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AN APPEAL.

SINCE MY LAST report, I have been engaged, the greater part of the time, in holding Bible studies in private houses. While no flattering success has attended this work, yet it has not been wholly destitute of results. One good substantial man, a carpenter contractor, has embraced the Sabbath. The interest among the English speaking people, is on the increase. Some of the members of the company seem to have caught the work spirit and the outlook is encouraging. Last Sabbath a lady met with us for the first time, who had embraced the truth through reading "Bible Readings," which she had borrowed from a friend, which is a very practical illustration of the importance of getting our denominational works before the people.

Three weeks ago I went to a small town called Elmendorf, sixteen miles from San Antonio, and commenced a meeting among the Mexicans, speaking through an interpreter. As a result of the meeting three have taken their stand and I think that several others will decide to obey ere long.

I fully believe that the time has come for us to enter the Mexican Mission field in real earnest.

The Lord is certainly moving upon the heart of this people in a marked manner, and doors are opening before us that ought to be entered. I might give one case that will serve as an illustration. A Mexican lady of San Antonio who, for several years has taught a school for Mexican children under the direction of the Baptist Mission Board, and who is well and favorably known among the Spanish speaking people of San Antonio, has recently, without any special labor, accepted the Sabbath. I am fully persuaded that this is the hand of God opening the way into the homes of the Mexican people of this City. Brethren, shall we enter this open

door? To do so, will require the expenditure of some means. It will be necessary to secure a hall, or large room of some kind, and have fitted up for a school room. The teacher will have to receive some support also, but not very much. Now, there is but one reason why this opening cannot be improved at once, and that is the lack of necessary funds. Brothers and Sisters of the Southwestern Union Conference, I appeal to you in behalf of the Spanish work. I pray that God may open your eyes and hearts to the needs of this long-neglected field. If the Lord leads you to respond to this call, send your donations to Brother C. N. Woodward, Keene, Texas, stating that it is for the Spanish work, and God will richly reward you.

"Let us go up at once and possess the land; for we are well able to overcome it."

W. D. MACLAY.

BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS.

HOW OFTEN we hear young people express a desire to "go somewhere and do missionary work," forgetting the fact that the missionary work which they can best do is right where they are. The planning of active missionary work in the home, in the neighborhood, in the town or city where they live, is the first work to be considered by all who desire to become missionaries. The Spirit of the Lord has pointed out an opportunity which many are passing by: "There is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath school." By the organization of "Branch" schools, thus spreading the truth to other homes, it has been proven that the Sabbath school work need not be confined to the members of our own church. Branch Sabbath school work is an ideal work for young people. These schools are held for the children of those not of our faith, and can be conducted wherever a few chil-

dren can be brought together. In one city one hundred and forty children were brought into various branch schools which were conducted almost wholly by young people of our church. The results of this work were most satisfactory.

Busy mothers have gathered the children of the neighborhood into their homes on Sabbath afternoons, and taught them the Sabbath school lessons. The following from a sister who began the work with but few children, will reveal the possibilities in this direction: "Our branch Sabbath school has gone far beyond anything we had looked for. Last Sabbath we had an attendance of forty-two. I am having some blessed experiences that give a deeper joy than anything the world can give. It means hard work, Oh yes, for every Sabbath we have to go out and bring them in; but the Lord has richly rewarded our efforts. I am becoming acquainted with many of my neighbors whom I would probably not have met in any other way, and almost without exception they are warm friends. Some of the parents, men as well as women, say they they are coming to our Sabbath school. Of course I am glad to extend to them a hearty welcome. The school is held at my home Sabbath afternoon, at four o'clock."

Does not experience seem a complete fulfillment of the words: "Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath school teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will in turn take it into the home circle." Are there not many who wish to do missionary work who will try this plan? There are two young ladies in different locations in the South, who are all alone in the truth, and they each have a fine school. The attendance of each averages fifteen children.

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Arkansas Department.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER H. Clay Griffin is still holding an interest in Fairview.

ALL will be glad to hear that Brother Eddie Taylor, of Allbrook, has enlisted in the canvassing work again. He reports, for three days' labor, 24 hours; 32 exhibits; 14 orders; Bible Readings and Marvel of Nations; \$3.00. helps.

BROTHER J. M. Dickerson writes that his foot is healing very slowly and he is compelled to go home and sit down till it gets well, which is very exasperating to his patience. He thinks he will sell his place and locate somewhere on the railroad.

BROTHER G. A. Pifer writes from Newport, that the most of his time has been spent in delivering lately; has delivered about 35 per cent of his orders.

BROTHER V. Watts reports as follows for the week ending October 10: 66 orders; 51 hours; value, \$202.50; Great Controversy; helps, \$9.50; field, Phillips County.

THE Springdale school did not commence the 13th as advertised, but will commence the 27th.

SISTER Kate Beeler, of Little Rock, is to teach the church school in Butterfield, expects to open the 20th.

MARION Beasley reports as follows from St. Francis County, for the week ending September 17:—Daniel and the Revelation; 14 orders; 40 exhibits; value, \$37.50; helps, \$12.70; total, \$50.20.

WALTER Kirk, a colored brother, who is canvassing among his own people, reports fifty-one orders taken in two days' work for the smaller books. He is getting initiated with the small books. Says that he enjoys canvassing very much, and expects soon to have confidence enough to use a larger book, utilizing the smaller ones as helps. He is in Lonoke county.

ELDER A. E. Field returned to Springdale October 3 from his extended trip through the southern and southeastern portion of the State in behalf of the work, leaving here the 9th instant for Miami and Afton, Indian Territory, in the interests of the school work with good results. Held

the first quarterly meeting with the new church at Afton that has been held there.

An Appeal for the Canvassing Work.

I FEEL that this is a work we cannot say too much about at this time in this Conference especially, so am speaking to the people of this Conference in particular. The canvassing work is a grand and important work. "We cannot too highly estimate this work; for if it were not for the efforts of the canvassers many would never hear the warning. This is the very work that the Lord desires His people to do at this time." Now, brethren and sisters, what estimate are you placing on this work? All no doubt wish to have a part in this work in carrying the message to those who have not heard it. Now, in what better way can we do this than to enlist in the canvassing work? "This is the work which the Lord desires us to do now." Shall He see His desires here in Arkansas? It is the prayer of my heart that He may and not be compelled to look elsewhere. Think of this brothers and sisters and ask yourselves what am I doing to help in this branch of the work? It seems to me sometimes as if we were almost ready to say "Lord let us alone just now, we are not ready, but as soon as we can get things shaped up, then we will get out and work." Brethren, I have been watching this work of getting ready, or "getting things shaped up" for eighteen years and to the best of my recollection, I cannot call to mind one case where the one ever got matters "shaped up" so that he was ready to work. I have tried it myself. I could find but one way and that was "to cut loose" and go. Is not the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Can we not send back the answer clear and distinct, "Here am I, send me." "Cut loose," was the word a few years ago, but we do not hear it so plainly to day as then. The call is not so much for men to preach, for we have all we can pay and more too, but we need one hundred consecrated canvassers where we have one.

"The canvassing work properly conducted is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." Brethren, the

Lord has told us that the gentiles, or those who know not the truth, shall attend to our fields and stock for us. Shall we cut loose and let those who will not go out to battle see after these things for us? Will we cut loose and then say "Here am I, send me!" If not, why not, can you tell? Has the Master called you from darkness to light? If so, he has given you work to do for "He giveth to every man his work." If we cannot see just where the Lord would have us labor, let us go to Him in simple child-like faith, and say "Lord, I am now ready," (after you have cut loose) "what will you have me to do?" I don't think that you will ask more than once in this way, until when you "look around and see" you can go to work.

J. M. DICKERSON.

The Sabbath Schools.

GREAT BLESSINGS and grand opportunities hath the Lord given us. We can see His hidden hand continually leading us in divine ways—seeking after us, and blessing us with all spiritual blessings, that in return we may be a blessing to others in uplifting them, and imparting that blessing which we ourselves have felt in our souls. As our hearts are watered from the living fountains, Christ, will not that same water flow out to other souls who have not drank at the fountain head. In the Sabbath school we have extended to us a wide field—a grand opportunity of letting that living water flow out to thirsty souls. Will not we, ourselves, drink deeper at the well of salvation that, in us, may be that love, that sympathy, that seeking after those who are out of the ark of God that will bring many to the saving knowledge of our precious Saviour. May we not let the opportunities of love and tenderness pass by, for we can never bring them back. May the spirit of God so fill each of us that it will spread from heart to heart, and in our Sabbath school be a revival of the working power of God, that it will lead each of us to ever work to lead souls to Christ, and prepare them for missionaries in the cause of God.

MRS. A. E. FIELD.

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Helena

THE Harvest is ripe but the laborers are few, and my prayer is that God may help us as a people to enquire what is our duty and work in His vineyard. I fear that many of us are missing many rich blessings, by not pushing out in the work of the Lord. God can guide us when we make an effort to do something, but when we sit idly by, God cannot direct. God is giving us prosperity now; and now is the time to work, especially with our publications. I realize this since coming to Helena to work in the canvassing field. I felt all summer that God wanted me to go out and canvass this fall, and I asked the Conference the privilege during the campmeeting at Little Rock in July, but they felt they could not spare me as there was quite an interest on the ground. God always works to get us just where He wants us at the right time. On September 3, I came to this place to canvass, and God has blessed me in a marked manner. I asked Him to send me more angels from the Courts of Glory, and it seemed as though I could see them leaving Heaven and going to the homes of the people, and their homes and hearts have been opened to me. I have canvassed just twelve days and have taken four hundred thirty dollars' worth of orders—two days, eighty dollars each. This is not due to wisdom or speech on my part, but due to the spirit and angels of God. These orders would never have been taken had I remained at home, or after coming here put forth no effort. How many thousand orders might have been taken had we, as a people, made an effort to sell them. I believe ten thousand dollars worth could have been sold in this county alone. Famine and pestilence will overtake us before long and then we cannot sell our literature. May God help us to go into the book work right, and put this message before the people before it is too late, is your humble servant's prayer.

V. B. WATTS.

Texas Department.

The Field.

LAVERNIA.—Elder J. Riffel and I came to this place to hold some meetings, and began meetings on October

9, in a school house about three miles north of Lavernia. We have had fair congregations since we began. Some are sincere in their interest, others seem to be wavering, but they still attend the meetings. We hope and pray to God that some honest souls may take their stands for the truth.

J. J. SCHIFFNER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

J. C. HAND, of Edgewood, was in Keene several days last week.

O. J. CORWIN has been in Keene for several days. He left last night for Mexia, where he will remain for sometime.

BROTHER James W. Gage, of Peoria, brought two of his daughters and Miss Ethel Findley to Keene last week to attend the Academy.

BROTHER Reuben Wright, who has been stopping in Keene for several months, left last week to spend the winter in the island of Jamaica, West Indies.

THE canvassers are beginning to come in from their deliveries, and most of them report good success in delivering, considering the short crops.

KEENE has taken on quite a building boom, although it is a healthy one. Three new houses have already been built, and three more are in process of erection. The demands have made these necessary.

WOODS and Son, who have been conducting our only store in Keene for sometime, have sold out to Humphries & Co., who will hereafter conduct the business, and also the post office.

THE Musical department of the Keene Academy opened their work for the year with an interesting programme last Thursday night, which was attended by a large number of the patrons and friends of the school.

TRACK laying on the new railroad through Keene, reached this place this morning, and is in progress at the rate of from one-half to three-fourths of a mile a day. This marks a new era in the history of Keene.

KEENE Academy opened at the appointed time last Wednesday, with a large attendance. There were about one hundred and fifteen pupils enrolled in the preparatory and academic departments, which is an excel-

lent showing. There were over forty in the home, the boys' floor being crowded. More particulars will be given later, but we can say now that all feel greatly encouraged over the outlook.

MRS. M. E. Holmes will leave today for her home in Gatesville, after leaving her daughter and niece and nephew at the home to attend the school. She is well pleased with the home, and the school in general, and feels that no one need have any uneasiness about their children if left in the home.

PROFESSOR Covert delivered an impressive address in the Chapel last Sabbath upon the relation which the people of Keene should sustain toward the Academy, and the students. It seemed to be well received.

BROTHER Lee Adams and wife left Keene last Tuesday for Marietta, Texas, where they expect to conduct a large church school this winter, to begin about the first of November.

ELDER H. B. French went last week to Hanna, Wise county to assist in the meetings being held by Elders Hale and Sommerville at that place.

ELDER T. W. Field spent a few days with some of our brethren last week who are picking cotton near Wyatt. Quite an interest seems to have sprung up as a result of their missionary efforts while there. Elder Field was to have spent last Sabbath with the Corsicana church. It was expected that separate organizations would be effected at this time for the white and colored members of that church according to the recommendation at camp meeting.

THE great strike in the coal fields of Pennsylvania has been declared off, the miners accepting President Roosevelt's plan for arbitration. The President has already appointed the commission to investigate the whole thing, and it is hoped from the high standing of the members of the committee, that the question at issue will be thoroughly investigated that they will be finally settled and such strikes avoided in the future. However, we know from the Scriptures that the difficulties between capital and labor will increase rather than decrease, as we near the end.

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CAMPMEETING PLEDGES.

AT THE Oklahoma Campmeeting, held at Dover, a large number of pledges were taken, amounting in all to several hundred dollars, a part of which was to be devoted to the use of the Southwestern Union Conference, to be used by them in their publishing work, especially among the Spanish people. There will never be a more favorable time to pay them than now, and it was our understanding that most of them would be paid this fall, and we have laid some plans for using this money. We take this method of notifying those who have pledges that we shall be very thankful to receive them as soon as it is convenient to pay them. They should be sent to your Tract Society treasurer, T. J. Eagle, Oklahoma City, and he will cancel your pledge and receipt for them. Please do not overlook this as the money is needed to carry on the work of the Lord.

C. N. WOODWARD,
Treasurer, S. W. U. Conference.

A Plea for the Sanitarium.

RNOWING how interested all the readers of the RECORD are in the Sanitarium we make an urgent plea to everyone who have pledges coming to us that you make a

strenuous effort to meet them at once. Some of them were payable this year, others by December 1, and we appreciate everyone of them, but there are some things that must be attended to at once or else close our doors. These will require some money, because we have resolved we will not run in debt. Now if these pledges can be paid at once it will enable us to make additions and receive the patients that apply.

Thanking our dear people for their interest and self-sacrificing spirit we are,
KEENE SANITARIUM.

Four Lines of Work.

IN the third angel's message there are four distinct lines of work. First, the ministry; second, the publishing work; third, the medical work; and lastly, the educational. God in his providence has thus brought each of these lines into existence. Some lose sight of all of these lines of work except one, and they are all taken with it while they look upon the others as of little importance. This is not as it should be. Every person connected with the message should feel equally interested in the prosperity of each, even though his work is taken up mostly with one, and the same brotherly love should exist among all connected in any way for the advancement of the truth. The publishing work includes not only the evangelical but the medical work as well. God's providence has brought all of these into the closing work for this time. This is equally true of the educational work; it also includes the medical education. But no line of work should be carried forward to the detriment of the others; neither should the young who are interested in the truth seek the easiest, nor the most popular work, but they should seek the work for which they are best fitted, and where the Lord leads them, with no selfish motive in view.

When this is the case there will not be a lack of laborers in the ministry, while the other lines are overrun. If any line is overrun there will be evil results from it. There will be apostacies because too many have entered that line for selfish purposes. We say pull on ever lines. Our schools should be for the purpose of fitting men and women to fill the various calls which come from the field for laborers. There should be men and

women fitted for the ministry, the canvassing work, the medical work, and as teachers to still fit more laborers. Those in charge should be individuals who have discernment and are looking for the young who will fill these places. They should not encourage all to enter one line of work, but each of these departments of the Lord's cause should be furnished with laborers. The coming school year should turn out more real laborers than any previous year in the history of this work. This will be the case if those in charge discern the various places for which the pupils are best fitted, and where God can use them. The one great object in all our schools should be the fitting up of laborers. The missionary spirit is the one thing to be impressed above all others in our schools. If this is not the case then for one I could not have the burden for them I otherwise would have. If it is simply to fit men and women for this life only then let us save our money as the world can do that for us out of money raised for that purpose. Let us try and have the Keene Academy an all around school, fitting persons for all four of the separate lines of work, and may the next spring fill the ranks of laborers as a result.

G. G. R.

Word From China.

THE following note from a recent letter from Mrs. J. N. Anderson, of Hong Kong, China, gives a little glimpse of the every-day life of the Chinaman, and of the conditions which appeal to our workers in that field:—

"Poor people! How I pity them in their poverty and darkness and superstition. To pass down the street at dusk, after the day's work is done and the evening meal of rice is over, and see them setting about or lying on their backs on a bit of rush matting anywhere they can locate to catch a breeze, beside two or three sticks of burning incense, chanting prayers for Josh, is so touching. They seem so earnest in their worship of 'they know not what.' One man who himself has become a Christian, but whose wife is still a heathen, says 'she often spends almost a whole night in religious exercises. When a member of the family is ill, she waits to implore or propitiate Josh, or in times of prosperity to thank him.'"

And there are 400,000,000 of these benighted souls! At every tick of your watch one passes into eternity, without God and without hope. Four workers are there, and two are now en route. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers.

Mission Board Office,
ESTELLA HOUSER.

AN EXPERIENCE OFT REPEATED.

NO. II.

HUSBAND, why are you so late? I am so anxious to know the result of the meeting, but you are late."

"Yes, the meeting held late, and after it closed, the people did not leave, but stopped to ask questions, and I could not come away, late as it was. Wife, I was never so much surprised and taken back as I have been tonight. I regret very much that you was not there. It beats all! I learned more Bible tonight than I have learned in years from our minister. We don't know anything of the Bible's true teaching, I find. Oh! I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it all."

"I thought you would like it, Father."

"Was you there, John? I didn't see you."

"We saw you. Will and I were both there, and all the boys. We were there all the afternoon, and helped put the tent up and fix the seats. They treated us all first-rate, and seemed glad to have our help, and thanked us for it. Pat Murphy and Mike Flynn were both there, and behaved first-rate; they did not make any fuss or disturbance. Mike asked them what they were going to have—a show or what they were putting up the tent for? They told him they were going to have meetings every night, and Mike asked what kind of meetings, and if we boys might come. They said they were going to preach and teach the Bible, and they wanted all the boys to come. They were all there tonight, and Pat said he was going to come every night, and he doesn't care what the priest says against it; and Mike said he is going to bring his sister after this to hear what is in the Bible; that every time the priest took their Bibles from them and told them not to read the Bible at all, he has wanted to get one to read, to know what it was that the priest did not want them to read."

"Well, boys—but I want to know

what the minister said tonight. Husband, go on and tell me about the meeting."

"Well, he talked quite awhile, and said they were going to give a course of lectures on the Bible, a message for this time and all people, everyone, and invited all to come and bring their friends and their Bibles. That the seats were all free; that no collections would be taken; but if any one felt disposed to give anything, either food or money, it would be thankfully received. That during their meetings they would explain their doctrines,—why they were Seventh-day Adventists, and answer all questions that had been asked, but would only answer one that night, and that one was the last one asked, that is, 'Why were not all these things found out years ago?' He said he would not go to the Bible for the answer, although the Bible gave the answer, but that he would let the people themselves answer it. 'Is it not because you have not searched the Bible for the truth of these things?' Then he asked how many in the congregation had looked for the proof of things in the Bible themselves, for the Bible proof of the doctrines they hold and believe, and teach, and asked them to hold up their hands—and not a hand was up. I could not hold up mine. Then he said 'if you will search the Scriptures you will find there is not proof for most of the doctrines you believe and teach, but that they are the teachings of men.' He then read what God says of those who teach for doctrines the commandments of men.

Then after talking quite a time and singing a hymn, he read part of the fourteenth chapter of St. John to show that Jesus is going to come to this world again, and said that in the course of their meetings they would show by the Bible, by Christ's own word, that we were living in the last generation of the world; that some of the persons now living would see the Lord coming in the air. The tent was crowded to the edge and a great crowd all around the outside, and many in their wagons and carriages, and every one was intent on hearing every word the minister said. He is a fine speaker, and after meeting all seemed to stay to hear more and to ask questions. There never was such an excitement in our town before, to hear what the Bible teaches.

Those men seemed to know the Bible from end to end, and they read it without looking at it. They would answer any question asked and give the Bible for it. Lots of folks were there that never go to church, and appeared in real earnest to know what the Bible does teach about these things. The minister read every answer from the Bible so no one could doubt it if they believed the Bible. How I wish you were there, wife, to hear it for yourself."

"I am so anxious to hear them that I can hardly wait for the time to come for the next meeting."

"We all will go after this and get it all."

"All we boys are going to attend every meeting."

"That's right. I am glad you are interested in the meetings. We will all go and learn all we can, and we must read and study our Bibles more, and study it every day as the minister said, and know for ourselves, and not depend too much upon what others say and teach."

"Wife, it is late, but we will commence family worship. Get the Bible, John, please." **UNCLE BEN.**

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What a wonderful factor in spreading the truth this branch Sabbath school work might be, if it were taken up by every church, and as far as possible in every home! These little schools would become centers of light reflecting truth to all who come within its influence. The light from such schools would form no small part of that great light which fills the whole earth with its glory.

The experience gained by the workers is of incalculable value. A minister who became interested in the work in his home school says: "Nearly all the members of our regular school have something to do in branch Sabbath school work. Even the children seem to feel a responsibility in bringing others to the schools. I do not know of anything that we have taken hold of yet that has in it the possibility of developing workers that this work has."

We all rejoice because of the success of this work. It means the development of workers, and the spreading of the message.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

Oklahoma Department.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER Butka made us a pleasant call at the office last week. He has gone to deliver his books at Pawnee. May success attend him!

BROTHER Fred Meier, from Anvil, stopped at the office on his way to Cooper. We were pleased to see him.

BROTHER Bonde passed through Oklahoma City on the 15th on his way to Wallville where he is still holding the fort. He reports some interested ones, whom he expects in the truth in the near future.

ELDER Sturgeon and Brother Hampton have just closed the work at Higgins. They report several keeping the Sabbath.

BROTHER Bagby came back from Heavener. He reports about six or eight keeping the Sabbath there. He moved on a farm with his family, about fifteen miles northwest of Eva. I think it is always a wise move when our people move away from the large cities and take their children on a farm. G. F. H.

PLEASE do not write to us on postal cards with pencil. By the time they reach us they are so worn that it is impossible to read them. Use ink or type writer when you address this office.

ELDER W. A. McCutchen, of Texas, made us a short call in the office one day last week. We were surely glad to see him.

LAST Monday, October 20, a number of young people, from different parts of the Territory, met here in the office to start for the Keene school. The parties were as follows: John and Harry Wilcox, from Dover; R. A. Maker, Retrop; C. White; the two Blehm Brothers, from the Cashion Church; Miss Daisy Butka, from Enid; Miss Agnes Burkey, Miss Laura Shields, and Dr. Gregory's daughter, of this city. We wish them all the best of success and God's richest blessing in their school work.

Calls for Help,

CALLS are being made by the Lord to everyone to help in this great message, that is to be carried to all the world. Now is the

time to work! We would especially call your attention to the work that was started last winter with "Object Lessons." You know we promised to close up this work before now, and why are we so slow in doing the work we ought to have done long ago? The time to pay our part of the debt has been set several times already, but the times have passed, and still we are not free of these debts. How long shall it last? I am getting tired of it, and so are you. Therefore, let us push this work with all our might, and complete it before the new year.

I notice that some have returned books, not in the best condition. Don't you think that after you opened a book and soil it, you ought to keep it? It seems to me so. What can the Tract Society do with books that are soiled? We don't like to take books back; but if we have to, we want them clean and in wrappers. I hope you will all remember this.

G. F. H.

TAKE NOTICE.

ALL mail to John Harzman, State Missionary for the Territory west of the Rock Island Railroad and east of the Panhandle, Texas, should be sent to Box 239, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

JOHN HARZMAN.

NOTICE.

PARTIES sending money to the Oklahoma Tract Society by personal check, will confer a favor on us if they will use ink, as some checks are almost unreadable by the time they reach us.

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

FIELD REPORTS.

GIP, O. T.—We thought the readers of the RECORD would be pleased to hear from Gip, so will write about our good quarterly meeting. On account of rain Mr. Syp and myself could not go to Gip at the proper time, as we are thirty miles from Gip now. So meeting was postponed two weeks. On October 18, the little church met according to appointment, bringing the good angels with them. At 11 o'clock the church was called together by singing; then prayer was offered by Brother Britt. The writer then spoke, dwelling on the sufferings of Christ, after which the roll was

called, when seventeen answered either in person or by letter. We then had dinner; after which we came together by singing and prayer by the Elder, L. P. Syp. We then engaged in the ordinances of the Lord's house, which all seemed to enjoy. One more was added to the company, making the membership of the Gip church twenty-five. This church was organized one year ago with a membership of seventeen, and has passed a year of good will, and all seem much stronger in the faith than a year ago. After the Sabbath we held a business meeting, electing new officers. As the present Elder cannot be with the church, it was decided to elect Brother Bentley as Elder. Sister Bass as Clerk; Brother Dean as Deacon. We then discussed the work of "Object Lessons," and all expressed a determination to get out of debt. So you may expect Gip to come out, in this respect, all right.

We then spoke of the importance of being faithful in paying tithe, and how the one that worked hard and paid an honest tithe, is helping to preach the third angel's message. Then followed several testimonies. Some confessed they had not been faithful in this respect, but determined to be more so in the future. Others told how the Lord had blessed their efforts and "they were so glad" to be able to pay a tithe.

We expect this church to come up on the tithe as they are all a missionary people, and love this truth better than any thing else in this world. All went home feeling we had spent a profitable time together.

MINNIE SYP.

Our German department is small this week, as our compositor is just learning, and could not do more.

Help for the Southern Field.

WE HAVE received from Elder Butler an urgent appeal for help in the Southern Field. We have heard from the pen of Sister White several times about the need of that field, and it seems to me we ought to do something for that great field, and that right now. Why cannot every church take up a collection, and forward the money to the Tract Society, and from there it will be sent to the

proper place. Let us remember the blessing the Lord has promised to those who will give. We need more help in our Conference, but, brethren, we don't want to show any selfishness in the cause of God, but help where help is most needed. I believe by helping others, the Lord will help us. He will create a greater missionary spirit among God's people. Now, as I believe the rest of my brethren have received this letter, and will have something to say and, perhaps, print the letter, or part of it, I will just write these few lines to show my willingness to help, and would like to ask the brethren in the Oklahoma Conference to do all they can in this work.

G. F. H.

IMPORTANT.

IN THIS ISSUE there is an appeal from Elder MacLay in behalf of the Mexican work at this time. I have seen the providence of the Lord in this work, among these people, for months, and my heart has been burdened so much that more than one night's sleep has gone from me. I have tried to plan to do the work that is called for in this Union Conference. I believe, with all my heart, the time is here when we must meet the calls that are coming from this field. This morning I received, besides this call from Elder MacClay, a letter from one of these people, who, from every report, shows his ability to carry the truth, asking to be sent out to work among his own nationality. He is willing to give up a good, paying job for the truth and go to work. If he does he must have a support, and the Union Conference is empty of means. There are no less than three or four now ready to enter this work, who have embraced the truth within the last nine months, who are capable and willing to do so as soon as we can give them some encouragement.

I wish to state to the brethren of this Conference, some facts to think about. This Union Conference has a tithe due it from the local conference of about eighteen hundred dollars a year. With this fund we are carrying a colored laborer in Arkansas, Elder MacLay, C. N. Woodward and the responsibility of the printing office at Keene; also, myself and Elder Shultz when in this conference, and all the traveling expenses; besides

this, we have given some to these Mexican laborers. This will show to any one the need of means, to keep this part of the work out of debt and to carry forward the work as it should be done. Now there is but one way to do, and that is to call for private donations to help us. We, therefore, earnestly appeal to those who love the truth to send to us anything they can to help in this time of need. I believe here is an opening to help that God will bless at this time. Are there not some, who may read this, that will help in this opportune time to a considerable extent? We can only state the matter and leave it with the reader. The names of all who will help, will appear, from time to time, in the columns of the RECORD. Send to C. N. Woodward, Keene, Texas. We will add that we have made donations to this fund the past summer, and as soon as we feel that we can do more, we will do so.

We will now head this list with ten dollars. This can be paid any time before January 1; or in some cases, if you have the money due you later, make it later, and send in as much ready cash as you can as it is needed now. This list will now start in the columns of the RECORD. Who will respond? Let the laborers set an example as far as they can do so.

G. G. R.

* German * Department. *

Arbeit für Jesus.

(Schluß.)

Der Herr gibt diese Erlaubnis, daß wenn jemand seinen Zehnten lösen will, er den Fünften darüber geben soll. Dieß Gebot des Herrn nicht zu befolgen nennt der Herr Täuschung (engl. Bibel: „berauben“; L.v. G.ß., „betrügen.“) Wir täuschen ihn in einem Sinn; aber betrachten wir es in einem andern Sinn, so täuschen wir uns selbst; denn wir können Gott nicht gut täuschen, weil er ja alles in einen Händen hat. Er kann es geben und nehmen. Wollen wir ihn täuschen, so sendet er den Fluch über uns und wir werden getäuscht. Wir erwarten viel und siehe, es wird wenig; und wenn es dann auch schon gelingt, daß es heim gebracht wird, so zerstäubt er es doch. „Warum das? spricht der Herr Zebaoth.“ „Darum daß mein Haus wüste stehet und ein jeder eilet auf sein Haus.“ Hag. 1:19. Warum soll Gottes Haus leer stehen und unsere Häuser voll auf haben? Laßt uns zur Hilfe des Herrn kommen, damit uns nicht de-

Fluch Meros treffe. Laßt uns aufrichtig sein gegen Gott vor allen Dingen. Wer von uns würde es wagen seinen Nächsten zu berauben von dem, was sein ist? Und dennoch gibt es welche unter Gottes Volk denen es wohl greuest vor den Götzen, und doch berauben sie Gott, in dem was sein ist. Röm. 2:22. Lieber Leser, Solltest du einer von diesen Räubern Gottes sein, dann bekehre dich zum Herrn von ganzem Herzen und bekenne deine Sünde vor ihm. Bitte Gott um ein aufrichtiges Herz, denn Aufrichtigkeit ist dem Herrn angenehm, und er will dich gerade in diesem prüfen, ob du aufrichtig bist. Lies das letzte Kapitel in 1. Chronika oft durch. Erkenne, daß die ganze Erde und was darinnen ist dem Herrn gehört. Sogar du selbst. Vgl. 1. Kor. 6:19. Du bist nur ein Haushalter, dem der Herr Pfunde anvertraut hat, womit du wirken sollst zum Aufbau seines Werkes hier auf Erde; und alles was der Herr verlangt von einem Haushalter, ist daß er treu erfunden werde. 1. Kor. 4:1.2. O, möge der Herr helfen, mein lieber Bruder, daß du und ich den freudigen Zuruf hören werden: „Gib du frommer und getreuer Knecht, du bist über wenigem getreu gewesen, ich will dich über viel setzen geheim zu deines Herrn Freude.“

G. F. H.

Wiederum ein Aufruf um Hilfe.

Wir möchten wieder aufmerksam machen auf das Werk in Oklahoma. Wir sehen gerne daß Gottes Werk vorwärts geht in allen Teilen, und daß jedes sein Teil tut; denn jedes hat ein Teil zu tun. Wir haben zwei Arbeits Zweige des Werks gegenwärtig im allgemeinen, wo jedes sein Teil zu tun hat und auf diese Zweige muß ich immer wieder und wieder aufmerksam machen. Vorwiegend das Buch „Christi Gleichnisse, welches wir versprochen zu verkaufen und das Geld für die Schul-Schuld zu bezahlen. Ich denke, ihr seid es schon fast müde es so oft zu hören, und ich bin es auch müde, so oft deswegen zu schreiben und zu sprechen, aber ich muß es tun bis die Schuld bezahlt ist und wir das Siegeslied singen können. Und, Geschwister, wenn ihr es auch recht müde seid, dann kommt und bezahlt euer Teil und dann ist die ganze Sache getan. Der zweite Zweig wo ein jedes was zu tun hat diesem tut es auch not daß wir fleißiger sind. das Werk braucht, Mittel, und wenn diese nicht kommen dann ist es gehemmt, Wollen wir alle zur Hilfe des Herrn kommen und dies grade jetzt?

G. F. H.

The Providence of God.

OUR WORLD is filled with the teeming millions of intelligent human beings. What are they all here for?

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This can be done only through the power of the Spirit of God, and through the providence of Him who declared "There shall be a new heavens and a new earth."—Rev. 21; 1. "In which dwelleth righteousness." Then the great design of the Creator in forming this earth will be fulfilled.

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