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### To Our Friends.

MARY STIGALL HARZMAN.

A TRUTH we have learned to know,  
Through the earth so far and wide,  
We may have Jesus where we go,  
And always on our side.

The heart that ached in days gone by  
Need ache no more alone;  
There's one who counts each tear and sigh  
Though seated on a throne.

A place for us He has gone to prepare  
That where He is there we may be;  
But we the yoke of Christ must bear  
If His face we wish to see.

The world's harvest field is white,  
And the laborers are few,  
Our age is earth's darkest night,  
And great is the work to do.

But the Lord is our strength,  
And His Word is our might,  
We'll conquer at length  
If we trust in His might.

Though we leave home, kindred, and friend,  
And sojourn in a wilderness of sin;  
He'll be with us unto the end  
If we will truly follow Him.

Though the night may be dark,  
The day will be fair,  
When we meet to part  
No more over there.  
*Mexican Missionary Field.*

### A Faculty at Last.

It is with a good deal of pleasure that we announce that a principal and other members of the faculty of the Keene Academy have at last been secured. Professor C. B. Hughes, whom many will remember as the first principal of the Academy has been secured to stand at the head of the faculty. Since leaving here Prof. Hughes has been connected until recently with the Avondale school in Australia, and his experience in starting that school will be valuable to him here. We are all thankful to secure his services. Prof. H. T. Curtis, of Nebraska, has also been secured to teach. Brother and Sister W. B. Etchison, of Oklahoma, will also connect with the school; she

to act as cook and he to have charge of the farm. We expect to have the calendars ready in a few days, and in the meantime those who expect to attend should begin to prepare, as there is none too much time left. The date for opening the school has been fixed on the 28th of October, so that only about six weeks remains before the opening.

It has seemed that the enemy has thrown everything possible in the way of securing a faculty, but the Lord has had a care for the work and light now seems to be breaking through. The Board feels no doubt about having a good school the coming year, and are anxious to encourage young men and women to come and fit themselves for usefulness in the work of God. Those who have not written for a calendar should do so at once, and begin to make their plans to come. Every opportunity which the school can offer to our young people will be extended to them, and from the interest manifested a large attendance is looked for. It is desired that those who intend to come should correspond with the Business Manager or the Principal at once.

### A Report from Mexico.

BY JOHN HARZMAN.

[Concluded.]

A GOOD deal of this is caused by ignorance, and not knowing how to take care of themselves, but what is worse they are down in the pit and are kept down by the rich or higher classes of people. As a rule many of the poor need to be worked for, to be taught to gain a living here in the world, as well as to save their soul from destruction.

The climate here is excellent, and a person need not sweat unless he works awful hard. I have felt very comfortable with my coat and vest on, and have done a great deal of walking.

Nature provides many beautiful scenes, as we can see the mountains covered with snow, and the beautiful trees and flowers in the valleys. It drowns all trouble to persons that rejoice in the wonderful works of nature. This is a land of flowers and the Mexican people seem to enjoy this very much as nearly all poor Mexicans have a few beautiful flowers about their humble huts. While many of the circumstances are different than in the States I find the same human nature, the same vice, and the same vanity, indulging in sins of every kind, only in a little different way than in the States. May the Lord raise up workers to help these helpless people.

### The Source of Power.

THE following is an extract from an eloquent address delivered by H. L. Hastings, of Boston, before the C. E. Convention:

"Waiting one night in the darkness on the railway platform at Farmingham camp-ground, I heard two ministers discussing the secret of a certain noted evangelist's power. After listening a while I ventured to intrude the suggestion that if they would get a look at the evangelist's old Bible, they might learn the secret of his power; for it contained more marks of use than fifty ordinary well-kept ministers' Bibles. It reminded me of the old Scotch warrior's claymore. He had been in twenty-four battles, and there were twenty-four hacks in the edge of his well-tempered blade. He had struck fire every time. A well-studied Bible, believed and preached and practiced, is a source of power which will ever remain a mystery to those who neglect the Word of the living God."

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## Arkansas \* Department.

### The School.

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"IN THE highest sense you are to be learners, seeing God behind the teacher, and the teacher co-operating with Him. \* \* \* Your opportunities for work are fast passing. You have no time to spend in self-pleasing. Only as you strive earnestly to succeed will you gain true happiness. Precious are the opportunities offered you during the time spent in school. Make your student life as perfect as possible. You will pass over the way but once. And it rests with you yourself whether your work shall be a success or a failure. As you succeed in attaining a knowledge of the Bible you are storing up treasures to impart."

In the light of this instruction we cannot continue indifferent in regard to the welfare of our children. Now we have a commodious building, quite a goodly number of resident pupils, but there is ample room for many more; in fact, we solicit many additional ones to help build up the school and sustain the teachers, who will put their best efforts and their time in for the upbuilding of the school and the good of the pupils. But it will bear repeating that the teachers must have the co-operation of both parents and pupils. We will welcome all who are interested, (and all who have children to educate should be interested) and wish to send their children, or come with them. All such please write for any further information to J. S. Rouse, Springdale, Arkansas; or the Arkansas Tract Society. The school will commence October 5.

F. E. HEERMANN.

### THE FIELD.

TEXARKANA.—After visiting at home about three weeks after the camp meeting at Van Buren, we came back to Texarkana August 25, to finish up the work that was started here in the early part of the summer.

After spending some time in repairing the tent and looking about for a place to pitch, we finally got settled in that part of the city known as Fairview. September 2, we began meeting, and at this writing we have

held just one week. The attendance has been good. We have taken up the "Second Coming of Christ," some of the "Signs of the Times," and the last two nights the "Judgment and the Twenty-three Hundred Days." I mean to follow in the order that the Lord has given it, next the "Fall of Babylon," and following that the "Third Angel's Message," which brings out the "Sabbath."

We could not locate in the country as was hoped, and as the interest here needed further attention we thought it best to pitch the tent where the people could attend. I pray for power to make the truth plain to the people that their hearts may be warned to obey the Lord and walk in His truth.

Oh! that God's people would lay hold of His strength. We learn from Ephesians 4: 16 that it is the effectual working of every part or member according to his measure that increases and builds up the body in love. Now brethren, beloved, in our conference if we are members one of another, (Romans 12: 4, 5) whether hand, foot, eye, ear, mouth, or any other member, let us work our full measure. This is the only thing that will make the work move forward. If the love of God, which is the sinew that every joint or member supplies to compact the body together, is among us, we shall be one body indeed, though many members. Then we will do the work of the body, every member doing its own part according to its measure. Shall we permit the love of God to compact us together that though we are many, we may be members one of another, and make one perfect body for the Lord? MR. AND MRS. U. BENDER.

September 9.

DELAWARE, ARKANSAS; AND SALLISAW, INDIAN TERRITORY.—February 25, I began meeting at Riverside school house, about two miles from Delaware, Logan county, continuing until April 5. The interest was fair throughout. Four adults and several children began the observance of the Sabbath. I then began meeting at Delaware Hall, and had good interest from the beginning. I did not finish the work here as Elder Sommerville requested me to take a tent and hold a meeting at Sallisaw, Indian Territory, which began June 3. The attendance and in-

terest were good. Elder Sommerville was with me the greater part of the time, doing the principal part of the preaching while there. The battle was hard, but I had the pleasure of organizing a church of seven members, and baptizing three precious souls. Others are interested.

We had to close the meeting a little early to attend our camp meeting. After the camp meeting I returned and pitched the battle at Delaware Hall August 26. I found two who were interested when I left, keeping the Sabbath; and a sister has stepped out on the Lord's side since my return; and there are six or eight who say they are convinced; and I believe most of them will obey. There are a goodly number of others who are interested. The interest is better than when I left in May—the house being nearly filled every evening. There have been many threats made of running me out, egging, etc., etc.; and some of my friends were afraid they would no me violence.

Last Sunday morning when one of the sisters started to church, her husband told her that if she did not give up the Sabbath, and keep Sunday, she need not come back. He told her this twice, and she asked him if he really meant it, and he said he did, so she came on to church, and after meeting sent her little children back home while she went to a friend's house. It was a sad sight indeed to see her part with her little ones for Jesus sake; but, thank God, she was true, and proved to the people that she would serve God rather than man. That evening, however, he, seeing that she ment to obey God instead of him, sent for her to return, which she did on the conditions that she was to have freedom in her religious views. I visited them Monday, and he called me down into the field where he was plowing, and told me that he did not want me to come about his premises again, that I had caused him more trouble than anything else, and to not enter his house again. He said, "In the spring when you came, I thought a good deal of you; but—" I told him it was not me he rejected, but it was the Spirit of Christ he hated.

I had a little discussion with two or three ministers when I was here before, and now they are trying to get a man—Campbellite—from

Texas to meet us; and when he comes, Elder Sommerville will debate with him. The country is stirred for miles around, and several urgent calls have come from adjoining neighborhoods. They had never heard of the message here, it being as new to them as though it had dropped down from Mars or the moon. One man who had heard a good deal about the meeting has attended the past few evenings, and remarked to a friend that he could not see why they wanted to send to Texas for a preacher unless they wanted him to refute the Bible. Well, Satan is mad, and souls are stepping out upon the promises of God. Pray for me and the work. I would be glad to have literature sent to me postpaid at Delaware, Arkansas.

H. CLAY GRIFFIN.

GENTRY.—While waiting for the train I will try to write a word for the RECORD. Brother Watts and I have been holding a series of meetings at this place with good interest from the beginning, the Lord blessing us greatly in presenting the truth to the people from time to time. The Baptist minister, finding that the interest was growing in spite of his effort to keep the people away, preached on the Sabbath question; and said in part that the seventh day was the only true Bible Sabbath, but the law was done away and nailed to the cross, therefore no man was under any obligations to keep it. He said further, "If this is true, you can steal or kill; now don't be troubled about that for what I have said is true."

We gave notice that we would review him on Monday night. When the time came, the tent was full, and at least one hundred people on the outside. The blessed Lord stood by our side while we were presenting His holy truth to the people, and He sent the truth to the hearts of the hearers by His holy Spirit. The good interest continues for our God is with us. I spoke last evening on the importance of faith and obedience to God. The Lord blessed in giving us freedom in presenting this important subject. There were very few dry eyes in the tent while were speaking. At the close of the meeting I requested all who had made up their minds to keep the Sabbath of the Lord with the other commandments to stand up, and more than twenty

brave souls arose to their feet. Our hearts were filled with joy and thanksgiving to God for the salvation of these dear souls.

Leaving Brother Watts to remain and bind off the interest, I now go to Cushman to answer an oft-repeated and urgent call from that place. May the Lord continue to bless him, and the workers in all the world wide field is my prayer.

J. A. SOMMERVILLE.

### The Local Camp Meeting at Newport, Arkansas.

FOR TEN DAYS COMMENCING OCTOBER 15.

THERE are several living in the above locality and adjacent places that did not get to our State camp meeting held in July, and we hope that all such will avail themselves of this privilege, and make preparations to attend the local camp meeting. Come prepared both to bring and receive a blessing. Newport is a city of over twenty-eight hundred inhabitants. We have no organization there, but we had a small colored school at that place, but as most of its members have moved away, it is now broken up. So you see that there is a large field for work—many, many souls to be warned, and brought to the light of present truth, Jesus' soon coming.

Let all who can make an effort to attend this meeting, and help hold up the banner of truth and light. Let all who cannot support it by their presence do so by their prayers, praying that this meeting may be the corner stone of a church organization in that city, praying that the people may be stirred to attend the meetings, also that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the people to receive the messages of truth and mercy that will be spoken to them from God's Word from day to day throughout the meetings. Elder J. A. Sommerville and others will be present to conduct the meetings. Don't forget the time and place, Newport, Arkansas, October 15.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER Sommerville is still at Gentry. The meetings are well attended, and the interest is steadily increasing. The prevailing denomi-

nation there is Seventh-day Baptist, and many of them are becoming deeply interested.

ELDER J. A. Sommerville will go by way of Lorksburg on his way to the local camp meeting as he has an urgent call to hold a series of meetings there. We have a small Sabbath School of two or three families there.

ELDER Griffin is still holding up the banner of light and truth in Delaware amidst much opposition though many are becoming deeply interested.

BROTHER Bender and wife are holding fort in Texarkana, and trusting in the Lord's hand to be instrumental of establishing a solid company of believers at that place.

BRETHREN L. C. Sommerville and W. W. Palmer visited the tract society office last Wednesday each with his own horse and buggy enroute for Chicot county in the extreme southeastern part of the State on the Louisiana border to canvass during this fall and winter. They took with them quite a supply of helps and expect to send for more soon. They also took a tent; some provision, etc along. If we had a few more energetic, consecrated workers, Arkansas would not be languishing for the lack of a state agent to push the workers into the field. The excuse with some is that they cannot leave their families. These brethren both have large families on a farm, but they have left them at home to gather the crops while they have started out to reap the benefits of the fall harvest in the canvassing work. The fields are white for the harvest, but where are the reapers? Who is going to be next?

BROTHER Cummings, who was appointed state missionary for this state at our last conference, is confined to his bed with malaria at his home in Battle Creek, Michigan.

WE hope that our canvassers will consider the new book "Our Paradise Home," which has been advertized the past few weeks on the last page of this paper. It meets a long felt need in a book to be used as helps, selling for 25 and 50 cents with the usual discount to canvassers. It contains the truth in a nut shell so to speak, nicely illustrated, good print, and paper. The time has come when we should seek to use as helps those books that contain the message, and this covers the ground completely.

## ✦ Texas Department. ✦

### THE FIELD.

WACO.—The tent meeting at this place closed Sunday night, September 6. The Sabbath before a Sabbath School was organized with an enrollment of nineteen. The prospect seems good for this number to be increased, but it may be decreased. The Lord only knows. However, I believe if persevering labor is continued, there are others who will come out of Babylon.

All the workers have left except Sister Lottie White, who remains to do the hardest part of the work. But I suppose she will have the assistance of Brother Huguley, as he promised to go back and labor a while.

I am now at home in Houston, and Brother French is also here. Had our tent been here to-day, we should have begun meeting to-morrow night, but now will have to wait until next week.

L. W. FELTER.

EAST TEXAS.—After our good camp meeting closed, I came to Mt. Pleasant, and preached on Thursday night, August 13; and the interest seemed to call for a meeting. I made arrangements to hold a tent meeting, to begin the next week; but the way was completely hedged up. I failed to get my tent there, and I concluded that it was not the Lord's will to hold a meeting at that time, so after preaching in a school house a few times, I left Mt. Pleasant, and went to Cusseta, where there were a few isolated brethren of the New Hope church, and began meetings in a private house. The audience increased until we had to pitch the tent in order to accommodate the congregations. We prepared seats under one side for the colored people, and quite a good many attended the meeting, and seemed to be very much interested.

At the close of my meeting I baptized fifteen and organized a church of twenty-nine members, ten joining by letter from the New Hope church. I have just closed a ten days' meeting with the New Hope church. Here I baptized thirteen, who with twelve others were added to the New Hope church. I have never witnessed the power of God as I have

in my meetings the past month. I never realized the need of a whole life fully consecrated to God as I do now. I cannot begin to fill the calls that are coming in continually. The work is onward in East Texas. I want to give the Lord all the praise. I have baptized forty-five since the first of March, and five others are waiting baptism. Pray for me and the work here. E. B. HOPKINS.

September 13.

WEST TEXAS.—The camp meeting closed August 30. The tents are still standing. Five families besides the workers remained on the ground, and there was a good attendance from the outside Monday night. Two or three families will remain for several days. Miss Minnie Robbins will stay until the close of the meeting to assist us, and will do the playing as she is a good organist. The interest is good. Elders Nelson and Eastman are endearing themselves to our people in the West, and they are making friends outside.

Before closing this note I wish to request the Elder of the church in Palo Pinto county, and every isolated Sabbath-keeper in the western district to write me a letter as I wish to correspond with them in reference to the work of the Lord.

N. J. ETHEREDGE,  
Buffalo Gap, Texas.

September 1.

AMONG THE PINES.—I left home August 20, after a few days rest with my family, and arrived at Alto Friday evening, the 21st. Preached to the church Sabbath and First day. All are of good courage in the Lord. Brother McNeil met me there and I accompanied him to his home. The next day we came into Nacogdoches county where I am conducting a meeting. Brother Brandon arrived soon after the meeting began. We have our hands full; we are holding services at two places three miles apart. The interest is increasing and some have already decided to obey; others are coming. We expect to organize a nice little church this fall. The people are very generous toward us, and we feel at home here. The people everywhere are calling for the truth; we have invitations that we will not be able to answer for some time. Our hearts are made glad to see souls accept the last saving mes-

sage. Pray for us.

J. N. SOMMERVILLE,  
Douglass, Texas.

### Wonderful Sales.

UP TO the fourth of September I sold 1,070 *Signs of the Times* for the Keene Orphanage. We have now been out a little more than a month, and have worked about three weeks averaging about two hours a day, total time of work thirty hours with a profit of \$107.00. We hope that the above grand work will stimulate others to go out and work for the *Signs*. We are having a wonderful experience in the Lord's work, and to Him be all the praise and glory. Work for the Master now for the time is short, and by and by you cannot work. May the Lord help us to engage in His service to bring souls into His truth through the sale of *Signs*. How many souls will be seen in the kingdom of heaven as a result of the papers sold? God only knows, but we expect to see some. Pray for the work. Let it be remembered that the profits go to the support of the Orphans in Keene.

MINERVA HARPER.

### First of Western District.

CLAY county is in the northeast corner, and Edwards county in the southeast corner of this district. The other corners are on the line of New Mexico. There are seventy-five or eighty counties in this district. There are three churches of our faith, viz., the Roby church, the Coleman church, and a church in Palo Pinto county. These three churches contain less than one hundred members. I do not know how many isolated Sabbath-keepers there are in this vast territory, but the Lord knows how many, and He knows where they all live, and what they are doing to give the message to the world.

Dear brethren and sisters, I desire the names and addresses of every one of you, as I want to correspond with you. I will mention a few of the things that I am asking all to do:—

1. That we live out the truth in our homes.
2. That we make a special and personal effort to bring at least one new convert into the truth before next camp meeting.

3. That we all pay an honest tithe into the treasury, and that we make free-will offerings to the Lord according to His direction.

4. Let every one that can do so devote his whole time to the canvassing work, Bible work, preaching, or to some other branch of the work.

5. If the last named suggestion cannot be carried out, then let there be at least a few hours devoted to some kind of missionary work every week.

6. Write missionary letters, and send tracts and papers to those you are interested in, or that you know to be in need of the light that is so precious to us.

7. Be sure to take the RECORD, and one or more of our other good papers.

8. Don't forget to pray for the success of the work and workers in this field.

9. Please write me an occasional letter, and report what you are doing, mentioning such matters of interest as would be helpful and encouraging.

10. If you have a burden for the canvassing work, or if you know any one that you think could be induced to take up that work, write to Elder W. W. Eastman our State Agent at Keene, Texas. My address at present is Buffalo, Gap, Texas. N. J. ETHEREDGE.

September 4.

**KEENE ITEMS.**

FRANK Green returned home from New Mexico last Thursday night.

T. W. FIELD went to Bosque County last Friday to begin a series of meetings. Elder C. W. Miller will assist Him.

A LETTER from Elder N. P. Nelson states that he will ship his goods on the 21st and expects to be in Keene with his family about the 25th inst.

ELDER A. W. Jenson expects to answer a call for meetings in Van Zandt County the last of this week.

W. J. GREGORY has brought a lot from L. B. Wallen next the Bakery and will erect a fine house thereon soon.

CLAUDE Mosley has returned with his family from visiting his wife's people in Scurry county.

ELDER J. M. Huguley went to Waco to spend Sabbath with the new company.

ELDER McCutchen spent last Sabbath with the Fort Worth church.

THE people are scattering out to the cotton fields. Good prices and considerable cotton gives promise of a good harvest to those who wish such work.

T. T. Stevenson is making plans for a new residence on the place recently purchased of the Gregory estate.

THE citizens of Keene were treated to a very pleasing and instructive programme, Thursday evening, Sept. 17, by the Misses Florence Pardue, Walka McCorkle, and Myrtle Sentler, of Alvarado. The entertainment was held in the Academy chapel, and was attended by practically all of our citizens who were in the village. So far as we have heard everyone speaks highly of the skill of the young ladies and all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

THE school for the church school teachers of the Southwestern Union Conference opened Sept. 15, with a good attendance. Class work is well under way in the Academy building, and the teachers are working hard. This school should prove a great help and blessing to this field.

**Teachers' Institute.**

OUR Institute is now well advanced and the month will soon be gone. Most of the teachers are employed for the coming year.

Those churches desiring a school should make arrangements at once for a teacher. Oklahoma is calling for help in this line, and we expect to make arrangements for all teachers by the time the Institute closes, so please let us hear from you at once.

MRS. CORA JONES:

**Camp Meeting Expenses.**

AFTER camp meeting I remained on the ground for two days, looking after and returning the furniture; and I must say that I am more and more convinced that we as a people are much more extravagant than we should be. I believe that much of the furniture rented is really unnecessary, and the money spent for it could be used in ways more pleasing to the Lord.

Every Seventh-day Adventist.

should seek in every way possible to economize, for God has said, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Now this text includes every act of our lives, so it includes the spending of our means. Brethren, if we could see the full force of this text, and would confidentially seek the Lord for wisdom in spending the money He has so graciously given us, we would see much improvement along the above lines; and we ourselves would be happier.

If we have a stove, bedstead, chairs, and dinning table, I truly believe we have all that is really necessary. Now if we could see and act thus, much of the rush and worry to get furniture, and also the expense of paying for it would be eliminated. I think each family should prepare one or more mattress ticks, and fold them, and place them in their trunks, to be used at camp meeting. There they can be filled with nice, clean straw or hay at a cost of 12 or 15 cents; and you can have a comfortable, clean bed; and in this way we run no risk of catching disease from second-hand mattresses. While on the other hand if we cannot thus prepare, we pay out from 30 to 50 cents for mattresses, the most of which are positively too filthy to handle to say nothing more, so in this way we sleep at a greater cost, and at the same time at a risk of catching some contagious disease.

I shall never be satisfied until we as a people learn to economize more at our camp meetings, and the meetings are more spiritual and less rush and business. I am not arguing in favor of carelessness or a stacktwisted way, no; we should arrange our tents and fixtures so as to make a display of neatness and good taste; but we can do this without being extravagant.

I cannot believe that we really need dressers, center tables, expensive wash stands, sofas, and many other things that the people urgently demand. These unnecessary things increase the hardship on the part of the one who handles the furniture, and the money thus spent could be placed in the Lord's treasury to help in some way to carry the precious truth to those in darkness.

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WE have received two yearly subscriptions this week with no name on the cards. One bore the postmark of Cooper, Okla., and the other that of some point in Arkansas. We shall be glad to give credit for these if the parties sending them in will give us their names and addresses.

A GOOD number of subscriptions have been received during the past ten days; but there are many more who are delinquent and ought to renew at once. Notices have been sent to all who are in arrears, and it is hoped they will renew at once.

WE would like to drop a friendly hint to our contributors. We often receive copy in which the pronoun I is frequently used, stating that "I did thus and so", and the report will be signed by three or four names. Unless we are familiar with and know the handwriting we are unable to tell which one of the signers is the I. It reads awkwardly to have the article state that "Brother A arrived on such a date, "and then have his name appear as one of those signing the report. It has always been the custom to write our reports in this way, but they would read much better written consistently. Those

who write for the paper will undoubtedly see the force of this upon a little thought being given it.

BROTHER H. H. Hall, of Oakland, Cal., is in Keene where he will spend some time auditing the books of the different institutions here.

THE friends of Elder R. M. Kilgore will be pleased to hear that he was elected president of the Georgia Conference at their recent meeting. Although a small conference they are fortunate in getting such an old and steady hand at the helm.

NEXT Sabbath will be the regular time for the quarterly meetings of the churches in Texas, and all that can will hold them at that time.

Offerings for Orphans' Home.

ATTENTION is here called to the semi-annual offering for the Haskell Orphans' Home and the James White Memorial Home, which should be taken in all our churches on Sabbath, October 3.

Besides the general need which these Homes have, since these semi-annual offerings are their only support, the Haskell Home makes an especial appeal this time for funds with which to replace the portion of their building and plant which was destroyed by fire last April. Many of our people remember the account of the fire which occurred on April 5th. The engine and dynamo, also the laundry fixtures were ruined, and considerable clothing was also lost. About \$2500. will be required to replace the building and fixtures. These repairs have not been made heretofore for lack of funds, but winter will soon be there and they will be greatly needed.

There ought to be a liberal response to care for these children and old people of the denomination. All donations from the churches and scattered Sabbath keepers should be sent to their State Tract Society.

Wanted

SOME consecrated young woman who would like to take up scientific cooking and follow it as a profession. Address KEENE SANITARIUM. Keene, Texas.

"BE patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord."

An Explanation.

NO DOUBT many will wonder why the RECORD did not appear last week. With the issue of two weeks ago we used all the paper we had, but had more ordered, and it was shipped in plenty of time to have reached here for our issue last week, but for some reason not yet explained it did not come until yesterday. We telephoned for more paper when it seemed this shipment had gone astray, to come by express, but it also was lost and did not reach us until late last Friday. We had the type all set last week but lacked paper. This week we issue a double number, and from the many good things it contains we hope our readers will feel satisfied.

WE would like to add right here that if the RECORD could have the financial support it ought to have this would not have happened, but because we have so little money to operate on we are obliged to order our paper in small lots, and then wait until the last moment so as not to make a large bill with the paper house. Last week in revising our mailing list we were obliged to cut off nearly 150 names some of them long delinquent. If our conference workers and church officers would interest themselves to see that each family, at least, has the RECORD this would not happen again. We hope it may not soon.

BLESSED is the man who attends to his own business, for he will seldom be preplexed with the cares of his neighbors, or be crushed under the weight of the government.

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MAY we not, one and all, begin now to study and plan so that in some way we may live cheaper, for extravagance and self-love are mentioned in the long list of sins that we are told will be prevalent in the last days. A careful study of the life of Christ during His earthly ministry will reveal to us many valuable lessons of self-denial and economy.

I have learned by experience through life that many of the things we think we must have at a given time can be easily done without if we only wait a week or ten days before buying. Suppose we try it.

W. M. CUBLEY.

now for Sept. 11

At every breath we draw four souls perish, having never heard of Christ.

NOTHING humbles the soul like sacred and intimate communication with the Lord; yet there is a sweet joy in feeling that *He* knows all, and, notwithstanding, loves us still.—  
*J. Hudson Taylor.*

THE Southern Training School at Graysville, Tenn., will open its work for the coming year on the 23rd inst.

THE largest tree in Oregon was felled recently to be sent as a curiosity to the World's Fair. It is the Aberdeen spruce, and stood nearly 300 feet high, 40 feet around, and 118 feet from the ground to the first limb. Its age is calculated at 440 years, being a good sized tree when Columbus discovered the land that was afterward called America.

WHAT is thought to have been the largest camp meeting ever held by our people in the Southern States, closed at Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 31. Over 250 of our people were in attendance, and the meeting as reported in the *Southern Watchman* was a success in every way. A remarkable thing was reported by the president. When a call was made for means with which to purchase needed tents, money and pledges came in so freely that the people were asked to stop, as more had been received than could be used for that purpose.

THE United States 15,000 ton armored cruiser *Maryland* was launched at the yard of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company September 12. More than ten thousand people witnessed the launching. The ceremonies were brief and simple. The *Maryland's* armament will consist of four 8-inch guns, four 6-inch guns, and on the gun deck a main broadside battery of ten 6-inch guns, five on each side. She is a sister ship to the *Pennsylvania*, *Colorado*, *West Virginia*, *California*, and *South Dakota*.

In the next United States Congress Senator E. W. Carmack of Tennessee, says the *Memphis Commercial-Appeal*, will introduce a bill in the Senate for the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the effect of which is that there shall be no discrimination against a citizen because of color,

religion, or previous condition of servitude. Senator Carmack would contribute toward a permanent solution of the vexing negro question, as it is presented in the Southern States, by eliminating the enfranchised negro as a political factor.

#### A Special Offer.

WE still have on hand quite a large number of Eller Ruper's little pamphlet entitled, "Events of the One Thousand Years of Revelation Twenty." The matter they contain is "present truth," and is valuable for missionary work. In order to see the stock move we will make a price of three cents each, postpaid, when taken in quantities of ten or more, for the next sixty days. We have no other literature cheaper than this, and we shall hope for a good many orders.

#### The Brazilian Cow-Tree.

A RECENT traveller in South America describes a remarkable tree which he found growing in the valley of the Amazon, and which he thinks may be found in Central America as well. As in the case of the rubber tree it is the sap of the tree that makes it interesting.

"Its sap is a milk, singularly like the finest cow's milk. It is highly nutritious, and will mix with water, hot or cold, and never curdles in coffee, cocoa, or tea. It keeps good for a week, even in this climate, and has much the taste of cow's milk in which cinnamon has been steeped. It is rather thicker than ordinary milk, having the feeling in the mouth of liquid gum. If left standing for a time a thick, unctuous cream arises, which when dry, has the consistency of wax. I have drunk large quantities of it, and I can say that it is not only exceedingly sustaining, but has not the slightest deleterious quality. When I could get this sap, I always chose it in preference to cow's milk.

"The sap is obtained either by wounding the bark of the trunk or breaking the smaller branches. It runs freely, and several quarts can be obtained from a single tree in the course of a few hours. Unless the tree is much broken or cut, it does not seem to suffer much from the loss

of sap."—*Selected.*

#### Never Knew Him.

A TOUCHING story is told of the child of a well-known French painter. The little girl lost her sight in infancy, and her blindness was supposed to be incurable. A famous oculist in Paris, however, performed an operation on her eyes, and restored her sight.

Her mother had long been dead, and her father had been her only friend and companion. When she was told that her blindness could be cured, her one thought was that she could see him; and when the cure was complete and the bandages were removed, she ran to him, and tremblingly poured over his features, shutting her eyes now and then, and passing her fingers over his face, as if to make sure that it was he.

The father had a noble head and presence, and his every look and motion was watched by his daughter with the keenest delight. For the first time his constant tenderness and care seemed real to her. If he caressed her, or even looked upon her kindly, it brought tears to her eyes.

"To think," she cried, holding his hand close in hers, "that I had this father so many years, and never knew him!"

How many of us are like the little blind girl? The heavenly Father is so near in Jesus Christ, but our "eyes are holden."—*Selected.*

#### OUR CLUB OFFER.

TO anyone who will send us five subscriptions to the RECORD, either new or old, accompanying the order with cash to the amount of \$2.50, we will send the RECORD to their address free for one year; or for three yearly subscriptions and \$1.50 in cash, we will send it to them for six months. This should open the way for church librarians, or some young person in each church to have the RECORD free. Every church or company should be canvassed for it, so that each family may have it and be posted on what is happening in their conference.

Have you sent in your renewal for the RECORD yet?

**Oklahoma & Department.****HYMENEAL.****FIELD REPORTS.****ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

ELDER Sorenson called at the office last week, to counsel with some members of the executive committee on church school work and other matters of importance.

ELDER Bagby stopped a few hours in this city last Thursday while on the way to his field of labor. He will help Elder Conway in the tent meeting at Perry.

BROTHER S. O. James, of Dixon, called at the office last week to get some "Monitor of Health" to canvass with. Brother Braley, of Enid, asks us also to send him some "Monitors" for the same purpose. This is good; we like to see these books get out among the people where they can do some good.

BROTHER Eagle, who had to work so hard and steady at our camp meeting that he got hardly any benefit from the meetings, got his share out of the Kansas camp meeting. He has just returned and finds work enough in the office to do, for we are not over the rush of work that was left on our hands after camp meeting.

QUITE a number of churches and church school teachers are getting ready for church school work.

SISTER Sorenson with several church school teachers left this city last Monday night to attend the church school institute at Keene, Texas.

THE Enid church will open their school as soon as Sister McConnell returns from the Keene institute.

BROTHER Bernard Voth will teach the O'Keene church school this fall and winter, beginning October 1.

THE Oklahoma City church will open their school with Sister Garrett as teacher as soon as she returns from the institute at Keene.

WE have had a few cold rainy days in this section of the territory, but at present the sun's rays are smiling upon the fields and streets.

BROTHER Maxwell stopped a short time in this city while on his way to Okmulgee. He and Elder Field will hold tent meetings at that place.

ELDER Dake and Brother Baxter called at the office last week while on the way to their field of labor at Atoka.

ON the 15th inst. Brother Paul Christmann and Sister Estella Marshall were united in marriage at the home of the father of the bride, near Hennessey.

It was a very pleasant surprise to the writer to meet Brother Christmann and his parents, and renew our acquaintance, first begun when at Kankakee, Ill., where the writer and Brother Christmann were members of the same Sabbath school class.

Brother Christmann is a graduate of our Medical College and is connected with the Berrien Springs school, at which place they will be at home after a short visit in Illinois.

C. SORENSON.

**NOTICE.**

WHEN the conference committee met after camp meeting they reconsidered the name of Elder Sorenson as superintendent of the educational work. As Sister Sorenson has had more experience in church school work than Brother Sorenson and as the latter is engaged in the ministry and can not spend much time in this line of work and the committee also learned that Sister Sorenson has been doing the work of corresponding during the past year; so we decided to let her take charge of the work. We believe this will be satisfactory to our people in Oklahoma, and they are requested to address their correspondence, concerning this line of work, to Sister Sorenson instead of Brother Sorenson. Her address is Mrs. Hattie Sorenson, Perkins, O. T.

G. F. HAFNER.

**THE INSTITUTE.**

THERE are nine teachers in attendance at the Institute from Oklahoma. These have all been employed. We would like to hear from the other churches that want teachers very soon, as we think we can get some teachers from Texas.

If there are those of our people who would like to move to a place where the expense of living is low, to send their children to a church school this winter we would be glad to correspond with them.

MRS. C. SORENSON.

Keene, Texas.

PUTNAM.—The work of God is moving forward in this place. We are having good meetings. The Lord is coming very near and souls are giving their hearts to Jesus. Last night after Sister Syp spoke on "present truth" and the importance of obedience, an invitation was given to those that wanted to give themselves to the Lord, and take their stand on the Lord's side; about six responded. We will have baptism before I leave the place. I have just stopped a few days to help them some. Sister Syp and Brother Hampton will stay here to finish up the work, and will report the result of this work later on. May the Lord continue to add those that desire to be saved.

G. F. H.

EL RENO.—Since the camp meeting we have carried forward the interest, assisted by Sister Parker in the Bible work. Brother Maxwell helped with the preaching and the visiting until Sunday, the 13th, when he started for Okmulgee, I. T.

The attendance has not been very large at any time, but a deep interest prevails on the part of those who are attending. Eight have begun the observance of the Sabbath. A number of others are interested through the meetings and the Bible work. If we can secure the lot we have in mind, we will move the tent early next week and present the leading points of the message in the other part of town.

C. SORENSON.

T. J. HICKMAN.

GIP AND RUTH.—Last Sabbath I met with the brethren of the Gip church. The Lord came near and blessed both in speaking and hearing the truth. They elected new officers, and the deacon was ordained; the elder was ordained before. I left the brethren of good courage in the Lord. I noticed that Satan is stirring up the people against our brethren, but they are holding up the light of truth before them.

I am now holding meetings with the Ruth church. I can see that this church needs some help. Some are not living out this truth as they should and we hope that we can help them in getting on higher ground. Brethren, pray for me that I may be a blessing to them. Sister Syp is

holding meetings at Putnam, and the Lord is blessing her. Pray for the work and workers.

G. F. HAFFNER.

CASHION AND PERRY.—I left the El Reno camp ground August 27, and came to Cashion where I labored until August 31. The brethren at this place are of good courage: Sabbath, August 29, I baptized two young people. These and three other young people united with the Cashion church. The outside interest is growing and I think there will soon be others obeying the truth.

Wife and I came to Perry Sept. 1. Brother J. R. Bagby came on the 3rd. We pitched our tent, thoroughly advertised the meeting, and preached our first sermon Friday evening Sept. 4th. The high winds, the dust, and the stormy appearance of the weather have prevented the people from coming to the meeting, so the result has been a small attendance.

Our congregation is growing now, and some who have been attending are deeply interested. We had a precious meeting last Sabbath. One sister was baptized. Our brethren here are enthusiastic, and are trying to make the meeting a success. Pray for the work and the workers here when you pray. F. H. CONWAY.

COLONY.—After the good camp meeting at El Reno, (the best in my recollection,) we came to Segar and enjoyed a good meeting with the church. The brethren of this church are full of courage and are trying to improve on all points. On Sunday, August 30 we began meetings in a school house near Colony, in the Caddo country, where we are in the midst of a good interest. The house is well filled and one lady has taken her stand to keep the Sabbath. We are very thankful for a place to work for souls in the Oklahoma field again. We wish we might have reports from all our laborers in the field. Pray for us.

W. H. WHITE AND WIFE.

**OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.**

THE first meeting of the tenth annual session of the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists opened at 9:00 A. M., Friday August 14, 1903, on the camp ground at El Reno, O. T. The president,

Elder G. F. Haffner was in the chair. After singing Elder N. P. Nelson offered prayer. According to the constitution all members in good and regular standing in any church in the conference were entitled to vote.

After preliminary remarks by different ones about how the Lord has blessed this conference during the past year with new companies of good and faithful souls, the following churches were admitted into the conference:

Addington, membership	17.
Greenleaf, "	26.
Perkins, "	20.
Star, "	20.
Harper, "	16.
Huntsville, "	13.
Lenna, "	9.
Dickson, "	14.
Santralia, "	15.
Cement, "	17.
Muskogee, "	16.

The following named fifteen persons, with the conference committee, were chosen to act as an advisory committee, whose duty it was to select all other committees:

D. F. Sturgeon, James Butka, J. R. Bagby, Henry Wall, Jacob Riffel, J. H. Buel, R. H. Thompson, E. L. Maxwell, — Bentley, Abr. Voth, F. H. Westphal, John Parker, W. L. Manfull, G. G. Rupert, Abr. Læwen, and N. P. Nelson. It was voted that Elder Nelson act as chairman of the advisory committee.

At the second meeting of the session the names of the churches were read by the secretary and all belonging to each church arose as the name was read. All the churches were represented except a very few. Following this a very interesting address was delivered by the president, G. F. Haffner, in which he showed something of the advancement of our work in all departments during the past year. All were pleased to see how the Lord has prospered his truth in Oklahoma. It was stated that these good results were not accomplished by a few, but by the united efforts of all. The president expressed his thanks to God and to the conference committee for their kind assistance during the past year, and that the Lord has especially blessed the laborers with health, and that none have fallen in death. Elder Westphal repeated the above to the Germans in their own language.

The president called for the report of the advisory committee which was given by the secretary, Elder Sorenson, as follows:

Committee on Nominations, J. R. Bagby, George Meier, W. L. Manful, J. M. White and C. Schaffler.

On Plans, T. J. Eagle, H. H. Hall, Jas. Butka, A. Nelson and A. E. Field.

On Credentials and Licenses, N. P. Nelson, G. F. Haffner, C. Sorenson, F. H. Westphal and G. G. Rupert.

The third meeting was held Aug. 17, and after opening with singing and prayer the secretary's report was read and approved. The report of the committee on plans was called for and the secretary, T. J. Eagle, read the following resolutions:

Recognizing as we do the good being accomplished by our faithful canvassers,

1. *Resolved*, That we unite in encouraging them to put forth still greater efforts for the advancement of the message in the conference; that an effort to develop recruits for this work be made by asking our young people everywhere to sell the following books in their neighborhoods: Steps to Christ, Christ Our Saviour, Mount of blessing, Things Foretold, Education, Power for Witnessing paper covers, Glorious Appearing, Story of Joseph, Daniel, paper covers, Revelation, paper covers. All other books to be sold in consultation with the state agent. Those engaging in such work be allowed 40 per cent discount but retail prices be adhered to in all cases.

2. *Resolved*, That children, young people and all others join in a grand effort to bring this truth to every family in Oklahoma, through the medium of personal visits, and the use of tracts, periodicals and missionary correspondence.

3. *Resolved*, That we invite our brethren and sisters to donate to what shall be known as "a Tract Fund" that our canvassers and ministers may be supplied with tracts for judicious circulation.

4. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to a more careful observance of the ten-cent-a-week plan for the support of the foreign missionary work, and that the envelope system of collection be adopted.

[Concluded in next issue.]

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W. A. McCUTCHEN,

Aug. 31-4t.

Keene, Texas.

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