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The Texas Campmeeting.

AFTER considering every available place in central Texas for the campmeeting and visiting several and trying to get suitable grounds and other accommodations, we seem to be shut up to Handley as the place for the meeting this year. Handley is the first station east of Ft. Worth, six miles out on the Texas and Pacific, and also on the electric line between Fort Worth and Dallas. I say shut up to Handley, and yet after all it presents some of the best facilities and has one of the best grounds anywhere in the country for a camp meeting, the only objection, if any, being that it is not in a city. And yet the electric line people make such a cheap round trip rate (15 cents) that it practically brings it within the city. Further particulars as to the reasons for deciding on Handley, directions and rates to the meeting, etc., will be given in next issue.

W. A. M.

IT is becoming more and more apparent to Seventh-day Adventists that a public school taught by a Seventh-day Adventist teacher does not fill the requirements the Lord has laid down for this people. The teaching of the Scripture, the very thing desired by this people, is restrained by the law governing the public school. This we think is right. We have no criticism so far as that system is concerned; but Seventh-day Adventists want their children taught the principles laid down in the Bible. The Keene people are beginning to realize this, and are now unanimously laying plans whereby all their children can have the benefit of a Christian education. This was shown at the meeting held last Saturday night at which preliminary steps for the accomplishment of that desirable object were taken.

BRO. W. J. Gregory of Keene visited this office last week. Brother Gregory not only subscribed for THE RECORD for himself but also for his four sons, Abel, Albert, John, and Lee.

A MASS MEETING of the members of the Keene church was held last Saturday night in the Keene Academy chapel for the purpose of taking steps to establish a church school in Keene. Eld. G. G. Rupert acted as chairman and in a few well-timed remarks stated the object of the meeting, and after some discussion the church voted that a committee of nine be named to devise ways and means to establish such a school, and to report on next Sunday evening. The following persons were named as such committee: Mrs. Flora H. Williams, Chairman; W. S. Greer, Mrs. Nelly Kunze, T. R. Allison, T. T. Stevenson, W. Atwood, James Willis, David Field, and Louis Hewgley. The committee meets Tuesday evening to begin its work, and no doubt by next Sunday evening they will be able to make a report that will be unanimously adopted by the church.

THE blessing of the Lord came to Keene last Tuesday night in the way of a good rain. It had been very dry for the past ten days and the people began to think there was good prospects for a drouth.

THE RECORD, only 50 cents a year.

The Academy Store.

THE Board after careful consideration, decided that they would no longer assume the responsibility and burden of running the store for the benefit of the Academy. Hence it was offered for sale, and several were consulted as purchasers. It was sold to Bro. B. F. Woods and Son. Brother Woods was one of the first men on the ground at the building of the Academy, and he has been on the Board as one of its men who has ever worked for the upbuilding of the school. We can only say we are glad he has the store, as we believe he will run it to the credit of the town. We can only wish him an abundant success and the support of the citizens. We will add that in the purchase he would consent to it only on the conditions that he would do better by the Academy in the purchase than any one else. We felt he did this.

ANOTHER letter from Elder H. Shultz has been received and will appear in our next issue.

BROTHER Creager is kept busy disposing of the fruit now ripening on the Academy farm. This is surely a great place to raise fruit.

THE CLEBURNE MUSIC HOUSE, J. F. WADE, Proprietor.

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Cleburne,

Texas

The Union Record. Oklahoma Department.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL
Published by the Southwestern Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists.

G. G. RUPERT, Managing Editor.
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A Letter from Brother Shultz.

Dear Brother Rupert:

We had a very pleasant trip across the sea. On May 6, we came in sight of Ireland. Many forts were seen, saying to all, It is not all peace yet. We landed at Liverpool on Wednesday, May 7. Among the crowd on the pier we recognized the faces of a number of brethren who were there to meet us. After passing the customs we hurried on board the train and soon were whirling across Merry England at the rate of over sixty miles an hour. The country is very different from what we expected to see. Every foot of ground is utilized. There is no waste land. No two fields are alike, except that all are small and fenced with hedges. The whole land resembles a park.

All too soon we reached London, the world's metropolis. Everything seemed strange and bewildering, and many years behind western progress. Soon we were located and felt at home. England, Ireland, and Scotland are but little larger than Minnesota, but the population is about 42,000,000 souls. You can form some idea of the density of the population. You are scarcely out of one large city till you enter another. London has about 7,000,000 people, twice as many as there are in Texas.

The efforts to carry the message here are necessarily confined to the cities, and hence must be expensive. After twenty-four years of labor this field has eight ordained and three licensed ministers, twenty-seven churches, and about one thousand members. The Pacific Press has a branch office here. They are cramped for room, but are willing to put up with these inconveniences rather than go in debt. We ought to rejoice that the policy of avoiding debts is taking hold of our people the world over. No more debts, no more building of institutions until the money is in hand, this is the only plan that will fulfill Rom. 13:8. God wants his people to be where they can lend instead of borrowing. O, that we would learn the lesson to keep the commandments of the Lord; then we should be blessed and become lenders and not borrowers.

H. SHULTZ.

We are pleased to see our canvassers' reports.

Bro. J. R. Bagby has gone to Mountain Park, O. T., to hold a series of meetings.

We have received 22 subscriptions for THE RECORD at this office since its first publication.

BROTHER Geo. Ortnier writes that the Okeene Society is holding young peoples meetings regularly and all are enjoying the work.

We are receiving a good many orders for the Coronation Number of the "Signs." Why can't you sell twenty-five or fifty.

SOME of our canvassers are going home to look after their harvests. Brother Baker says he leaves the work for a short time, but his family will stay out with the company.

THE Branch Sabbath School, which was started by the Oklahoma City church, was well attended and the children in the Southern part of the city are much pleased with it.

ELDER Haffner sends in subscriptions for THE RECORD in nearly every letter. The German brethren are coming to the front with their subscriptions.

We sent the Keene Academy \$1,400 this week on the sale of Parables. If we will work steadily at this debt we will be out of it before very long. Let the good work go on.

ELDER Haffner writes that he expects to organize a German church at Whitehead the coming week. He also expects to organize an English church at Woodward in a short time.

MISSSES Laura and Lucile Rupert went this week to Berrien Springs, Michigan to attend the summer school. May success attend them and may they enjoy much of the spirit of the Lord.

We received a letter which had been sent to the publishers asking for sample copies of the "Signs." The writer had found a copy of the paper dated August, 1896, and had become very much interested. "Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days."

THE Helping Band of the Oklahoma City church is quite an interesting company. They meet each week to make and mend clothing, prepare articles for sale, and do a general work for both soul and body for those with whom they come in contact in the missionary work.

Important Notice.

THIS office still has plenty to do each day. Today, June 10, we issued checks in favor of our creditors to the amount of over \$2300.00. This settles up to date, but we had to draw some on the conference treasury in order to do it. This shows the work is falling behind. The cash is not coming in as fast as the books are going out. This is the way that large debts accumulate in the tract societies. We shall do all in our power to prevent this in this conference, but the only way we can prevent it is to have the support of all the customers of the societies. Whenever a book passes out of the hands of the canvasser the money due the society should be sent at once, so we may have the money to meet our bills. This is the only way our credit can be maintained. So look over the books on hand and if you have not enough on hand to settle your account, then know there is money due the society, and it should be paid at once. The only credit due any one is the amount of books on hand, and even that should be only such as they really need. Remember that Seventh-day Adventists are trying to come to the Bible plan of owing no man anything but love. Let all feel that this is their business, which it is, and feel that they are responsible for the success of the society. Let all who are dealing with the society consider these statements and act accordingly.

WE are proud of THE RECORD. It is becoming a live paper for one so young in the field. We hope it will have a general circulation among all our people. It will come out soon with new type and a better quality of paper. Some doctrinal articles will appear in its columns, making it a missionary paper we can send out to all. The department of Christian Education is also of much interest to all our people, and will be appreciated by many Christian people not of our faith who desire better for their children than their own church or the world can give. So let all work to increase the circulation of the paper, and thus help to make it self supporting.

ELD. Bagby spoke in the Oklahoma City church last Sabbath in the forenoon and Elder Rupert spoke at night on Christian Education and the Qualifications of Christian Teachers. Elder Rupert is laboring to fill Keene Academy with students the coming year. It is a good work and we wish him success. He is also laboring for the upbuilding of church schools in the different conferences.

Texas Department.

Field Reports.

PALESTINE.

SINCE school has closed and the students have gone to their fields of labor, I thought I would give a short report of our trip and experience since leaving home:

I left home, Friday, May 30, and spent the Sabbath and Sunday with Brethren Field, Willis, and Cubley and wife, who are engaged in a tent effort at Athens. They all seemed of good courage, but they have had a hard time to get started. Many things have come up to hinder, such as protracted meetings, stereopticon shows, etc. And besides all these difficulties was the influence of popular ministers. The attendance was small, but the same ones came regularly. Since our brethren have been in Athens there have come some two or three calls out of town. Brethren Cubly and Willis have been out and held a few meetings and stirred up quite an interest. So the seed is being sown, that God may give the increase.

Leaving Athens I came to Palestine last Tuesday. Found my wife, also Brother and Sister Harris waiting for me. We went at once to look out a location for a tent. After looking the place over and talking with several of the citizens, we decided to locate on the corner of Dallas and Sycamore streets, a very nice part of the city. The ground belongs to Mr. Goodrich, late of Cleburne. He gave us the free use of the lots, so we have our tent up and seated, and will be ready to begin our meetings to-morrow night, the 11th.

While we are getting things in readiness many are inquiring what we are going to do. Mrs. French is working with "Good Health," and has quite a number of subscriptions already. She and Sister Harris are working up a school of health. The people are very favorable to it, and it seems the work is opening up for a good meeting here.

Jessie (my daughter) is canvassing for "Best Stories" and "Gospel Primer," and up to date has sold ten Primers and two Best Stories and has eight to deliver later on. We are all of good courage and expect the Lord will work for us, and give success in His name. Surely the harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few. Pray for the work in Palestine. H. B. FRENCH.

News Notes.

A VERY urgent call took Elders McCutchen and Kunze to Brenham the first of last week.

ELDER D. U. Hale passed through Dallas last Wednesday on his way to join the tent company at Palestine.

OUR force of canvassers in the field is being increased by new ones entering every week. We now have quite a large force and nearly every one has reported excellent success. We should all earnestly pray that the threatening drouth should not interfere with their work.

WE are receiving many inquiries as to the date and place for holding the campmeeting. The date, as previously announced, is July 24 to August 3. We hope to be able to announce the location next week. It has been a very perplexing question as the committee desired to get a better location than last year, but our meetings are getting so large and require so much ground it is not an easy matter to find a suitable one. Elder McCutchen has given all his spare time for several weeks to an effort to find a good location. Several places have been visited but each seemed to lack some essential thing. One had no shade, another no good water, etc. Several other places are now under consideration, with the probability that one will be selected this week. We hope to have a ground this year where there will be plenty of shade, and what is more important—plenty of water. Look for announcements next week and begin to lay plans to attend, as this will be an important meeting. C. N. W.

FOR the encouragement of the faithful canvassers who rarely ever see the full fruits of their labors in this world, Bro. Edward Seat, who, with his company of canvassers has been working in Cherokee county, reports the finding of eight families in one community there who are keeping the Sabbath from reading the books placed in that vicinity by one of our canvassers the past year or two. Brother Seat has organized a Sabbath school with these families and now meets with them regularly on the Sabbath. He writes that they are anxious to be further instructed in the truth, and are very desirous of having meetings held in their midst. Elder Field and his company, having closed their meeting at Athens have been asked to go with the tent to this place. Brother Seat says there is

material there already for a good little church, and it is hoped that with other recruits gained by the effort put forth there, a strong church may be established at that point. So much for the work of the canvasser. Dear fellow workers in this line, while you are traveling over the burning sands and rolling prairies, carrying the printed page to the homes of the people, take courage from this and similar incidents, and press on in the good work. You will see your reward in the city to come "whose maker and builder is God."

BRO. N. J. ETHEREDGE, by direction of the Conference, is looking up and visiting the scattered Sabbath keepers of West Texas, traveling by his own private conveyance from place to place, and holding meetings with them and their neighbors wherever the way opens for it. Bro. J. W. Scott, of Nugent, Jones county, wrote a couple of weeks ago of a very encouraging visit and meetings by Brother Etheredge at his home. Brother Scott has been keeping the Sabbath about three years and has never seen but one or two Sabbath keepers in that time. Also, Bro. W. T. White, of Brownwood, Brown county, writes of Brother Etheredge's visit and work in that section, and reports that he has found ten families of isolated Sabbath keepers within a radius of several miles, who have promised to come together in a general meeting. They have appointed the first Sabbath in July as the time for this meeting, when it is hoped to have help and to have these scattered ones formed into a church. Brother Etheredge wrote that he was very happy in his work in the consciousness of doing something for the Lord and the people.

SINCE writing the article which appeared in last week's RECORD, entitled "Push Object Lesson Sales," or between the date of writing it and the time of its getting to print, the dry, hot weather has injured the crops materially, so that they do not give the promise they did when I wrote before, but orders can still be taken for this good book. We can be thankful that the Lord's work is not wholly dependent upon outward surroundings and circumstances. Sister Maggie King, of Denison, who has a babe to care for, writing in regard to her quota of four books, says: "I have already received my books and taken three orders. Have kept one myself, and loaned it to an old lady eighty-two years old who wanted to read it, but said she was not able to buy one." It Sister King could take three orders easily, would she not be blessed in taking a few more to make up for some one who is too old and decrepit to sell any? And reader, "go thou and do likewise." Let us continue to press the "Object Lesson" work.

Christian Education.

This department will be conducted by G. W. DRAPER, Keene, Texas, to whom all communications on Christian Education should be addressed.

WE would call the special attention of teachers and others interested in church school work to the recommendations passed by the S. W. Union Conference at its session held at Topeka in April. These will be found in another column. Teachers will please notice that examinations will be held in the common branches and in Theory and Practice of Teaching. These examinations will probably be held in connection with the Institutes near campmeeting time.

For What Shall We Educate Our Children?

IN our plans for the good of ourselves and our families we should not lose the thought that there are some things we can not take to the world to come. In fact but one thing, and that is our minds. This is clearly shown by a few scripture texts. In 1 Cor. 15:55 we read: O death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory! We wake with the last thought we had in life. The shout of victory is at once given. Further, in Revelation 20 we behold Gog and Magog at the resurrection of the wicked at the end of the thousand years surrounding the Holy City to destroy the saints. This was their last work on earth before the coming of Christ. Ezekiel 38.

So we learn that there is one thing at least that goes over into the next world, and that is our thoughts. Now is there any importance to the thoughts we have in this life. All will say yes. Says the prophet Isaiah, "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts." Says Paul, "Casting down every high thing that exalteth itself against God, and bringing every thought into subjection to the obedience of Christ."

Now what bearing has this on the education of our children? We answer: First, "it is better than gold," says the Psalmist, "yea, more to be desired than fine gold." We read of the time coming when they will cast their gold to the moles and bats. Riches take wings and fly away; not so with a good mind. The best inheritance any father or mother can

leave their children is a good education. A great mistake is often made by parents who love their children more than life in neglecting the mind culture and laying up treasures here in place of giving them a good Christian education. A Christian education means much; it means more than a theory; it means a practical education that will fit them for the life that now is and the life that is to come. It means to practice economy here in temporal things. It means industry. It means everything that is useful in temporal and spiritual things. It is not a narrow education. The question of education is one of the most important of all subjects. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he becomes old will not depart from it," is as true as any other scripture. The trouble with our experience with this text is that we have thought we were doing this when we were not, and a failure resulted from our efforts. Timothy did not depart from his early training. From his childhood he was acquainted with the holy scriptures, and he also had a Godly parentage. The two combined could not possibly fail. I feel sure we have much to learn in the training of our children. We have all made more or less mistakes, but let us not be discouraged in the good work.

Especially are these thoughts applicable at this time when we are so near entering into the eternal inheritance. It is more useless now than ever before to lay up for our children just on the borders of the eternal world. Now above all other times in the world's history should the Lord's people be preparing to take all their possessions over with them.

The Lord, seeing the great need of this, has prepared schools of learning where the children should be taught the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. The coming year should mark a great impetus in the educational work. Every parent that can possibly do so should put their children in a school where they can receive a Christian education.

The Lord has not been deceiving us these past years in telling us what to do. Let us delay no longer. Begin now to ask the Lord to open the way and go to work to do what you can. It is true there are free schools; but if these principles are true which the Lord has been giving us they are surely a dear school. Put your children under the direct rays of the light of the scriptures if you would have them saved. This is the way to carry over the treasures of earth into heaven.

G. G. R.

Education.

THERE is much talk nowadays about education. What it is and how best obtained puzzles many minds, while wealthy men contribute millions to the cause. States and nations tax willing and unwilling subjects for its support, and poorer people contribute their mites. The late Cecil Rhodes is credited with making a bequest of ten millions to aid young men in getting an education, and in our own country Andrew Carnegie, Senator Stanford, and others have given funds for aiding education. Very likely these men deserve less than they receive for their donations, as they could have taken a more just method of securing wealth. However, it shows the bent of their minds, and in our own ranks we see much, and yet how little, done for education. The idea holds both in the world and church that we should get the child into school as soon as possible, and then expect the teacher to get along smoothly with fifteen to fifty pupils, and in six or seven hours a day counteract all the evil and reckless habits that parents and enemies implant during the rest of the time—yes, and for six or seven years before. Parents who have not enough interest in their children to care for them better than for their stock or machinery, can have no just regard for their position and no ground to try to direct others how to train children. Yet this very class will assume to know more than is taught in the scriptures. Remember that your every act, your very looks and manner, educate your child. You may send him to school and it can aid him and somewhat counteract former influences, but it cannot wholly destroy them and accomplish what it could if the foundation had been well laid. Now friends, you may think that this is not correct, but it is not the violent efforts that produce the best results. "Constant chopping will fell the greatest oak, and cutting a hair's breadth a day will sever the powerful cable." So the mason lays one brick at a time and the wall is at last completed. Likewise build daily for eternity, and the Lord will aid you in the work.

J. C. ANDERSON.

Even a handsome and costly school house, desirable as it may be in itself may be a curse, literally a curse, if its erection and care prove such a burden as to make the employment of the best obtainable teachers impossible.

Resolutions.

THE following resolutions were adopted by the Southwestern Union Conference held at Topeka, Kansas, April 16-27, 1902:

IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHERS.

Whereas—There is a demand for many more thoroughly prepared teachers, who can successfully manage church schools, therefore—

We recommend—(a) That thoroughly equipped Normal Departments be conducted at Union College and Keene Academy.

(b) That a teachers' institute be conducted in each conference, covering a period of not less than ten days, at such time and place as shall best serve the interests of each conference, presumably at the close of the camp-meeting.

(c) That each teacher be required to pass an examination as to literary qualifications and in Theory and Practice of Teaching; and that a certificate, either first or second grade, be issued, showing that the holder is qualified to take up church school work, and gives evidence of spiritual fitness to be entrusted with the sacred responsibilities of a teacher, the lists of questions to be made out by the Educational Secretary, said certificate to be signed by the president of the conference and the State Superintendent.


CAMPAIGN OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Whereas—The proper understanding of Christian Education is essential, therefore—

Resolved—That we put forth earnest efforts to place the principles of Christian Education before all our people:—

(a) By the circulation of literature setting forth these principles, especially "CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS," and "HOME AND CHURCH SCHOOL MANUAL," and by the general circulation of the "Advocate of Christian Education."

(b) By means of church school and Sabbath-school conventions.

 We are sending this number of **THE RECORD** to all teachers and others interested in church school work whose addresses we have been able to obtain. Please subscribe and receive it regularly.

GOD will not ask us by what gate we entered the heavenly road.

RELIGION is like printed music, valueless until translated into being.

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The Tobacco Habit.

MANY physicians never realize the detrimental effects of tobacco on some of their patients. Yet it is common to read about "tobacco heart" and other results that follow the habit of using tobacco.

There is no doubt that some persons cannot use tobacco in any form, or in any amount, without positive injury. In persons who are of nervous temperament, we will generally find that tobacco will produce functional heart disease, and this, too, is very often associated with gastric catarrh, or some other affections. I have seen many cases of catarrh of the stomach, which resulted from the constant and liberal employment of tobacco. Tobacco, either smoked or chewed, causes the greatest activity of the salivary glands, and in this way, of course, works great detriment to our patient.

Patients come to us, complaining of pain in the region of the heart; along with this is associated palpitation, which always causes the patient alarm. These symptoms may be found in many, and, I might say, are due to excessive use of tobacco. Patients will also apply who complain of sick stomach after eating, with or without palpitation of the heart. These and other symptoms will almost invariably be found associated with tobacco poison.—*The Medical Summary.*

ONE of the most interesting and successful Missions in Africa is that of the Church of England in Uganda, on the shores of the great inland sea, the Victoria Nyanza. According to the policy of this mission the missionaries were to do nothing that the native preacher could do, to grant no money which the native Christians could raise, and to take no responsibility that could be laid on the native churches. The work of the missionary was to train native evangelists and teachers; the latter were to do the rest. Not a dollar of European money goes to support the two thousand native evangelists. The native Christians provide it. Natives build, support, repair, the churches, and also the schools. Converts are from the first impressed with the sense of the duty, privilege, and responsibility of supporting and spreading the Gospel, and one in every five is doing some kind of work.

COWARDLY fear finds no favor with God.

Talk No Words of Censure.

THE following Testimony which has come to our people in regard to the publishing house in Norway, is applicable to the people of the Southwestern Union Conference, in lifting the debt that now rests upon the Keene Industrial Academy:—

"Talk no words of censure. Lay not the blame upon this one or that one. It is a fact that there is now need of the help which all can bring to heal the breach that has been made. Do it cheerfully. Do it nobly. Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Redeem at once the institution that is in great peril. This can be done if all will take hold interestedly, and redeem this heavily-debt-bardened institution; and in doing this the blessing of Lord will be upon you. It can be done, and in the name of the Lord lay hold of it. Let all work with courage and with cheerfulness and with joy, and this work will prove a great blessing in the experience of all who lay hold of it and carry it through successfully."

Spear Points.

TIME does not discount God's checks.

CONVERSION is more wonderful than creation.

THE thorns of difficulty may surround the grapes of reward.

THE nearer our relation to God the greater our obligation.

THE most liberal creed is the one that takes in the greatest need.

THE preacher who would shine as a star will not reflect the glory of the sun of righteousness.

TOMORROW'S burden is never too heavy for tomorrow.

THERE is no hope for a man until he has no hope in himself.

THE sufferings of the teacher may mean the scattering of his truth.

STAINS that would not be seen on the sinner look black on the saint.

IF God loved us when we were rebels will He forget us as His children.

ONE reason why there are so many pennies in every collection is because we have no smaller coin.

THE upright man will be downright in many things.

FOOLS exhaust all their money in buying purses to hold it.

YOU cannot give light to the world without burning yourself.

SPECIAL RATES.

Of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas.

MUSIC TEACHERS' NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.—Put-in-Bay, Ohio. July 1 to 4. Fare, one and one third fare on the certificate plan.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.—Summer Institute Meeting. Rate one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Sell June 16, 17, 21, and 24. Final limit, September 15, 1902.

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE.—Monteagle Sunday School Institute. Rate one first class limited fare for the round trip. Sell August 7, 8, 9 and 10. Limit for return, August 25, 1902.

DENVER, COLORADO.—Triennial Convention International Sunday School Association, June 26 to July 2, 1902. Dates of sale June 23 and 24. Final limit July 31, 1902. These tickets will be extended to August 31, by presenting receipt for side trip excursion tickets as authorized by Colorado Terminal Lines. All tickets allow of stopovers between Pueblo and Denver. Rate: One first class fare plus \$2.00.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.—Summer Institute Meeting. Dates of sale June 16, 17, 21, and 24. Final limit September 15. Rate one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip.

SPECIAL TOURISTS RATES—to Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo, and Trinidad, Colorado. Rate one fare plus two dollars for the round trip. Selling dates daily during the months of June, July, August, and September. Final limit, leave destination on or before October 31, 1902.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.—Peabody College Summer School. Rate one first class limited fare for the round trip. Dates of sale June 27, 28, 29, July 3, 4, and 5, 1902. Final limit July 31. An extension of final limit may be secured by depositing ticket with Joint Agent on or before July 31, and upon payment of 50 cents limit will be extended until September 30, 1902.

LOCAL time table of trains arriving and departing on the M. K. & T. Railway, at Alvarado, Texas, in effect June 25, 1902:

SOUTH BOUND.—No. 3, 8.35 A. M.; No. 1, 7.00 P. M.; No. 15, flyer, 9.20 P. M.

NORTH BOUND.—No. 2, 11.19 A. M.; No. 4, 9.58 P. M.; No. 16, flyer, 7.12 A. M.
No passenger service on any freight trains.

J. F. Cox, Agent, Alvarado.

Campmeetings.

THE following are the campmeeting dates for the States in the Southwestern Union Conference:

Little Rock, Arkansas, July 10 to 20
Texas, July 24 to August 3.
Oklahoma, August 21 to September 1, 1902

THE RECORD, only 50 cents a year. Read it and see what our people are doing.

BROTHER and Sister Jas. P. Frisour of Hydro, O. T., attended the Sabbath-school Convention in Oklahoma City last week.

WANTED.—An able-bodied girl or woman in Keene, to do general house work for a family of three. Inquire of A. P. WESLEY, Keene, Texas.

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Arkansas Department.

North Arkansas.

SOME have made inquiry concerning this State and its advantages. I have been here for a year and a half and have seen the people pass through the hardest experiences from a failure of crops that they have ever been called upon to bear; while the last year in many respects was the hardest that ever passed over this part of the State. The people have, or at least a very few indeed, suffered for the want of the necessities of life. Whereas in many counties the same drouth would have caused perhaps from three to five times the amount of suffering. Why is this? There is a reason for it. I can not see any other reason than the advantages that this county has over some others. Most all kinds of fruits do well here. North Arkansas surpasses any part of the United States (California not excepted), in the flavor of the fruits and produce. Most all kinds of small fruit are a natural growth, blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries, and summer huckle berries, grapes, and plums, all grow wild, and when cultivated produce excellent fruit. Most all vegetables do well, cabbage, beets, and both Irish and sweet potatoes are easily raised and all are easily kept over the winter so a person can have vegetables the year round of their own raising, which is not the case in many places in the South. There is a good range for cattle which lasts as a rule from April until Christmas. The timber in places is heavy and valuable. We have a high and healthy location with plenty of good water.

There are some disadvantages also. I am speaking only of the mountainous or fruit district. This is a rough country, hilly and rocky, but free from malaria. There is considerable vacant land on the mountains. Out of 160 acres one can get from forty to 100 acres of good farming land, and the remainder is rough. We would be glad to correspond with any one desiring to locate in this state.

Address, JAMES DICKERSON, Searvan, Van Buren Co., Ark.

Our Yearly Feast.

COME to the campmeeting at Little Rock, July 10-20. Plans are being laid to make everything of a practical nature. This feast will not

be for the stomach but for the soul. Nevertheless the stomach will not be forgotten or neglected, for we hope to have teaching and practical demonstration that will make us wiser in regard to ourselves, so that through the stomach we may be able to build up strong bodies and clear brains. Then we can comprehend and appreciate the truth for these days. The Lord says, "Take heed to yourselves that your hearts be not overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and the cares of this life so that day come upon you unawares"—Luke 21:34. Let all come to this feast, for the Lord has called us. Come and let us study together in a practical way how we may eat for strength, (Eccl. 10:17) and also how to cast our care upon Him.—1 Pet. 5:7.

If possible simple treatments will be taught, such as giving fomentations, compresses, etc. Instruction will be given in plain healthful cooking. We want to make this of such a practical nature that it will be of use to the sisters in preparing food in their homes. Begin to plan now to come. Let every one of God's children pray that this may be a sitting together with Jesus in heavenly places, that we may be made strong for his work. U. BENDER.

Campmeeting.

WHILE your attention has been called to our State campmeeting which is to be held in Little Rock, from the 10th to the 20th of July, we feel impressed to keep the thought before you; trusting that you are all planning to attend this annual gathering, which increases in importance, as we see the day approaching. We are living in the last days and need every means of grace to fit us for the work, and to help us to keep pace with the message. The campmeeting is the place where we can spend the time in studying how best to carry on the work to which we have been called. In order to get the good we may from it, we should make it a special time of seeking the Lord for help to so live that He can trust us with His Holy Spirit that we may have a closer walk with God.

All who want tents, please don't forget to send your order to the Tract Society, before the time to ship them.

PROF. J. C. Anderson wishes to correspond with those who desire to teach church schools in Arkansas.

THE RECORD, only 50 cents a year. Read it and see what our people are doing.

Little Rock.

I CAME to Little Rock May 14 to spend three months in labor here. May 27, Bro. V. B. Watts and I began tent meetings. Our attendance has not been large. Last Sunday night there were about two hundred present to hear a lecture on Matthew 24, illustrated by a stereopticon; and at the close of the lecture we sold a good deal of literature. There are about thirty who seem interested. We could find employment for a good many young people in the work here. Are there not many planning to attend the campmeeting who could come at once and help us in our work. We have our hands full of visiting, and the more we visit the more places we find to visit. The work of such helpers could be made self sustaining. We would be glad to hear from any who can come.

R. W. PARMELE.

Prairie Grove.

WE are still pushing the battle at this place. The attendance has not been large, yet they have been very quiet and attentive. We cannot tell what the interest is as yet, for everything in town seems to be as dry as a bone when it comes to religion going any further than meetings, entertainments, and childrens' exercises. We have presented the Signs of the Times, and the Development of the Beast and His Image. To-night, June 9, the Sabbath will be given, and we hope soon to see some get stirred up; then we will know more definitely what to do. We pray for a harvest of souls here. We ask that everywhere we may be remembered in prayer.

H. CLAY GRIFFIN.
URBANUS BENDER.

Jonesboro.

THERE are several canvassing this place and the surrounding country who make this their stopping place. We hold Sabbath school and prayer meetings at my tent, giving out tracts and papers, loaning books, and giving Bible readings. Five have begun to keep the Sabbath and others are interested. The people are inquiring about tent meetings. We need literature on the vital points of our faith.

A. R. SONGER.

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THE MILLENNIUM.

BY ELDER G. G. RUPERT.

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No, the decree was passed a thousand years before this, "He that is holy, let him be holy still; he that is filthy, let him be filthy still." Rev. 22. This shows that probation had closed a thousand years before. So we will read of what the deception consists. It is concerning battle and war. "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Rev. 20: 9.

They compass the "camp of the saints" Yes, the holy city has come down to earth and all the saints are in it, and Satan at the head of his great army comes up to lay siege to the city and make one more effort against the Lord and his people. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Rev. 21: 1-3. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." Jude 14, 15. Thus Satan encamps about the city, but it is only another deception, like all other schemes imposed upon his followers, for fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. This is the brief, but truthful story of the period of the Millennium.

Concerning the events mentioned in this chapter (Revelation 20) the investigative judgment of the wicked, and the destiny of Satan and the wicked, we will speak later. We will now take up a few texts of scripture which others have supposed apply to this age of the world and from which they have drawn conclusions different from the position taken herein. In Daniel, the second chapter, is brought

to view the history of the world. The world kingdoms are symbolized by a great metallic image composed of different metals, gold, silver, brass, iron, and iron mixed with clay. These parts of the image, as introduced by Daniel, represent certain earthly governments. First, Babylon; second, Media-Persia; third, Grecia; fourth, Rome; and fifth, the division of the western empire of Rome into ten parts. Babylon was overthrown by Media-Persia, 538, B. C., Media-Persia by Grecia, 331, B. C., Rome, after making various conquests, became universal about 47, B. C., and ruled the world. This power continued as such, till after the death of Constantine, A. D., 327, then it was divided into Eastern and Western Rome. Western Rome was afterward divided into ten parts, the last division taking place 483, A. D., symbolized by the ten toes of the metallic image. We are then told that they were to continue till they should be smitten by a stone, which was cut out of the mountain without hands, and then, the stone, would become a great mountain and fill the whole earth. This stone symbolizes Christ, as all are agreed. By the filling of the whole earth, is supposed, by many, to mean the conversion of the world to Christ. This sounds well, and is a pretty picture to look upon if it could only be true, but the trouble with it is that it does not say that such will be the case, but it does say that when the image is smitten by the stone upon the feet that the gold, the silver, the brass, the iron, and the clay are ground to powder and become as the chaff of the summer threshing floor and the wind carries them away and there "was no place found for them" any more. If they were converted they would still be here. But the prophecy says they are not. This scripture, like those already referred to, teaches the destruction of all things and the utter desolation of the earth at the beginning of the one thousand years. Read Revelation 19.

We will now read another scripture of the same nature by the Psalmist David: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." Ps. 2:8. There! says one, does not this teach the world's conversion when it says all the heathen are to be given to Christ? Let us now read the next verse—"Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potters' vessel." From this we see how easy it is to draw a

wrong conclusion from the statements of God. The truth is stated plain enough but we are too careless in reading and too liable to listen to the theories of others. We quote still another—"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Hab. 2:14. Some have supposed that this text teaches the conversion of the world, but the thing here spoken of is not to be perfected until after the millenium is over and the earth has been renewed and the meek inherit the earth. Matt. 5:5. 1 Peter 3:13. Ps. 39. There is still another passage in the fourth chapter of Micah which is supposed to teach the same doctrine, to which we will next call attention. "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountain, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many nations, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Micah 4:1-3.

The trouble with the positions taken by some in applying this passage of scripture to the world's conversions, is, that it contradicts what the scripture itself says. "Many nations" will, in the last days, be saying these things and taking such a position, and by doing so they unconsciously fulfill the prophecy themselves, and show conclusively that we are living in the last days. The peace congress has been called by the nations; the church has been exalted and become exceedingly popular, and the people are flowing into it, all of which seems to prove that the last days are here. But where is the true piety? Where is the peace in the world? Where are the swords going into plowshares? The trouble, is it is only a saying among the people, while the doing part is just to the opposite and the very air is full of war and the nations are marshalling and preparing for the great day. We will now read what the Lord has said would be the actual condition of things in the last days.

[To be continued.]