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NO. 1.

## The Review & Herald Burned.

Our readers will, no doubt, be shocked to learn that another great calamity has overtaken our work, in the total destruction by fire last Tuesday night, of the immense printing plant of the Review and Herald, at Battle Creek, Michigan. About 7:30 Tuesday evening one of the employees in the press room noticed smoke coming out of the stairway leading from the basement into the dynamo room. The alarm was quickly given, and the fire department responded promptly and worked heroically, but in spite of the most desperate efforts of the department and citizens the entire plant was in ruins in less than an hour afterward. Thus in a little more than ten months two of our largest institutions in Battle Creek have gone down before the fire fiend. But little is known of the origin of the fire, but it is supposed to have originated in spontaneous combustion.

Their stock of manufactured books stored in the west building, across the street from the manufacturing department, was uninjured.

The Review and Herald Publishing Company was the largest and best equipped institution of its kind in the State of Michigan. It had a floor space of 80,000 feet, and the building was filled with presses, lino-type machines, ruling machines, immense quantities of type, and much other valuable machinery, all of the latest and most perfect patterns. 375 persons were employed, but only 25 were at work at the time of the fire. The loss is estimated by the managers at \$350,000.00 with \$150,000.00 insurance.

### VOLUME TWO.

No doubt many of our readers were disappointed in not receiving the RECORD last week. After our issue of December 22 had gone out it was decided to omit the last number for 1902, and commence a new volume with the new year. This number, therefore, is Number 1 of Volume 2.

We are very grateful to our friends, who have assisted in making the first volume so much of a success as it was, and we earnestly solicit their support in the future.

As will be seen by the report of the actions taken by the Union Conference committee, as found in another column, we shall endeavor to make the RECORD self-sustaining; that is, the workers employed by it will derive their support from the income from the RECORD, and the local job printing. It will be apparent to all that unless our people take an active interest in the paper, and work for it, those

who do the work on it will receive but a small support. One thing we are determined on, however, and that is, we will not allow it to go in debt. We are going to avoid that if possible, and we shall trust the Lord, and depend upon the brethren to assist us in making it self-sustaining. We hope our subscribers feel so well pleased with the paper that they will give it their hearty support. No effort will be spared in making it what it was designed in the beginning. C. N. W.

### CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

Two robbers blew open the bank vault at Union, Mo., and secured \$15,000.

THREE hundred coke workers are out on a strike at Connellsville, Pa.

MRS FOWEN, the wife of United States minister to Venezuela, is a native of Texas.

A BOSTON syndicate has just purchased over 1100 square miles of the finest timber in Newfoundland, paying therefor \$ 50,000. Very severe weather has prevailed over the

northern states the past week. Seven persons were frozen to death at different points in Pennsylvania.

The value of cheese and butter exported from Canada last year was \$30,000,000.

It is thought the demand for English coal in this country will be very heavy for some time. Six large steamers have recently been loaded and started for immediate delivery.

THE Business Men's Association, of Washington, D. C. is considering the question of inviting the United Confederate Veterans to meet in that city in 1904, and it is probable that the invitation will be extended.

SECRETARY Wilson, of the Agricultural department, says that under efforts being put forth by that department, disease among sheep and cattle is decreasing, and already our cattle are the healthiest in the world.

GENERAL William Booth, founder and commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, expects to be in Dallas, Texas, January 31, and will likely spend several days there. Great preparations are being made in Army circles.

As the result of the telegraph operator failing to deliver orders to an express train on the Grand Trunk Railway, it collided with a freight train near London, Ont. Twenty-five persons are dead and thirty injured.

The anthracite coal strike commission is again in session in Philadelphia. They are now receiving the testimony of the non-union men concerning their side of the controversy. It is expected that another month will be consumed in taking all the testimony.

THE first section of the new Pacific cable, from San Francisco to Honolulu, was completed January 1, and a congratulatory message sent from Governor Dole to President Roosevelt. The cable was opened for business on the 3rd inst.

THE Mexican boll weevil has caused so much damage to cotton for the past three or four years in Texas that farmers are organizing, and will try to exterminate the pests. The first meeting of the executive committee of the convention recently held will meet in Dallas on the 7th. A large attendance and much interest is expected.

THE Venezuelan dispute, which President Roosevelt was urged to arbitrate, has been placed by the powers interested before the Hague tribunal. This is very satisfactory to our government, as it avoids the possibility of foreign complications as a result of the settlement. It is understood the consideration of the Monroe doctrine is not to enter into the questions to be arbitrated.

## Arkansas Department.

ELDER A. E. Field is at Little Rock, expecting to return Christmas and hold quarterly meeting with the church at Springdale December 27 and 28.

SISTER Grace Jones, of Harrison, has been taking Christmas orders for the small books.

BROTHER J. P. Wagner who has been out delivering Brother J. J. Robinson's books, has returned home, bringing quite a per cent of the books with him. Brother Robinson's family have returned to Springdale, and he is expected soon.

THE rain has been so heavy in the southern part of the state that Brother Watts has returned to his home in Little Rock till after the holidays when he will return to Phillips county to finish his delivery.

THE old year is nearing its close; and we feel that we must make one more appeal for the "Object Lessons" movement, which should have been closed up by the first of January, and as yet only a few churches have made their returns for their books. We are anxiously waiting to hear from others so that we can square up our accounts by the first of the year.

CATALOGS and circular letters have just been received concerning the new volume of the Testimonies which will soon be out of the press, and the same will be forwarded to the churches and isolated. This is a very important volume and we hope all will avail themselves of it. Cloth, 75c; limp leather, \$1.25.

### FIELD REPORTS.

BROTHER Clyde Dasher, of Gravette, has entered the field. He is canvassing for "Heralds of the Morning," and reports for the week ending December 20, as follows:—Hours, 20; orders, 9; value, \$11.75; helps, \$1.50. We wish that others would follow his example.

### The "Sentinel."

NAMES of the members of the House and Senate have been sent to the *Sentinel* office and the list from there has been sent to the stencil cutters, so they will get the December copy at their homes. A letter

from Elder Field this morning states that they have decided to have a sufficient number sent in a club to Brother V. B. Watts and distributed by him after the legislature convenes, and if it is not too late to make the change at the *Sentinel* office it will be carried out. In addition to the amount that has heretofore been published, J. B. Robinson, of Vinita, Indian Territory, sends a dollar, and the Ava church gave three dollars; making a total of \$32.90.

### Notice.

I WISH all holding freight receipts would please send them in promptly to the tract society office, so they can be credited before the close of the year. The rule is that freight receipts not sent in within sixty days are too late for credit. If this is not attended to more promptly the rule will be enforced.

### Notice.

THE Arkansas subscribers should please notice in the editorial department that all subscriptions will be discontinued at the time of expiration, unless promptly renewed, therefore please watch the label on your wrapper. Several subscriptions expire in December and January and should be promptly renewed so as not to lose a copy of the paper, for each week it contains an instructive continued article, then the local news of the state conferences, etc.

### The Week of Prayer.

THE week of prayer is now in the past with its opportunities and the record has gone to heaven. God knows and I know whether the most good possible has resulted in my case. Am I better prepared to let the light of God's word shine through my life than before the week came? If not then it is a loss to me and a gain to Satan. The attitude of God's professed people effects the work for a time but not finally for "He maketh the wrath of man to praise Him and the remainder of the wrath He will restrain." The past few months have been freighted with blessings for the people of God both spiritually and financially, and we are exhorted to remember Him who gives us power to get wealth. And if we would realize

it, the Lord continues His goodness and mercies to us even when we do not acknowledge His claims. He has told us we are responsible for all we might have had and accomplished. The sins of omission are many, and most people do not consider them. It is a blessed privilege to speak and work for the Master. Christ said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." But how may we let our light shine and how may we bear fruit for Christ? Turn to the fifteenth chapter of St. John, and read it prayerfully and carefully. If we are connected with Christ, His life will flow through us and we shall then bear fruit to His glory. Galatians 5: 22, 23 enumerates the fruits of the Spirit, and by this we may know that we have passed from death unto life if we love the brethren. Then let us study the life of Christ that by beholding we become changed.

J. C. A.

### The Church School at Butterfield.

SUPPOSING that some would be glad to hear from our school at this place, I will write a brief account of it. School began October 20, with five pupils, all of one family. We have been laboring under disadvantage, but in a short time if the Lord is willing, we will be in our new school room. The carpenters have been at work on it for some time but on account of the wet weather have not been able to work steadily. The prospects for our school is much brighter than at the beginning. One brother came with the view of locating, and is well pleased with the place. We look for his family in a few days. Brother P. C. Shockey can furnish land and team for another family to make a crop on his place. There are other places near which can be rented, and also property which can be bought here cheaply. Our school is located four miles from Butterfield and is expected to be a permanent thing, and will be in session eight or nine months in each year. We would be glad to hear at once from any others who wish to locate here. Yours in the work,

MISS KATE M. BEELER,  
Butterfield,  
Hot Springs County, Arkansas.

## ✧ Texas Department. ✧

### Help for the Keene Sanitarium.

I PRESUME some will get tired hearing calls for means, but we will never get through hearing these till the Lord comes, and He is to gather those who "make a covenant with Him by sacrifices." But this is a call, which, giving the opportunity, will not be urged upon any. Moreover it is upon a plan of giving that returns to the giver even in this world, every dollar contributed, if ever needed and desired.

The Keene Sanitarium, though provided with a good physician and corps of nurses, was found to be sadly in need of better equipment in the way of surgical implements, operating table, etc., as well as the finishing of more rooms, and a better water supply. A prominent surgeon, the old family physician of one of our sisters, recently came all the way from Old Mexico to perform a critical operation at the Sanitarium, and was much chagrined as well as we, to find practically no facilities for it here. He gave a Sunday night talk in the Academy to try to arouse an interest in our people to provide the necessary facilities, which was humiliating to us to think an outsider had to come and give us this talk. The physicians at Cleburne stand ready and want to bring surgical cases here and leave them in charge of our doctors and nurses as soon as we get the facilities for handling them. They consider that this would be one of the best hospitals to which they could send them if we were equipped. Some of the brethren here seeing the need of this equipment so urgently, set about to raise \$1,500 for this purpose and to pay off some indebtedness standing against the institution. There are four of the brethren here who have agreed to give \$100 each; others \$50.00, \$25.00, \$20.00, etc., so that nearly \$800 is promised right away—not some indefinite time in the future. Different brethren have good sums, and Brother B. F. Woods, who holds the title to the property, over \$700 in this institution. If \$1,000 is raised promptly for the purpose mentioned Brother Woods agrees to deed the property over to the Union Conference clear of encumbrance. Who of our readers outside

of Keene will help us raise this? As stated above, we are not going to urge you nor make any regular campaign for your assistance, but felt that there are other good brethren and sisters who would like to have a part in this, if they knew about it, and we want all to share the blessing of it. And it has been arranged that those contributing to this fund can have the full amount they contribute in treatment should they ever get sick and want it. This is what is meant by returning to the donor the amount given if needed and desired. Who will respond to this call?

W. A. McCUTCHEN.

### A Church School Among the Pine Trees.

I THOUGHT I would write again to our brethren about the school near Avinger. It is located at about the center of the county, north and south. The school is now in its second year, while there are but few students yet it is accomplishing great good. The thing that is most needed is the coming in of some of our people who have families that ought to have the benefit of the advantages afforded at this place. The price of land is very reasonable, so that almost any one can obtain a home. There is also an abundance of the best water. It is a most excellent fruit country, and all kinds of vegetables can be raised. To make the school what it should be we must have several good families move in. Land is rapidly advancing in price and what is done must be done quickly. By paying part down one can get it on good terms. I will also say that this is one of the best stock ranges in Texas, both in summer and winter, and it is free at that. Now who will be the first to come and see the county—do not write but come and see for yourself; then you will know. Brethren, let us have a good school. Come! Come! Get your ticket to Avinger, and write to Brother B. F. Whitworth or Brother S. P. Pendley to meet you at the train. I say again, come and see. Yours in Christ,

J. N. SOMMERVILLE.

### The Week of Prayer.

LEVI.—After closing our meetings at Sanger we returned to Keene where we spent a few days, and then

went to Levi—our old home church. Here I had the privilege of spending the week of prayer for the first time since moving from that place.

The brethren there are few in number, but they are still faithful, and all things being considered, we had a splendid meeting.

The readings that were prepared for the occasion failed to reach us until the last day of the week, but was not at a loss for something to read and study. We had a Bible study each night. And after the readings came we found the Lord had directed us in our studies throughout the week, along the line of the prepared readings—that of whole hearted service to God.

I have never in all my Christian experience seen, with such clearness, the importance of living out in our lives the teachings of Romans 12: 1. I believe, and wish to express it with pen and voice, that we have, as a people, reached a crisis where, in order to be co-laborers with the Lord, and to stand amid the thickening perils about us, we shall and must stand just where Isaiah stood when he said, "Here am I send me." It means a great deal to be where the Lord can use us. The attendance throughout the week was not large, but there were many earnest faces among them, and my prayer is that, notwithstanding our disappointment by not having the prepared readings in time to enjoy them together, the Lord may bless the effort put forth, and that much and lasting good may come out of it. Each one had a cheering testimony and seemed inspired to do greater things for the Lord throughout the coming year, than ever before.

The offerings amounted to \$7.00. The amount was small, but we trust the Lord's blessings may rest abundantly upon the gifts and the givers.

I am now at Keene, and expect to attend the Bible institute which begins Monday, January, 5.

W. M. CUBLEY.

The Bible school opened this morning, with an attendance of 25, and others have arrived since the meeting. Elder Shultz will remain and assist in the work for a week or ten days. A very profitable time is expected.

The Keene church held their quarterly meeting at the regular time. At their business meeting last Saturday night officers were elected.

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### An Important Council.

THE committee of the Southwestern Union Conference met according to appointment December 29, and continued to January 1. Elder G. F. Haffner, of Oklahoma; Elder A. E. Field, of Arkansas; Elder H. Shultz, of Nebraska, with the members of the committee residing at Keene composed the council. Unanimity of mind prevailed in all our deliberations. This being our first council in this conference since its organization as it now exists there were many things of special interest to consider, consequently quite a general survey of the situation was taken, and a careful examination of the different lines of work. Our principal thought in all our meetings was the adjustment of our financial matters in such a way as to make each department self-supporting, and thus relieve the committee and those at the head of responsibilities, so that their time might be more fully devoted to their legitimate work, the gospel ministry.

The Sanitarium work was taken up in connection with the local sanitarium board. Dr. Haskell, who is now in charge is one of the Board. This institution has had many things

to contend with in the past, before Dr. Haskell took it in charge. We are glad to report that its prospects are good and the work is moving off nicely. The board voted to put the property in good condition to carry on the work for which it was built. They then asked Dr. Haskell if he would take the institution, bear its burdens, and get his support with all other expenses from its earnings, setting his wages at a certain rate, and any surplus that might accrue more than this become property of the institution. These terms were cheerfully accepted by the Doctor, thus relieving the committee from future burdens. He will make a financial report to the board every two months.

We considered the Tract Society work in the same manner. This principle was also endorsed by the council as relating to the employes of the Tract Society offices.

The same was considered in the publishing house. Brother C. N. Woodward, who has been in charge as managing editor, cheerfully accepted this principle concerning the printing interests. We next examined into the situation of the teachers, and the income of the home and academy. We learned by the books that the tuition was not sufficient to support the present corps of teachers. We saw that something must be done or a debt would accrue and there be nothing with which to meet it. We invited the teachers into our council, and the situation was discussed. It was seen clearly that some change must take place. Professor Covert, the Principal, was the first to suggest a plan. He spoke of the amount of work he was doing and the present situation, and in view of some things which he had in mind to do for some time, he was willing to retire from the faculty, and thus do his part in relieving the situation. Dr. Haskell stated that it would be of much benefit to the Sanitarium if he could drop the two classes he has been teaching, so it would be no hardship for him to retire also. After discussing the question pro and con it was voted to accept the propositions, and to allow these two faithful brethren to retire from the school. It was with regret on the part of all, however, that it was necessary to do this, as both had given the most perfect satisfaction in their work. Professor

A. Kunze was then asked to take the principalship the remainder of the year, and so this difficulty was bridged over.

The school farm in the past has been a source of great perplexity. The general annual report of the farm has always shown a loss rather than a gain to the academy. Brother Creager, who has been foreman of the farm for the past seven months, stated that he would take the farm, work the student help as heretofore, keep the machinery and stock in good condition, pay all expenses including his own wages, and guarantee no loss to the academy, turning over any surplus that might accrue. He was then given full control and management of the farm, subject to the counsel of the board.

To take the council as a whole we feel that it was a profitable and important one to this conference. The work of support will be carried still further, to the ministry and every branch of the work. We do not mean by this that tried men shall be turned out without resource, but that there shall be more freedom enjoyed by them in their work, and more responsibility thrown upon them, that the branch of the work committed to their hands shall be made self-supporting, and that these burdens will be divided and carried by those that should carry them, thus leaving the others free to give their time to that of preaching the gospel and the conversion of souls.

We trust that divine wisdom will be given this committee from time to time in carrying out these principles until every laborer will feel the responsibility of his own support. There are no doubt many in the ministry who carry very few burdens in this respect. It should not be so. The apostle Paul did not desire to enter into other men's labors, neither go where things were prepared to his hands. He says "If we have sown unto you spiritual things we shall also reap your carnal things." This shows that a man shall reap from his own sowing, and not from anothers. It is true that we should aid in the development of gifts in the ministry for a reasonable length of time, but if the individual thus helped does not bring in fruit enough for his support, he should be contented with his wages, according to

that which has been produced by him. When a man's income to the cause of God exceeds the amount of his wages, then that surplus should be used in the development of other gifts, the same as in other branches of the work. Every laborer drawing his salary should be able to point to the churches which have been raised up by him, as the result of his personal labors, thus showing that he is not drawing more from the treasury than he has brought in.

Our financial situation regarding the large debt which still hangs over Keene Academy, and our apportionment of the General Conference debt, was considered in this council, and many hours were spent in discussing how to meet this problem. There was a proposition made that the ministry work without wages for six months and take the tithe to meet the debt. It was decided that it would be unjust for the ministry to bear all of this burden, but that when donations were made for this purpose by all the rest of the people they should be very liberal. We then decided that in addition to the "Object Lesson" work we would ask our brethren to plant fields or parts of fields, which we will call an acre fund for this purpose. This to be in addition to what will be realized from the sale of "Object Lessons," as a sufficient amount has not yet been realized. Also to ask all others to donate, and thus pay up the last dollar on this matter. So we will expect everyone to lift in some way in this time of need. On this point we will have more to say later.

We closed the council with the best of courage, and feeling that the Lord was with us. Elder Shultz, the vice-president, was most excellent counsel in this meeting. May the Lord bless us as we push the battle to the gate, and go forward with renewed courage in the hope of a soon-coming Saviour, when we will all join in the grand jubilee.

G. G. RUPERT.

### The Inspired History of the Nations.

THIS book which we have been expecting out from the press in now delayed, as, no doubt, it suffered with all the rest in the fire at the Review office, as it was being printed for us by that office. We will say however that it will come out, as arrangements

will be made to complete it elsewhere as soon as possible.

"The Gathering of Israel," which is one part of the large book is now printed and ready for sale at this office. It is bound in paper and sells for twenty-five cents. It is the truth for this time. Send in orders at once.

G. G. RUPERT.

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; it is such only to him who believes that it is the power of God unto salvation to save him, personally, from his sin.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

### THE TWO DEATHS.

[Continued from last issue.]

That this is true, is evident from the following language of the inspired Apostle. "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." And all of this simply proves that one may have the faith of Jesus, and yet die the first death, or fall asleep in Jesus. It might be well to notice in this connection, what the Lord says in regard to the position those who fall asleep, will occupy at His coming: "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent (precede, or take the pre-eminence over) them which are asleep. For the Lord, himself, shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the cloud to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever

be with the Lord. 1 Thess. 4: 16, 17. The idea seems to have gained ground in Paul's day that some kind of pre-eminence would be given those who would be living when the Lord comes, over those who had fallen asleep and Paul appears to have written the text cited above to counteract that teaching. But does not the

Revelator say that the 144,000 will enjoy special distinctions, that they will follow the Lamb wheresoever He goeth? True, but this applies with equal force to those who fall asleep with faith in the third angel's message, for it is written of them, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Now a word in regard to the second death. The question might arise, if the first death is a sleep, is not this true of the second death also? The second death is annihilation. This is made clear in the following scripture: "For behold the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be as stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Malachi 4. "I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth, and never shalt thou be any more." This death is the "wages of sin," and will take place at the end of the thousand years of Revelation twenty. This is the death which Christ tasted "for every man." Christ was not suffering for His own sins but for the sins of the world. He was feeling the terrible displeasure of God that the sinner will feel in the great reckoning day. "Christ's Object Lessons" page 84. "Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race." "Desire of Ages," page 573. "Christ suffered as the sinner must suffer without one ray of light or hope from God." "Christ's Object Lessons," page 129. "This is the death which Christ 'abolished' (for the believer) and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." "For the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. "This is the second death." He that believeth on Jesus will never die this death.

In closing let us return to our text for a moment. "Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me though he were dead, (sleeping in the grave) yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth shall never die (the second death.) Believest thou this?"

W. D. MACLAY.

## Oklahoma Department.

### Reports of the Week of Prayer.

SOME good reports of the week of prayer have already been received. The Lord came very near to His people. We hope to hear of great victories gained. I have been with the Anvil and Oklahoma City churches. At Anvil we had quite a struggle at first but finally the Lord gave the victory. Satan has been working hard to ruin this church; he has brought in differences that seemed hard to overcome, but when the Spirit of God came in, the hearts of the people were melted and harmony prevailed and sinners were converted to God and backsliders were reclaimed. O, what a precious season we had together! Parents would confess to their children that they had been standing in their way, and that would soften the hearts of the children and they confess their sins to God. I believe that church has come nearer to the Lord. O, may such a work be done for all our churches! At Oklahoma City also the Lord came near, and the members of that church determined to do more for the Lord. Wherever the people sought God earnestly we expect to hear of revivals. How soon the work of warning the world would be completed if every Seventh-day Adventist would do his or her part in giving this message! O, brethren let us stand like the army of Gideon, each one in his place and each doing the work the Lord asks him to do.

G. F. H.

HARTSHORNE, INDIAN TERRITORY.—Our week of prayer is now in the past. We had the privilege of meeting with the other brethren at our church in Wilburton. We were glad to meet together with those of like precious faith to enjoy a season of seeking God together for more of His grace and love, in our hearts, for those who are out of the way, and for all who are enemies to the cross of Christ, and for a better fitting up of ourselves for service in the Master's vineyard.

The Lord blessed us, and fulfilled His promise to us. We saw no great demonstration, but we could discern the silent movings of the Spirit of God upon individuals as they yielded

themselves to the drawing influence of the love of Christ. Two backsliders were reclaimed, and made their confessions to the church and to God, and consecrated themselves anew to the service of "the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe." 1 Tim. 4: 10.

After the Sabbath school Elder J. A. Sommerville who was with us the last Sabbath, gave us some encouraging words for which we were thankful. He also told us of some of the conflicts of some of our other churches. Surely Satan is working with all power and signs and lying wonders to deceive if possible the elect of God. And he is doing it not with some great outward manifestations of supernatural power to amaze and astonish the world, but little by little as he did in heaven when he deceived some of the angels of God.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us arouse from our lethargy, and by a more diligent study of the word of God, and a greater illumination of the Spirit of God, let us go forth with renewed energy, zeal and consecration; determined in the strength of Jesus, to conquer, and we shall be victorious.

Let us lay all on the altar of service for God, to be consumed, and we shall be glad when Jesus comes to make up His jewels. Malachi 3.

J. J. JOBE.

### West Cooper Church School and the Week of Prayer.

OUR school opened November 10, 1902, with the blessing of God and an attendance of twenty-nine. The interest has rapidly been growing, and the membership increasing, so that now the membership is forty-seven. The pupils are coming from all directions—far and near. Thus far the Lord has wonderfully blessed our school as a whole, and we are glad for His assurance of His daily presence with us, as long as our hearts are consecrated to Him. We try to make our daily routine of such a nature and so practical, that all may develop their God-given talents, and thus prepare themselves for the great white harvest field. We are studying in both English and German, and we trust that the Lord will use

the few simple truths that we are studying together, to His glory. During the week of prayer our school was suspended. We had two meetings each day with the exception of Friday. The presence of the Spirit of God was realized in each meeting. The solemn truths which were presented in the readings found lodgment in willing hearts. We, as a company of believers of the third angel's message, must exclaim that this has been the best week of prayer which we have ever attended. It has been a source of encouragement to us, and gives us greater zeal to lift the banner of the cross higher before this perishing world. May the Lord use the little influence that we have to the saving of souls is our prayer.

WILLIAM VOTH.

### FIELD REPORTS.

ORLANDO, PERRY AND SCHLEY.—I closed the meeting at Iconium Sabbath, December 6. The Sunday following I visited the Orlando church. The brethren at this place are of good courage, and I think there are others here who will soon take their stand for the truth.

Sunday afternoon two of the young people were buried with their Lord in baptism. This church is new in the faith, but they are beginning to take hold of the "Object Lessons" work and they seem to have a desire in their hearts to be fully abreast with every part of the third angel's message.

I visited Brother Wagner, the elder of the Perry church, and find that the brethren of this church have only ten dollars more to raise on the "Object Lessons" and they say they expect to finish this work soon.

I came to Schley December 11, expecting to begin meeting the night of the 13th, but on account of the weather it was delayed until the 17th. The interest seems to be growing steadily. Last night the commodious school house was crowded beyond its seating capacity. I believe there are honest souls here who will accept the truth.

Remember me and the people here at the throne of grace.

F. H. CONWAY.

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## German Department.

### Früchte der Gebetswoche.

Wir haben schon gute Nachricht erhalten von der Gebetswoche. Der Herr kam sehr nahe wo man ihn von ganzem Herzen gesucht hat. Der Herr kommt immer seiner Verheißung nach. Wo ich gewesen bin hat Gott mächtig gewirkt, und ich bin überzeugt, daß er es überall getan, wo man ihn von ganzem Herzen gesucht hat. Die Geschwister haben sich gedemütigt und ihre Fehler bekant. Eltern haben ihren Kindern bekant, daß sie denselben im Weg gestanden haben und wollen ihnen nicht länger im Wege stehen. Man konnte auch sofort die Früchte sehen, denn die Kinder gaben ihre Herzen dem Herrn, und solche, die zurück gekommen waren, bekant ihre Sünden und faßten wieder Mut. Liebe Geschwister im Herrn, prüfet euch selbst, jedes für sich, ob es nicht jemand im Wege steht. Vielleicht habt ihr euren Kindern auch nicht immer ein gutes Beispiel gesetzt; möglicherweise habt ihr ihnen im Wege gestanden. G. wenn dies der Fall ist danu räumt doch ohne Verzug alle Steine aus den Weg und laßet keinen einzigen übrig. Bekennet eure Fehler vor den Kindern. Es ist keine Schmach noch Schande dies zu tun, aber es ist eine ewige Schande und Schmach, wenn jemand sollte durch unser schlechtes Beispiel verloren gehen, und dazu noch unsere eignen Kinder.

Möchten wir alle aufwachen in betreff dieser Dinge. Laßt uns von euch hören, was der Herr an euch getan hat. Es wäre schön, wenn jede Gemeinde ein paar Zeilen einredien würde. G. F. D.

Anmerkung: Was hier folgt über Gemeinde Schulen ist dem Buch Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VI. entlehnt mit Ausnahme eines Paragraphen, welcher aus dem Buch "Desire of Ages" übersezt ist.

### Gemeinde-Schulen.

Unsere Kinder und die Jugend haben gar zu wenig Aufmerksamkeit empfangen. Die älteren Glieder der Gemeinde haben nicht in Milde und Sympatie auf sie geschaut, mit dem Verlangen, daß sie im geistlichen Leben gedeihen möchten, und deshalb sind die Kinder im christlichen Leben nicht entwickelt wie sie es sein sollten. Manche Gemeindeglieder, die Gott einst geliebt und gefürchtet hatten, erlauben sich nun, daß ihre weltlichen Geschäfte ihre ganze Aufmerksamkeit in Anspruch nehmen, und verbergen also ihr

Nicht unter einem Scheffel.

Sie vergessen Gott zu dienen, und machen ihre Geschäfte das Grab ihrer Religion. Soll die Jugend hin und her getrieben und somit nutzlos werden, und dann in Versuchungen fallen, welche überall auf sie lauern, um ihre achtlosen Füße zu verstricken? Das Werk, welches unsern Gemeinden am nächsten liegt, ist, daß sie sich in unsere Jugend interessieren. In Freundlichkeit, Geduld und Milde sollte ihnen die Wahrheit Wort bei Wort und Satz auf Satz beigebracht werden. O wo sind die Väter und Mütter in Israel? da sollte eine große Anzahl sein, die in der Tat Haushälter Gottes sind, nicht nur hin und wieder interessiert zu sein in die Jugend, sondern die ein besonderes und dauerndes Interesse für sie zeigen. Es sollten viele sein die bedauernden Umstände, in welchen unsere Jugend sich oft befindet, zu Herzen zu nehmen — Umstände, in denen sie den Angriffen des Satans ausgesetzt sind, wodurch er stets sucht sie in sein Netz zu ziehen. Gott verlangt, daß die Gemeinde aus diesem kalten gleichgültigen Zustande herauskomme und einsehe, welche Art von Dienst in dieser gefährvollen Zeit verlangt wird.

Die Augen der Geschwister sollten mit himmlischer Augen salbe gesalbet werden, damit sie die Notwendigkeit dieser Zeit erkennen. Die Lämmer der Herde müssen geweidet werden, und der Herr des Himmels schaut und sieht, wer diese Arbeit tut, die Er verlangt. Arbeit die für die Jugend und Kinder getan werden soll. Die Gemeinde schläft, und merkt nicht die Größe dieser Sache. Seite 196, 197

### Gemeinde-schulen nötig.

„Sie werden die alten Wüstungen bauen, und was vor Zeiten zerstört ist, aufbringen! sie werden die verwüsteten Städte so für und für zerstört gelegen sind, verneuen“ „Und sollst heißen: der die Lücken verzaunet und die Wege bessert, daß man da wohnen möge.“ Jes. 61: 4; 58: 12. Diese Worte göttlicher Eingebung zeigen dem der da glaubt an die gegenwärtige Wahrheit, „die Arbeit, die jetzt in der Erziehung unserer Kinder und Jugend getan werden muß. Als die Wahrheit für diese letzten Tage in der Verkündigung der ersten, zweiten und dritten Engelsbotschaft kam, wurde uns gezeigt, daß unsere Kinder eine verschiedene Bildung haben müssen; aber es hat lange Zeit genommen um zu verstehen, welche Änderung gemacht werden sollte. S. 126.

Das Blut an den Türpfosten stellte das Blut Christi vor, welches allein die Erstgeborenen der Hebräer vom Tode erlöste.

Jrgend Jemand der Kinder-Israels, der sich in den Häusern der Ägypter befand, zur Zeit als die Erstgeburt geschlagen ward, wurde auch geschlagen. 1 Mose 12. Diese Erfahrung der Israeliten wurde zur Lehre derec geschrieben, die in den letzten Tagen über die Welt herein bricht, ruft der Herr allen wahren Israeliten zu sich für dieses Ereignis vorzubereiten. Den Eltern sendet er diesen Warnungsruf: Sammelt eure Kinder in eure eignen Häuser! sammelt sie weg von denen, die Gottes Gebote mißachten und Uebels lehren und tun. Gehet aus den großen Städten so schnell als möglich. Errichtet Gemeinde-Schulen. Gebet euren Kindern Gottes Wort als Grundlage ihrer Bildung. S. 195.

Arbeiter in neuen Feldern sollten sich nicht frei fühlen, ehe die Gemeinde unter ihrer Aufsicht mit den Notwendigkeiten für eine solche Organisation versorgt ist. Nicht nur sollte ein bescheidenes Gotteshaus errichtet werden sondern auch alle Vortrefungen für den Bestand einer Gemeinde-Schule sollten gemacht werden.

Diese Sache ist mir klar vorgeführt worden. Ich sahe an verschiedenen Orten neue Scharen von Gläubigen und Gemeindeglieder errichtet. Die, welche neu zum Glauben gekommen waren, halfen mit willigen Händen, und die, welche Mittel hatten, halfen mit ihren Mitteln. Unter dem Kirchengebäude, doch über der Erde, wurde mir ein Ajjartement gezeigt, welches als Schulzimmer diente, wo die Kinder in der Wahrheit aus Gottes Wort unterrichtet wurden. Gottgeweihte Lehrer wurden erwählt auf diese Plätze zu gehen. Die Anzahl in der Schule war nicht groß, aber es war ein köstlicher Anfang. Das Organisieren von Gemeinden und die Herstellung von Versammlungshäusern und Schulgebäuden ging von Stadt zu Stadt. An jedem Orte machten die Gläubigen gemeinsame Anstrengungen und der Herr wirkte für sie, ihre Zahl zu vermehren. Es ward etwas ausgerichtet, das die Wahrheit bekant machen sollte.

Dies ist das Werk, welches in Amerika, in Australien, in Groupa, und wo immer Seelen in die Wahrheit gebracht werden, getan werden sollte. Die lieben Seelen, welche erweckt werden, haben ein Versammlungshaus nötig. Schulen, wo den Kindern biblischer Unterricht gegeben werden kann, werden zur unbedingten Notwendigkeit. Das Schulzimmer ist gerade so viel von nöten als das Versammlungshaus. S. 108, 109.

[Fortsetzung folgt.]

Keene Texas. Jan. 5. 1903.

Zu meinen lieben Deutschen Geschwister in dem Herrn. Friede, und Freude zuvor. Von Gott dem Vater und unserem Herrn Jesu Christi.

Ihr habt wohl schon alle gehört, von der Traurige nachricht daß das Gebäude der Review and Herold samt dem lieben Hausfreund den 30ten. Dec. in Asche gelegt worden ist, so das alle Druckpresse, und Tippen samt den Platten verstoert wurde. Nun hat uns die Central Union Conference ihre Präße angeboten. Aber da brauchen wir Platten und Deutsche Tippen, und Papier dazu, und dazu bitte ich alle meine lieben Geschwister eine helfende Hand zu leisten in der noth darinnen unser Hausfreund sich jetzt befindet. Dazu brauchen wir bei fünf hundert Thaller Und wenn alle unsere Deutschen Geschwister etwas dazu beitragen werden so wird unser Hausfreund bald wieder auf seinen Füßen sein.

Darum laßt alle Gemeinden ein Freiwilliges Opfer bringen ein süßer Geruch dem Herrn. Schickt die Gabe an H. Schultz. College View Nebraska, und ich werde sehen das alles an ort und stelle kommt. In liebe euer Bruder in Christ i Jesu. H. Schulz.

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