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NOTES CONCERNING OUR WORK.

We understand Elder C. W. Flaiz has been asked to give his time until the next General Conference to the task of hurrying the work with "Object Lessons" to a finish, by that time if possible.

The Minnesota conference is making a great effort to raise money to equip an industrial school. A good deal of interest seems to be aroused, and judging from the reports of the laborers it will be a success.

Beginning with the 1st of January the *Sentinel of Liberty* is to be again issued as a weekly instead of a monthly. This will be an agreeable change to its many friends, and we trust will be the means of largely increasing its circulation.

The next session of the General Conference will be held in Oakland, California, March 27 to April 13. At the last session of the Union Conference Committee delegates were chosen to represent this Union Conference at that meeting. These delegates were chosen so that all the local conferences, as well as the general work, will be well represented.

ELDER Allen Moon, president of Northern Illinois Conference, makes a call through their state paper for a man to act as ship missionary among the shipping of Chicago. The number of ships in and out of that port is nearly as large as Liverpool and other shipping centers where we have such ship missionaries. All vessels there are brought into the river and docked which renders our work of this kind easy and economical.

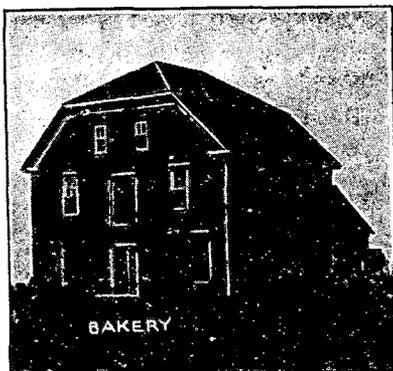
The March number of the *Training School Advocate* is to be devoted to matter especially for the public school teachers of this country. The co-operation of our people is earnestly desired to assist in placing this issue in the hands of a large number of these teachers. And who can tell

the amount of good which will be accomplished by reaching these people. They have largely to do with moulding the future of the rising generation, and we should assist them to a knowledge of how this can best be done.

PURE FOOD COMPANY.

THE Lone Star Pure Food Company, Limited, was organized October 8, 1901. The object was to manufacture health foods, and thus put them within the reach of the people of the Southwest at a much more reasonable price than heretofore.

The company consisted chiefly of citizens of Keene, and, hence, Keene capital.



A baker was secured at Lincoln, Nebraska, a man who thoroughly understands the business.

Since February 1, 1902, the company has been shipping its products to all parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, also New Mexico; in fact it has been enjoying a very liberal patronage. The company's business manager furnishes the following data:

"Our shipments to Fort Worth alone, have amounted to \$458.12. We manufacture a very extensive line of cereal goods, such as crackers, coffee (a substitute for Mocha and Java) grain-nut, zwiebach, and nut butter. We also put up a very high grade of soda crackers.

"The building is three stories

and basement, containing two brick ovens, cracker machine and rollers—all operated by gasoline power. We have a floor-space of 4008 feet, which is most too small for present necessities.

"Every mail brings us numerous inquiries for prices and circulars. Any one wishing further information will confer a favor by addressing us at Keene, Texas."

What Our Friends Say.

DURING the past week we have received two renewals with accompanying letters, which cheered us a good deal, as it seems there are some who appreciate the RECORD. We take a few sentences from the letters as follows: "I would not like to lose a single number of it, for it brings the news from all over the field, with many other good things." Another says, "The paper is always welcomed to our home. We are so glad to have an opportunity to know about the work."

We would like to say to other friends that we are cheered by such words of approval and appreciation of our work, and would like to see many others manifesting it in the same way—by sending in their renewals. Quite a number have already expired with the last few numbers, and we appeal to them in this manner to send in their subscriptions, at once and save us having to write each one.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

O how good to work for Jesus!
He is all my joy and strength;
Life he yielded to receive us,
And we'll dwell with him at length.

I will praise my dear redeemer!
For the love he bears to me;
For he gave me life forever,
When he died upon the tree.

In the Righteousness of Jesus,
I my Saviour soon shall see;
For he says we shall be like him,
Throughout all eternity.

Arkansas Department.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER H. Clay Griffin has been invited by the president of the conference to resume the work again, providing he will depend on donations for his support, which he cheerfully consented to do, as the treasury is low.

No reports are coming in from the canvassers, as those that were in the field have given up for the present, and those who have been previously reported as starting out haven't made a beginning yet.

BROTHER Marion Beasley, who expected to be in the field ere this, reports that he has been ill again, and will have to give it up for the present. We were sorry to hear this, because he is a faithful and tried canvasser, and Arkansas can ill afford to lose such.

ARE YOU preparing to push the campaign with the new tracts? The first three of the series, "We would see Jesus," "Signs of the Times," and "The Gospel remedy for present day Isms," are ready at the Tract Society office, awaiting your orders. It has been recommended by the General Conference that these tracts be scattered one at a time in their natural order as quoted above. All these are 16 page tracts, price one cent each. These tracts are the old subjects revised up to date, and fully adapted to the needs of the times, showing forth the present conditions of the world, politically, financially, socially, and religiously from the Bible standpoint, and bringing before the people the one absorbing theme, the near coming of Christ; thus warning the people to prepare for the solemn, yet glad event. Let each one have a part in sowing these tracts like the leaves of autumn.

BROTHER Louis Sickler, of Little Rock, a young man who accepted the truth through Brother Parmele's efforts last summer, entered the Sanitarium at Little Rock on the first of January, to take the nurses' course.

BROTHER L. C. Sommerville and family stopped in Springdale with his mother for a few days, on their way to Washburn, Missouri, where he has purchased a farm, intending to locate there.

There is not a moment without some duty.

NOTICE.

While we are truly grateful to those who have sent in their church blanks properly filled out, we are anxiously waiting to hear from the delinquent ones; as we want to get a correct report of all the churches in this state up to date, as soon as possible.

The "Sentinel" Fund.

In addition to the fund previously reported C. J. Morgan subscribes \$1.25 and U. Bender \$1.00, making a total of \$27.15. The magazine is a weekly from the first of January, and is being sent to the legislative body now in session at Little Rock.

NOTICE.

Beginning with the first issue in January, 1903, the club price of the *Signs of the Times* will be 90 cents per copy per year. Librarians and missionary workers should note this change at once.

NOTICE.

We would be glad to hear from all who have not sent in their annual offerings, as we would like to forward them as soon as possible, and will publish the same as soon as received.

Letting Our Lights Shine.

A light is of use only as it shines where it is needed, and will do good. There are many kinds of light in the physical world; some are much brighter and more useful than others. A light may be ever so bright but if it cannot be depended upon, it is rejected for a better one. Take our lighthouse for example; the lights are fixed to show a white light, magnified by a reflector, and present a regular change of light and dark. This is so a mariner can readily distinguish it from a star. Imagine the seaman tossed by billows dark, and the tempest raging and his fate seems to be certain death, then a very bright light appears on a high cliff and he steers toward it with hope of safety, but it soon flickers and disappears only to reappear in another place. He would naturally hesitate for

he well knows that his vessel is apt to strike upon the rock and be dashed to pieces. So he would rather breast the angry storm without, where he considers his chances are better to keep alive. Many people in the world are tired of sin and its burdens, but they have not learned to read the Bible and trust in God. So they look to those who profess to follow Jesus; if they behold His likeness in us, then they will be drawn toward the Saviour. They may not accept Him, but the warning has been given, and they have had a chance for eternal life. But it is a sad fact to state that often the Saviour's life is not reflected in His professed followers; and when it appears dark and stormy in the harbor as on the outside, it is natural to remain outside where there is less danger from the rocks and shoals. It is the same in religious things. Daily study of the Bible is necessary, and then ask and trust God to guide you and help you to improve your talent. "Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver" is the word of God to us. Now is an excellent opportunity to place our tracts, papers, and books, before our friends and neighbors. Sell, loan, or give it away, and talk to the people of God's work. Best show His goodness by your life. Let us behold Jesus that we may become like Him.

J. C. A.

THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUITS.

WHEREVER the churches have taken up the "Object Lessons" work, the Lord is working mightily by his Spirit, and sinners are inquiring the way to the kingdom. This is the way the Lord says it will be. It seems so refreshing to mingle with these churches—no backbiting, no evil-speaking. The tongue of slander was not heard by me. If those who feel a wrangling spirit in their minds against others, will go out with "Object Lessons," they will be cured. The work is sure to do so. It brings the right kind of fruits.—A. O. Burrell in *Southern Watchman*.

A Kansas judge has ruled that the Bible may be read in the public schools of that state and that the theaters may be run on Sunday. This ought to give consolation to varying shades of opinion.—*Exchange*.

← Texas Department. →

To Church Librarians and Individual Members.

IN order to carry on the work more economically and successfully we ask our brethren and sisters throughout the state of Texas to forward with their orders for periodicals cash, in the form of express money orders, post office orders, or bank checks. This applies to orders for the *Review, Signs, Instructor, Little Friend, Good Health*, or the coming *General Conference Bulletin*. Dear brethren and sisters please do not forget this and we will be grateful to you for it. TEXAS TRACT SOCIETY.

The Canvassers' Drill.

THE BIBLE school now in progress here at Keene is moving along nicely. The majority of the conference workers, and a goodly number of the canvassers are in attendance. The Bible studies conducted by Elder Rupert and the night services are well attended by the people of the village.

The regular canvassers' drill will commence February 8, and continue three weeks. It will be quite essential to the success of those who are beginners in the work that they get the benefit of this training. And while it is true that those of little experience in the work should attend, it is equally true of the older canvassers. Here is a statement from "Manual for Canvassers," page 64: "Those who have gained an experience in this work have a special duty to perform in teaching others." We will need the benefit of the experience and counsel of the older canvassers in our institute. The work is constantly taking on new phases, and as a result changes now and then in plans of work are necessary. No doubt there will be matters to be considered at this institute in which all the canvassers will be interested; so I trust that we will have as full an attendance as possible. Let every canvasser plan to be there.

A. S. McCULLY.

New Arrangement of Laborers.

During the institute the conference committee met with the la-

borers, and laid plans for the coming season.

One of the first plans taken up was that of districting the State. After being quite freely discussed by those present it was decided to make four divisions of the State; each of these divisions to have a superintendent, who will look after the details of the work in his district, thus relieving the president of many burdens, and allowing him to devote his time to more important matters.

The four districts are designated as follows: Central, Eastern, Southern and Western. The superintendents of the districts are as follow: Central, Elder H. B. French; Eastern, Elder E. B. Hopkins; Southern, Elder W. D. MacLay; Western, Elder T. W. Field. Other laborers were assigned to fields as follows: Eastern district, Elder J. N. Sommerville and Brother W. W. Stoner. Southern district, Elder A. W. Jenson, Brother L. W. Felter, Brother E. L. Neff and wife, and Sister Jessie Hunter. Western district, Brethren N. J. Etheridge and N. V. Willness, Sister M. E. Wakelee; and that W. M. Cubley and wife be asked to connect with the work in the western district, as soon as he can be relieved from the central. Central district, Elder J. M. Huguley and Brother O. Glass.

The further distribution of laborers was left with the conference committee.

The three local and one general camp meetings will be held as follows: Southern district, June 11-21.

Western district, June 25 to July 5. (Subject to approval.)

Eastern district, July 9-19.

General (Conference) July 30 to August 9.

The place of meeting to be selected later. W. A. McCUTCHEN, Ch'rman.
E. L. NEFF, Sec'y of meeting.

Marconi's Latest Triumph.

THE DEGREE of perfection to which Signor Marconi has brought his system of wireless telegraphy was illustrated the other day in the sending by President Roosevelt of a message of sixty-four words across the Atlantic to King Edward of England.

The wireless message was sent between Wellfleet, on Cape Cod, and

Poldhu, on the Cornish coast of England. In accomplishing this feat Marconi has surprised himself as well as the rest of the world, as it has been the general impression that his transmitters and receivers had a longer apprenticeship to serve before so elaborate messages could be vibrated through 3,000 miles of quivering ether.

One can scarcely realize the significance of this announcement, about the truth of which there can be no doubt. Before the full consummation of this feat the mind of man passed in strides over space—in strides only, since cables must painfully be laid beneath the sea and poles and wires slowly erected over mountains and jungles before the message could be transmitted. Now the message asks for no touch with earth; it flies at man's will.

It is not over seas alone that wireless messages are to be sent. Already the Cape to Cairo railway people are preparing to jump the African jungles by the wireless methods. Messages from our new bonanza fields of Alaska will leap the icy deserts of the arctic by the same means.

Truly, the world seems to be on the threshold of a prodigious scientific triumph, which promises to revolutionize the transmission of intelligence throughout the earth.—*Exchange.*

REPORT OF TITHE.

The following is the report of tithe received by the Texas Conference from November 1, 1902, to January 30, 1903:

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|----------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Austin, | \$ 53.99 | Adhall, | \$ 6 00 |
| Alvord, | 10.00 | Brenham, | 21.15 |
| Cedar Grove, | 5 50 | Crafton, | 4.50 |
| Corsicana, | 2.11 | Clifton, | 51.65 |
| Dallas, | 214 67 | Denison, | 27 10 |
| Denton, | 85.75 | Edgewood, | 71.38 |
| Fort Worth, | 30.90 | Houston, | 106 00 |
| Jewett, | 2 55 | Keene, | 837 83 |
| Levi, | 54.50 | Liverpool, | 41.75 |
| New Hope, | 165 95 | Peoria, | 86.32 |
| Plano, | 22.21 | Poetry, | 30.90 |
| Roby, | 7.20 | San Antonio, | 89 58 |
| Trinity Mills, | 20.00 | Valley View, | 244.85 |
| Scattered, | 213.48 | | |
| Total, | | | \$2,497.72 |

The brethren at Poetry have been unfortunate with their church school. Sister Minnie Robbins was at first secured, but was called away by sickness. Mrs W. W. Stoner was then engaged for a four-month term, but she has been compelled to give it up on account of sickness.

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EVENING PRAYER.

O. J. CORWIN.

SWEET is the hour of evening prayer
When we all meet our Savior there;
As our dear family, one and all,
Do gather round, both large and small.

The sweetest voices that we hear
Are those familiar ones, so dear,
As they, by faith, do upward fly
To that bright throne above the sky.

How sweet that we, by faith, may know
That He will hear our every woe;
That He'll forgive the greatest sin,
Nor e'er hold up what we have been.

What would we do without the care
Of that Dear One we meet in prayer?
Let us, dear ones, yes large and small,
Do make of Him our all in all.

DIP DOWN WHERE YOU ARE.

FROM A TALK BY BROTHER H. H. HALL, AT A MISSIONARY CONVENTION HELD AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JANUARY 17, 1903.

No better introduction could be given for the remarks which I shall make than those which have gone before. — *Neglected Opportunities.*

THE very littleness of many things make them great. If we could realize how much missionary work we might do in small ways

I know we would all be much more active than we are. We look upon missionary work as being hard, something beyond our reach, when in reality the little acts which go to make up the missionary are always right at hand. The Scriptures which emphasize this is found in Zachariah 6: 12: "Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is the BRANCH; and He shall grow up out of His place, and He build the temple of the Lord."

Now, who is referred to here? [Answer by congregation.] Christ. Where did He grow up? [Answer by congregation.] Out of His place. Where was His place? [Answer by congregation.] Where the Lord placed Him. Are we to be like Him? [Answer by congregation.] Certainly, we are. Then where are we to grow up? [Answer by congregation.] Where the Lord has placed us. Were His surroundings noted for their morality? [Answer by congregation.] No, "for out of Galilee riseth no prophet."

Yes, these answers are all correct. Christ did grow up as the root out of dry ground, and disgrace connected even with His birth, with older step-brothers who constantly annoyed Him because of His peculiar life, with the Rabbis harassing Him because He would not accept their education; and yet this man continued to grow as it is stated in Luke 2: 52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

He grew into the greatest Missionary the world has ever known. This, to my mind, is the kind of missionaries this world needs. Men, women, and children who will grow up using the obstacles which come in their way to still further develop their ability to help others.

I wish all of you might have been here during the missionary studies we have had the past week. This same idea of growth has been emphasized continually. We have had the experiences related showing that oftentimes, while the first visit to a friend or neighbor seemed to be repulsed, that the continued effort brought the whole family into the Truth. An experienced traveling man related how the very system under which he worked, required that he visit each customer, or prospective customer, in his territory every three months. He

told us what an advantage this personal contact with his customers was to him, and how he was able to follow up the little concessions which they would make from time to time until he finally secured their orders.

Canvassers of experience also testified to this same thing. Letters were read from resident canvassers showing that the system built on this principle was the only one which effectually reached the highest success. One resident agent, after placing twenty-four books, one after another, in a single family, was told when he got another book to "bring it around and we will take it."

In fact, the whole trend of our study has been to systematize our work, concentrate our energies, and make a business of our missionary efforts. This may seem too business like at first, but brethren, the Lord desires business in religion, even as religion in business.

In these meetings it has been shown that the best way of commencing resident work is to begin right about us. Then as the Lord gives opportunity develop it.

A ship's crew was famishing for water. For days they had been restricted to the very smallest supply. Finally, as it seemed they would all perish, they saw a vessel in the distance, and at once signalled to them for water. The reply came back, "Dip down where you are." They could not understand this, but once more signalled for water. The reply came as before. Knowing that the salt water of the ocean was unfit to drink they thought there must be some mistake, and once more signalled for the life-giving fluid. More slowly and carefully came back the signal, "Dip down where you are." Not knowing what else to do, they did dip down and found pure, fresh water, for they were in the mouth of the great Amazon river and did not know it.

Brethren and sisters, if there are those among you who are weak spiritually, and famished for the lack of the spirit of God, I would suggest that you, too, dip down where you are by visiting your next door neighbor, the family across the street, the sick persons in the same block. Give to one a kind word, to another a paper or a tract, to another a publication on some health topic. Then as the Lord opens the way follow it up with other read-

ng matter, with Missionary visits or Bible Readings. By so doing you will be greatly blessed, and will grow even as our text indicates.

Brethren and sisters, dip down where you are, and instead of the bitter, strangling brine of the ocean which you expect, you will find the sweet sparkling, life giving product of the hill-side spring."

There is a Sound of Abundance of Rain.

Never before in the history of the last great closing message, has the trumpet rung out with such clear notes among our people as at the present time. All who are watching the progress of events among Seventh-day Adventists at the present, cannot fail to notice a peculiar "going on the tops of the mulberry trees," and that the Lord is moving upon the hearts of his people, waking them to duty and to service as never before.

Leading articles in the late issues of the "Review" deserve more than a casual reading; they ought to be studied. Read these stirring words in a late number, from the managing editor:—

"We have no hesitancy in saying that the key-note of this message must be 'the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.' And it is time that the key-note should sound with positiveness and strength. Let this cry ring out through all the lands. Let the evidence of the second advent of our Lord as an imminent event be clearly presented. Let the prophecies be studied with a fresh interest, and with the expectation that new light will shine forth from them; and with a mighty faith in the fulfillment of God's word, let the messengers declare to the people, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel.' The call of the hour is for every one who believes that 'his people has been raised up to give the advent message to the world in this generation to rally with a loyal heart to do this work quickly.'" "The return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed." Let this be the keynote of every message.

From W. A. Spicer, Secretary of the Mission Board.—

"Just as soon as we do the work God has committed to us; just as soon as we bear to the world the

warning message that has given us a mission in the world apart from others, the Saviour will come."

"The greatest injury this people can do to humanity is to be disloyal to the mission and the message God has committed to it by the sure word of prophecy."

"Every influence that weakens confidence in the third angel's message, with its definite warning against papal and heathen doctrines, and its definite call to the Sabbath and Advent truths, is an influence that delays the completion of the Word of God and adds to the suffering and misery of this sinful world."

The definite aim is set before us: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, * * * and then shall the end come.

[To be Continued.]

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER.

FROM THE following interesting letter may be seen how the state agents are working to make the canvassing work a success. Shall we not all hold up their hands and bid them God-speed.

"You say that you are glad to see our State coming to the front in the book work. It did not seem to me that it was. I have only one consolation, and that is, I have done the best I could. I fully expect to do all I can as long as I remain in the work, and I expect to remain as long as probation lasts. The work never seemed so near my poor heart as it does now. It just seems that if I had to give up this dear book work it would break my very heart strings. The God of heaven knows how I love it. Oh, Brother Nordyke I know He has called me to it, and I hope to remain in it till He comes. Oh, what would I not give to sit down by your side and talk with you awhile. This morning I feel as never before that I must be faithful, and if possible redeem the time because the days are evil. Well, we have a good interest in our institute, ten in class, I think all good material. One boy in class has "Heralds of the Morning." All the others have large

books, "Home Hand Book," "Desire of Ages," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation." We are pushing the books that God said we should push.

I believe when we take the books He says we should take, and work as He directs, then He becomes responsible for the results. We want to get on to right principles and then work and trust in God, and we will succeed. It cannot be otherwise. One man I met when I first came out here was

traveling for a shirt house in Chicago, I got him on "Patriarchs and Prophets." I have been associated with him all along and am pleased with the way he is developing. He is doing a good work and says he fully expects to remain in the work till Jesus comes. We now have three good canvassers in one of the largest cities in our State, besides the work I am doing. I think we will send out ten from the institute."

"I see so many good things out here that are encouraging to me. Am watching the resident canvassing. I think it will work well in this State. I found where one brother sold 'Home Hand Book,' 'Desire of Ages,' 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Heralds of the Morning,' 'Coming King,' and some little books, and I sold in the same house 'Great Controversy' and 'Daniel and Revelation.' I shall not be satisfied until we have canvassers located in all parts of the State. What we need here is not money, but men. If you will pardon the expression, men who like Gideon, have had a 'sheep skin' experience. Men who know what God wants them to do, and then go at it with a determination to win. Men who will work without having their way smoothed, every obstacle removed. Men who will stand in their places, even when the battle does go hard. I was reading not long ago of a war between England and Germany, and England's men were being mown down by the enemy and the captain said to the bugle boy 'blow a retreat!' The boy said 'I don't know how,' then said the captain 'blow a charge,' and he did, and they gained the victory. Well I thought how our canvassers were being mown down by the enemy, but we must blow a charge. God forbid that I should ever blow a retreat, but ever blow a charge."

"I will write more soon. I am so busy now, am on the jump from 6 A. M. until 10 P. M. My heart is full of praise to my loving Father for His boundless mercy."

Oklahoma Department.

The Institute.

LET ALL those who expect to enter the canvassing work next spring remember the institute that is to be held in Oklahoma, March 5—26. Be sure and arrange to come, and spend this term preparing for the work. In order to be successful as a canvasser or in any other work a preparation is necessary. This does not mean only a knowledge of the book, how to handle it, and how to meet the people; but it also means a preparation of heart that you may know the Lord and know how to put your trust in Him when you are out in the field. It is not the money that is in this work that should cause you to go out and sell books, but to bring the light of the third angel's message to the people. This should be the main object, and if that is the case the Lord will give you success that you will have no want. Then what we want to do in this institute is to seek the Lord, and get nearer Him. Elder Rupert, among other good instructors, will be present and conduct Bible studies on present truth. So let all come that are interested in this, or any other line of work. We do not want to bar anyone out. You are all welcomed. We expect great blessing from the Lord.

The charges for board will be \$1.50 per week, which will be charged to the account of those who enter the canvassing work until they have paid in fifty dollars to the tract society, then they will be credited with the amount. Others are expected to pay their board. Let us all pray to God that we may have the best institute ever held.

G. F. H.

The Field.

TALOGA AND PUTMAN.—We came back to Taloga after camp meeting, but as it was getting late for a tent we began meeting in a school house three miles from this place. Here the people did not turn out very well, yet all who came seemed to consent to the truth, but were spiritually dead. We continued the meetings four weeks, visiting and doing all we could; but no one accepted the Sabbath truth. We then went to a

school house three miles south of here. At this place the congregations were not large, but those who attended seemed quite interested. We remained here about a month, visiting and holding meetings. When we were about to leave an urgent call came for a meeting at Lone Star, a school house about three miles away. We excepted the invitation and there was an excellent interest manifested from the first. We held meetings and visited the people, and the Lord blessed us wonderfully. But as the interest increased Satan began to work. The Methodist minister procured a copy of Canright's book and made free use of the same to destroy the influence of the Word of God. The Campbellites and Methodists, who before this had been enemies, united their efforts and challenged and threatened, and the more the interest grew the more they talked, shook their heads, and defied. These gentlemen agitated the matter until they got a regular debater to come there. The people now greatly desired, and urged that they might hear both sides; and with reluctance the writer consented. The points of discussion were agreed upon and it was begun. Already worn by continual laboring, and with my dislike for debating, I wished, and prayed earnestly for help. On the third evening of the discussion Elder Sommerville came, greatly to my relief, and I gladly turned the debate over to him, which was continued five evenings longer. Then the Campbellites seemed to have enough, and the truth came out triumphant. As a result of the effort and meetings held by Brother Sommerville after the debate seven souls promised to keep the Sabbath, and others are on the point of obeying.

We then came to Putman, where Elder Sommerville has been holding meetings when not visiting adjoining churches. I held the fort in his absence. These meetings are proving a strength to the people here. We held a Sabbath-school convention to-day which was a success. Elder Sommerville leaves to-morrow for Routh. The assistance rendered by him was greatly needed and much appreciated. We will remain and follow up the work. Our courage is good and we are determined to push forward in this work.

MINNIE SYP.

Report of Tithes.

The following is the report of tithes received by the Oklahoma Conference, quarter ending December 31, 1902:

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| Banner, | \$ 46.00 | Shawnee, | \$ 56.17 |
| Anvil, Ger., | 126.11 | Parkland, | 55.90 |
| Waukomis, | 79.07 | Shattuck, Gr., | 97.10 |
| Oseola, | 28.68 | Salem, | 56.90 |
| Claremore, | 31.26 | Wright, | 5.35 |
| Linden, | 7.67 | Isabella, Ger. | |
| Stroud, | 11.75 | and Eng., | 83.57 |
| Wilburton, | 66.40 | Cashion, Gr., | 48.40 |
| Ruth, | 5.00 | Gip, | 24.45 |
| Putnam, | 5.20 | Lehigh, | 29.60 |
| Opal, | 15.00 | Addington, | 25.50 |
| Hereford, | 193.39 | Woodward, | 20.69 |
| Orlando, | 6.55 | Isolated, | 459.68 |
| O'Keene, Ger., | 122.65 | Ok'ma City, | 273.11 |
| Guthrie, | 29.61 | Alva, | 19.25 |
| Norman, | 19.74 | E. Cooper, Gr., | 97.09 |
| Euclid, | 48.70 | Perry, | 42.64 |
| Jennings, | 25.78 | Concord, | 13.43 |
| Stillwater, | 8.00 | Altona, | 29.00 |
| Ardmore, | 9.70 | Gage, | 20.85 |
| Carney, Ger., | 11.60 | Lahoma, Gr., | 141.15 |
| Dover, | 5.43 | Seger, | 74.90 |
| Omega, Ger., | 67.50 | Mt. Zion, | 47.11 |
| W. Cooper, Ger. | 63.00 | Hennessy, | 4.00 |
| Total, | | | \$2,749.49 |

Lavish Entertainments.

IN the palmy days of the French monarchy sumptuous entertainments of royalty were not uncommon. To entertain a queen for a week the Comte d' Artois rebuilt, rearranged and refurnished his castle from threshold to turret, employing nine hundred workmen day and night. The Marshal de Soubise received Louis XV. as his guest for a day and night at a cost of £80,000. "I hear," said his majesty to the marshal, who owed millions, "that you are in debt." "I will inquire of my steward, and inform your majesty," replied the host, hiding a yawn behind his hand.

A Rigid Dutch Law.

MORE than two hundred years ago the Dutch rulers of Ceylon, anxious to retain their monopoly of the precious spice for which that island is famous, enacted a law which made it a capital offense to buy or sell the wild jungle cinnamon, then the only sort known. The plants, wherever found, were held to be the property of the state. If a shrub chanced to spring up in a man's doorway, he could neither destroy nor use it under severe penalties. Things are happily different now.

German Department.

| Einkommen der Zehnten vom letzten Viertel. | |
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| Allein wohnende Glieder | 450 68 |
| Okeene, Deutsche | 122 65 |
| Oklahoma City | 273 11 |
| Guthrie | 29 61 |
| Alva | 19 25 |
| Norman | 19 74 |
| Ost Cooper, Deutsche | 97 00 |
| Enid | 48 70 |
| Perry | 42 64 |
| Jennings | 25 78 |
| Cocord | 13 43 |
| Stillwater | 8 00 |
| Altona | 29 00 |
| Armore | 9 70 |
| Gage | 20 85 |
| Carney, Deutsche | 11 60 |
| Lahoma, Deutsche | 141 15 |
| Dover | 5 43 |
| Seger | 74 90 |
| Omega, Deutsche | 67 50 |
| Mt. Zion | 47 11 |
| W. Cooper, Deutsche | 63 00 |
| Hennesey | 4 00 |
| Banner | 46 00 |
| Schawnee | 56 17 |
| Anvil, Deutsche | 126 11 |
| Parkland | 55 00 |
| Waukomis | 79 07 |
| Schattuk, Deutsche | 97 10 |
| Djeola | 28 68 |
| Salem | 56 90 |
| Claremore | 31 26 |
| Wright | 5 35 |
| Linden | 7 67 |
| Isabella, Deutsche | 83 57 |
| Stroud | 11 75 |
| Wilburton | 66 40 |
| Cashion, Deutsche | 48 40 |
| Ruth | 5 00 |
| Gip | 24 45 |
| Putnam | 5 20 |
| Lehigh | 29 60 |
| Opal, Deutsche | 15 00 |
| Addington | 25 50 |
| Heresford | 193 30 |
| Woodward | 20 60 |
| Orlando | 6 58 |
| Summa | \$2,749 49 |

Von dem Umgange unter Eltern, Kindern und Blutsfreunden.

Ich höre so oft darüber, daß man unter fremden Leuten mehr Schutz, Beistand und Anhänglichkeit finde, als bei seinen nächsten Blutsfreunden; allein ich halte diese Klage größtenteils für ungerecht. Freilich gibt es unter Verwandten eben

sowohl unfreundschäftliche Menschen als unter solchen, die uns nichts angehen; freilich geschieht es wohl, daß Verwandte ihrem Vetter nur dann Achtung beweisen, wenn er reich, oder geehrt vom großen Haufen ist, sich aber des unbekanntem, armen oder verfolgten Blutsfreundes schämen; ich denke aber, man findet auch oft von seinen Herrn Oheimen und Frau Basen mehr, als man billiger Weise verlangen sollte. Unsere politischen Verfassungen und der täglich mehr überhandnehmende Luxus machen es wahrlich notwendig, daß Jeder für sein Haus, für Weib und Kinder sorge, und die Herrn Vettern, die oft als unwissende und verschwenderische Tagediebe in der sichern Zuversicht, von ihren mächtigen und reichen Verwandten nicht verlassen zu werden, sorglos in die Welt hinein leben, haben dann so unerfüllliche Forderungen, daß der Mann, dem Pflicht und Gewissen kein Spielwerk sind, diese unmöglich befriedigen kann, ohne ungerecht gegen Andre zu handeln. Um nun diesen unangenehmen Kollisionen sich nie auszusetzen, rate ich, zwar die herzlichste Vertraulichkeit, die den Umgang im Familienzirkel so angenehm macht, nicht zu verachten, aber so wenig als möglich bei Blutsfreunden Erwartungen von Unterstützung und Schutz zu hegen und zu erwecken, sich seiner Verwandten anzunehmen, insofern es ohne Unbilligkeit gegen bessere Menschen geschehen kann, nicht aber seine dummen Vettern, wenn man die Macht in Händen hat, Andre glücklich zu machen, auf Unkosten verdienstvoller Fremden zu befördern und hinaufzuschieben.

(Schluß folgt.)

One Way to Sell Books.

ABOUT four weeks ago those of us in the Book and Periodical Department of the Pacific Press Publishing Company made up their minds we would take hold of the "Object Lessons" work anew. As our work was very heavy, and opportunities of going out very few, we cast about for other means of accomplishing this than by going from house to house. We concluded we would try the correspondence plan. We therefore wrote the following letter to the Governor-Elect of California:—

Hon. George C. Pardee,
Oakland, California,

Dear Sir:—

From the enclosed leaflet entitled "To the Friends of Christian

Education" you will notice that the Pacific Press Publishing Company is printing 150,000 copies of the accompanying book, entitled "Christ's Object Lessons", free of cost, and that it is doing so to assist in establishing on a better basis, industrial and religious training schools. The proceeds of 24,000 copies are set apart for the endowment of the College at Healdsburg, this state.

The plan is for those interested to sell the book and give the entire proceeds to this School. About half of this number has already been sold, and the remainder are being shipped out as rapidly as we can manufacture them. It is not only a book of literary merit and of general interest, as indicated by the enclosed testimonials, but it is one of the finest productions of the Company from a mechanical standpoint.

Desiring to acquaint you with this movement, and yet take up as little of your time as possible, we take this method of bringing it to your attention.

If you wish to keep the volume the price is \$1.25, which amount will go, as stated, direct to Healdsburg College.

Yours very truly,
Manager Book Department.

As this was our first effort, we made this letter a partnership affair; one person dictated it, another wrote it, another wrapped the book and addressed it, and still another delivered the package. Two or three days afterward the \$1.25 came in. Letters were then sent to the President and Vice-President of the First National Bank, the General Agent of the Southern Pacific Station, the Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad, one of our prominent real estate agents, and others.

In one case the man addressed came right up to the office himself, and said that while he had already purchased one of the books, he had enjoyed it so much that he wanted another one for a friend who lived in a distant part of the state. A day or so after we received a letter from the President of the Bank enclosing \$2.50 for himself and the Vice-President. Other letters were received in a very short time, in every instance accompanied by the price of the book.

In the meantime, another of our workers who has been delivering the *Signs of the Times* to readers whom he had secured some two years previous, took copies of the book to them. As a result he sold to each one. One of these readers who is a class leader in his church, volunteered to take the book to church with him to recommend it.

Another copy of the book was sent to a traveling man who is in the East. After some delay a letter came from him containing \$1.25 for the book, thanking us most heartily for remembering him, stating that he had been taken sick on his way home, and had been confined to a hospital.

From these and many other experiences which we might relate, we are convinced that the Lord's "biddings are enablings." H. H. HALL.

Keene Notes.

THE Fruit and Truck Growers Association of Keene, had quite an interesting time at their meeting last Tuesday night, the 27th. Mr. Peeler representing the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railway, and Mr. Brewer representing the American Express Company, were present during the evening, and made interesting speeches, offering the facilities of their companies to advance the work of the association. A good deal of discussion was had as to the best crops to put in, but it seemed quite plain that those which promised the best results were potatoes, tomatoes, and onions. A car load of potatoes was ordered, and all seemed to feel hopeful of much good being done. The gentlemen who made speeches emphasized the need of the association members all working together, as a requisite to success.

Miss Jessie Hunter came to attend the institute last Friday. She reports the work progressing in Houston, two having recently united with the church there.

A PETITION is being circulated on our streets asking for subscribers to a system of local telephones. It can easily be seen that such a system would be a benefit to our village, and the petition is being signed by quite a number of citizens. The price for the service offered by the Southwestern Telephone Company, (one dollar

per month) is so reasonable that it comes within the reach of all.

THE Keene church school is progressing finely. Already an enrollment of one hundred has been reached, with an attendance of about eighty eight. The three teachers are kept busy, and thorough work is being done.

Missouri, Kansas, & Texas Railroad.

Time of trains at Keene, Texas.

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| North bound. | South bound. |
| 6:55 A. M. | 8:50 A. M. |
| 11:15 " | 1:00 P. M. |
| 8:20 P. M. | 9:25 " |

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We are glad to state to all our friends that Elder Rupert has been able to re-produce the manuscript for the portion of his book which was destroyed in the Review and Herald fire, and arrangements will soon be made to publish it. While waiting for it why not sell some of "The Gathering of Israel" or "The Events of the 1000 Years?" We have both. Write us for terms.

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