

Churches and individuals also have this pleasure. Imagine the pleasure Roswell enjoys in having passed at the middle of November what they took all the year to do last ingathering season. They still have six weeks to better their record still more. The same is true of the Hagerman church. These brethren report that more is being received there than ever before. One brother working with Elder Hanhardt received \$36.50 in less than a day's work. There is still more than a month for work. How many more will have the satisfaction of knowing they have bettered last year's record?

A Pastor's Surprise

WITH a view to getting an early start toward a successful Harvest Ingathering effort this year, the pastor of a small church had a designated Sabbath, July 29, as the day when he would present the matter before his church and seek to rally each member to do his individual part.

The church missionary secretary of this church is a live wire—God bless her, and every other church missionary secretary whose services mean so much to the success of all lines of missionary work—and she decided to take time by the forelock and get the work all finished before the pastor planned to begin. This, however, was a secret, closely guarded by all

the church members, and it served to intensify enthusiasm and diligent effort. Every member of the church thought it would be the best surprise ever perpetrated on their pastor, and all united to do their individual part and more. Sabbath came, the pastor proceeded with the Rally program, and called for volunteers. In response, the entire church volunteered for the service, at the same time presenting the tangible evidence of their sincerity by placing bags of money, containing the individual Harvest Ingathering amounts, on the table before the astonished pastor.

When all the money had been placed, the church missionary secretary explained the meaning of the whole affair, and turning to the Harvest Ingathering Goal Chart hanging on the wall, which registered the heights to be climbed, the red tape was swiftly drawn up and over the top of the thermometers. It was indeed a surprised pastor who listened and observed all that his church members said and did, and to complete the record he gladly turned over \$20 as the Ingathering donation for himself and wife.

This unique Harvest Ingathering Rally Program was made possible by an efficient church missionary secretary and loyal and cooperative church members. We are wondering how many more pastors have similar surprises awaiting them.

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Alexandria
Friday, Dec. 29, 1933, 5:25
Meridian 92 degrees 30 min.
Central Standard Time

Missionary Volunteer Leaders of 1934

BY THE time this reaches our churches through the RECORD definite arrangements have been made in most cases for the church officers for 1934. I want to say a word to the leaders and all officers of the Missionary Volunteer Society. If the church has chosen you to lead out in

the young people's work, do your very best.

The very first thing you as leaders want to do is to get your executive committee together and study the duties of each officer. This you find outlined in chapter seven in the book, "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work." From the very beginning you want to get your membership lined up for the year. New membership cards for 1934 are issued from the conference office. New members should sign an application card. These you can obtain from the office upon request. The young people who have held 1933 membership cards, only their names need to be sent in by the secretary and a new 1934 membership card will be issued. This work should be completed at least by the end of the first month. The officers want to see to it that you get at least two *Gazettes* for your *Missionary Volunteer Society*.

You as officers must study carefully the officers' page of the Missionary Volunteer society on page seven of the January *Gazette*. This year we will stress in a special way "The Study and Service League work". You will find a detailed explanation on page eleven in the January *Gazette*. For additional information write to the Missionary Volunteer Department. A. F. RUF,
Conf. Missionary Volunteer Sec'y

A Desirable Location

NESTLED among the beautiful foothills of the Osark Mountains is situated the church and school at Bonnerdale, Arkansas. It is just one mile off the scenic, paved highway that runs between Hot Springs National Park and Texarkana. This is a great asset to the farmers here as it gives them first-class marketing for their abundance of potatoes, tomatoes, beans, cotton, etc.

The company of believers at Bonnerdale have been here for many years, quietly serving God as best they know how. But through the efforts of Elders Hopkins, Crozier, Smith, and others they have been given a new vision and a fresh desire to place their children in a church school. Professor R. L. Wilson gave them a good start last year, and this year they are throwing their hearts

and souls into it, to make it a model school.

They have a two-teacher, nine-grade school this year, and are getting well equipped for a ten-grade school next year. The patrons are showing a fine spirit of co-operation in helping make the school a success.

There are three or four good farms for sale within a radius of three miles of the school, ranging in price from twelve to thirty dollars an acre. These farms are practically free from rock, and in good farming condition. They can be bought on most any terms desired.

If there are any families living isolated who are planning to move to a school this is a desirable place to come. We have a good location where we can live in the country, as it should be, and still have our children in a church school. It is high time our children were in our own school, so let us each do all we can to gather them in before it is too late. For further information write to Professor A. F. Ruf, at the conference office, or the writer.

W. M. LADD,
Bonnerdale, Arkansas.

TEXAS CONFERENCE
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Texas Book and Bible House
Sec'y-Treas.—Ella M. Winn

SUNSET CALENDAR
Fort Worth, Austin, Corpus Christi
Friday, Dec. 29, 1933, 5:35
Meridian 97 degrees 30 min.
Central Standard Time

News Notes

Brother H. W. Kibble, pastor of the Tyler colored church, and Elder M. M. Young, secretary of the Negro Department of the Southwestern Union Conference, were in the office Wednesday to counsel with Elder Eichman relative to the building the Tyler church is contemplating in the near future.

Elder W. H. Clark writes from Henrietta, Texas, that he is kept very busy visiting our brethren and holding night meetings. He is enjoying his work very much and says that the Lord has been blessing them in rich measure.

Miss Winn, our Book and Bible House secretary, is taking her vacation at the present. She is spending the time with her folks in Keene and seemingly is having a nice time.

Brother Smith, who has charge of the Spanish mission in Dallas, reports that he is enjoying his work very much and that he has a fine group of young people and children in school.

Elder C. U. Taylor, who is the director of the Waco district, has been taking his vacation this month and spent the time with his folks at Keene.

Elder North reports another convert in the Houston church. He says they are still pushing the Harvest Ingathering and plan to reach their goal.

The people in the Texas Conference will be glad to know that at the close of eleven months we have five hundred dollars more Harvest Ingathering than we had for the entire year last year. This indicates that our people have worked harder this year and more of them have been at work.

Brother R. R. Coble, our field missionary secretary, has spent a few days in the office catching up with his correspondence. He has been out in the field assisting colporteurs in their deliveries.

Professor Tucker is visiting in the eastern part of our conference in the interest of the Week of Prayer, after which he will go to the lower Rio Grande valley on some school matters.

Elder E. B. Hopkins, pastor of the Jefferson church, writes that he is of good courage and that he plans to visit the Avinger church during the Week of Prayer.

Elder A. G. Haughey, pastor of the Lufkin church, writes that the brethren are all of good courage and that their work is progressing in that part of the field.

Brother W. B. Johnson, pastor of the Galveston church, states that their Sunday night meetings in the hall are well attended, that a great interest is being manifested, and that he is hopeful of having some more converts before very long. It is to be remembered the Galveston church is just a new church, having been organized only about a month ago. It was one of the first ones to reach their Harvest Ingathering goal.

Elder Eichman made a business

trip to Galveston Monday, December 11, to meet an appointment he had with the general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, relative to annual transportation for 1934. He reports a splendid time and indicates that the prospects are splendid for free transportation for our men for next year.

Elder J. F. Anderson, pastor of the Houston church, states that everything is moving along nicely in Houston. They have just had their election and everybody is optimistic with reference to the future of the Houston church.

Elder Robert Leach, who recently located in Edinburg, writes that he finds plenty to do visiting interested people and giving Bible readings. We are glad Elder Leach is in our territory and we hope that he will be instrumental in leading many people to the truth in the Valley.

Elder and Mrs. O. J. Corwin, who have charge of the work in San Antonio, are being kept very busy giving Bible readings and holding cottage meetings, besides their regular work on Sabbath.

Brother J. O. Hanson, our conference treasurer, is visiting churches in the northern end of our conference in the interest of the Week of Prayer.

Elder J. I. Taylor, pastor of our Denison and Sherman churches, has been asked by the committee to visit churches in the lower Rio Grande valley. Word has already come to the office from some of our people there indicating that his visit and work is very much appreciated.

Elder G. A. Schwerin visited the new company of believers in La Feria, Sabbath, December 16. We hope to have a more detailed report of his visit there in a later issue of the RECORD.

“Square up Day”

WE ARE asking all of our churches in the conference as well as every individual member to make Sabbath, December 30, “Square Up Day”. By this we mean first of all we pay our tithes for the entire year where it has not been paid month by month. Some people pay their tithes once a year, some once every six or three months, while most of them pay every month. But at any

rate, brethren, let us not let the year close with anybody having back tithes to pay, hoping that we can pay it the next year.

During the year some have made pledges, such as Big Week, Conference Relief, church expense, etc. Let us square up and pay these pledges. Satan tries to make us believe that what little we may have does not amount to much. If he succeeds, he has robbed us of a blessing, and the cause of the benefits of that money.

One of our brethren told me that he is planning on holding his cotton for a higher price, but is selling enough to pay his tithe on the present value of his cotton. He said, “If it goes down, the cause will not lose anything, and if it goes up, I’ll have some more tithe to pay.” For joy tears rolled down my face. Truly the Lord is pleased with such treatment. We often make the cause of God suffer because of our selfish ambitions.

While we square up with the Lord financially, let us not forget our spiritual needs. Let us examine our hearts and make sure that our relation to God and our fellow men is pleasing to God. Let us remove from our hearts the things which will rob us of the blessing which the Lord wants us to have. Let us close the year with a real victory. Let us square up in every way at the close of the year and start the New Year with optimism, courage, and faith in God, and the reward will surely be ours. Let us square up Sabbath, December 30. G. F. EICHMAN.

Galveston Church

IT IS a pleasure to inform the people of the Texas Conference that we now have an organized church in Galveston. This church was organized Sabbath, November 25.

When I accepted the presidency of the former South Texas Conference in August, 1930, I found only three believers in Galveston. They had a family Sabbath school and usually met in the home of Sister Hausinger. These dear believers earnestly prayed to have a tent effort in Galveston and often wrote or spoke to me about it. They distributed many thousands of

pages of tracts and periodicals, and as a result of this work a real interest sprang up, which was followed by a tent effort in 1932. Brother C. A. Walgren and wife, assisted by Brother W. B. Johnson and wife, were in charge. The good Lord blessed this effort and about twelve or fifteen accepted the message. A company was organized and Brother Walgren and wife remained in Galveston to follow up the interest. January 1, Brother Walgren and wife were called to work in the Texico Conference and Brother W. B. Johnson and wife were asked to follow Brother and Sister Walgren in Galveston.

In the spring of 1933 another tent effort was held in Galveston with Brother W. B. Johnson and wife, assisted by Brother Cecil Chastain and wife, in charge. The Lord again blessed in this effort and about eight or ten accepted the truth, which made about twenty-five adults and about that many children.

The day of the organization a full corps of officers were elected and Brother W. B. Johnson was placed in charge by the conference as pastor of the newly organized church. Let us pray for the work in the entire conference. G. F. EICHMAN.

Silver Wedding

ON December 10, 1933 relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Atcheson at Dalworth, Texas, to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mosley, of Terrell.

The table cloth used was the one bought for the wedding supper at the home of the groom, in Keene twenty-five years ago.

MRS. W. F. CASEY.

For Sale

FOR SALE—Seventy-nine acres of land, no buildings, seven miles east of Mena, Arkansas; plenty of timber for building purposes, and good living spring of water. Will sell for cash or trade for late model Chevrolet truck. Write to W. C. Busbee, Keene, Texas.

The College singing band brought in a nice offering Saturday night.

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SUNSET CALENDAR
 Oklahoma City, Ardmore
 Friday, Dec. 29, 1933, 5:35
 Meridian 97 degrees 30 min.
 Central Standard Time

Shattuck, Okeene, and East Cooper

A SERIES of conventions were held at the above-named churches from November 10 to 26. The meetings began in Shattuck, Friday evening November 10 with the church well filled. On Sabbath due to large attendance the Christian church was rented for the meeting Sunday evening. The convention work each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. was conducted in the church in the country. The attendance at all of these meetings was very good and increased each day. The evening meetings in town were so large that two evenings the High School Auditorium was rented. The attendance was especially large on Thursday evening when the meeting was in English. The Christian church was used for all the meetings from Friday evening until Saturday evening.

The next place was at Okeene. Convention work was conducted for two days with preaching in the evening. From Wednesday evening to Sunday evening the convention was held at East Cooper. In both of these places the attendance was excellent.

In all of these places the hearty response on the part of all the people was greatly appreciated and all entered into the discussions enthusiastically. Many expressed themselves that the meetings were very helpful to all. The duties of officers, and workings of all departments were taken up in detail. We commend the people for their faithfulness in attending day by day.

Elder Reiswig led out in the convention work. We were especially favored in having Elder W. B. Ochs of the Bureau of Home Missions present throughout these meetings. His valuable help in studies and sermons

was very much appreciated by all. Elder Benton, president of the union was present part of the time at Shattuck and East Cooper, and his help also added much to the meetings.

The Sabbath meetings brought in the believers from neighboring churches, so we had a good time together. The weather was ideal for all the meetings: We can truthfully say, the Lord was good to us.

We are indeed thankful to all our dear people at these places for their kind and liberal hospitality. May the Lord richly bless these churches as they launch out on larger things for Him.

MRS. J. J. REISWIG.

Thirteenth Sabbath

JUST a few thoughts from W. L. Adams, Sabbath school secretary of Inter-America: "I shall give you a few things to ponder as you consider the possibilities of this field. Mexico has not had a training school for some years until recently. They started with practically nothing, and are meagerly supplied at this time. Yet Brother House and his staff of teachers are struggling along with twenty-two enrolled, and they are getting good results from their work. They need money with which to put in suitable equipment for their work. Costa Rica has a beginning of a school. The buildings that are finished furnish dormitories for the students and the faculty except the principal. All the culinary work is done there, and the classes and chapel and church services are held in the same place. The school has all the students that it can accommodate, while many others wait for room. How long must they wait?

"Our church facilities are very poor in some portions of the field. I think of the church at Georgetown, British Guiana, where we have a church of about 500 members, and the old church is wholly inadequate to meet the needs of the present; it is about to fall down. Our medical work in its division is not well represented at all. We have not a single sanitarium or hospital in the field, and only a few, very few, dispensaries or treatment rooms. We ought to have our medical work represented in a better way." Many more needs could be enumerated, but this

will suffice to help us see the needs.

It is just a very short time now until thirteenth Sabbath. Let us all try to make it Dollar Day in Oklahoma. We have returned to Dollar Day according to the following action of the recent Fall Council: "Voted, That we return to the one dollar per member goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering."

What are you going to do this Thirteenth Sabbath? Let us each one do his best and see if we cannot help answer the many calls that come from these needy fields.

MRS. J. J. REISWIG.

Vinita Church

IT WAS the writer's privilege to spend four weeks with the Vinita church holding a series of meetings. We began our meetings on the 8th of November and lasted till the 3rd of December. During the effort the weather was favorable so that a goodly number came to listen to the message presented.

The Lord blessed us in the meetings, for this little company of believers had looked a long time for an effort to be held, and by waiting they succeeded. Every one took part and the result of it was that at the close of the effort five were baptized and three taken into the church on profession of faith. Two of the eight were new comers, while five had been in this message a number of years ago. Some had been out of the truth ever since the great world war and others not quite so long.

Temptations of this world, good positions, good salaries, and good friendship gave cause of drifting away. Since everything was going the other way, not making any gain they realized as did the "prodigal" and upon the call of the Master, "Return ye backsliding Israel," they came back into the fold. Three of the five were re-baptized, while the other two seemed to be satisfied. One old sister eighty-three years old had never belonged to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, but through the reading of our literature she accepted the message and lived it as much as she knew. After asking her many questions concerning this doctrine, she believed it all and upon her profession of faith (she was im-

mersed at the age of eighteen years) was taken into the church. She is almost totally blind.

The older members certainly were glad to see them come in with whom they had labored. May God bless you all and keep on laboring for souls till this work is finished.

C. C. VOTH.

SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

News Notes

Mrs. Aaron from Springdale, Arkansas has been visiting her daughter, Glynna, the past week.

Mrs. Ary, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, visited Charles and Hubert Ary.

Edna Holub, of Dallas, has been visiting Thelma Faseler.

Vera Ackerman has moved from the Girl's Dormitory to Jenkins Apartments.

Juanita Casey and Branson Christophers had their tonsils removed the past week.

Marshall Miller, Anabelle Handard, Max Williams, Geneva Casey, Dorothy Sherrard, L. G. Small, Ruth Bell, Miller Trout, Erma Glantz, and Miss Gilbert were special friends who entertained Harold Eichman Saturday night. Harold says, "Just three

more years now and I can vote. Yesterday it was four."

Nellie Faye Thomas, Verde Nell Rice and Lee Thomas visited friends and relatives in Keene over the weekend.

The girls entertained Thursday night at joint Culture-Improvement Clubs. The program consisted of seven scenes representing the life of a girl. Elizabeth Carter, leader of the Culture Club, had charge.

Catherine and Faye McCormick visited their aunt in Fort Worth last week.

Georgia Stephens spent the weekend at her home in Fort Worth.

At the students' recital Saturday evening, the Music Department of S. W. J. C. presented the following: Mrs. H. Colburn, Mrs. Truman Cox, Hazel Nielsen, Fern Wagner, Ida Green, Miss Hazel Berg, Kenneth Beem, Lloyd Thomas, Cloise Sherrell, Ruby Hardy, Delmar Kyle, Helen Grace Bryan, The Ladies' Glee Club, A Cappella Four, The Men's Glee Club, with the Orchestra in their second student recital.

Elder Eichman visited Harold last Sabbath.

Pictures were shown Monday night in the chapel. It was a set of slides sent out by the General Conference showing the harmful effects of using tobacco.

Personal workers' band has been

re-organized. The officers are: Mrs. Little leader; Helen Howard, secretary; Louise Dunn, pianist; Clinton Woodland, chorister.

Joe Karlick was the speaker at prayer meeting in West Hall.

The service department boasts of three new maids, Evelyn Kelstrom, Helen Howard, and Rosa Lee Hasenpflug. They cleaned up Julian's private room at the power plant,— or at least made his bed. Just how long this courtesy will last no one can say.

SPUD SPENCER SPIES

Erma Glantz and Evalyn Leffler on a diet.

Tressa Clouse and Ida Green asleep behind the Normal Building.

Geneva Casey and Dorothy Sherrard separated for a little more than five minutes.

J. W. Pettey talking to a girl.

Special Notice

A new song is now off the press entitled, "Just Go to the Foot of the Old Rugged Cross." Words and music by J. F. Anderson. Good as a solo, duet, or quartette. Every lover of music will want this song. I consider it the most beautiful song I have ever written. Two copies for twenty-five cents. Ten copies \$1.00. Do not send stamps. Address J. F. Anderson, 1222 Rutland, Houston, Texas.—1 Coll.

COLPORTEUR REPORTS

TEXICO, Week Ending December 9, 1933, C. M. NORMAN, <i>Field Miss'y Sec'y</i>							
Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
**Mrs. W. D. Glass	DR	59	4	\$ 11.00	\$ 20.50	\$ 31.50	\$ 10.25
*Elmer Williams	BR	57	13	48.00	40.25	88.25	27.00
*Jack Colvin	BR	50	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	33.25
Jose Espinosa	GA	14	.....	25.75	.....	25.75	.....
S. E. Earley	BR	5	1	4.00	4.00	42.00
Workers 5		185	18	88.75	62.25	151.00	112.50
* Two Weeks Report							
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TEXAS, Week Ending December 9, 1933, R. R. COBLE, <i>Field Miss'y Sec'y</i>							
Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
G. M. Cox	OT	54	2	4.00	2.25	6.25	80.00
G. M. Cox	OT	28	7	14.00	3.00	25.25	5.25
F. L. McGee	BR	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.50
Stanley Huddleston	OT	14	5	10.00	.....	10.00	.....
G. W. Walker	OT	8	11	29.00	.....	29.00	.....
Theodore Boston	OT	4	.....	.....	.....	1.90	.....
M. M. Hagan	OT	3	.....	.....	.....	1.50	10.75
Miscellaneous					31.25	38.23	38.23
Workers 7		137	25	57.00	55.13	112.13	135.73
GRAND TOTAL:							
Workers 12		322	43	\$145.75	\$117.38	\$263.13	\$248.23

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