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☞ If this notice is marked with a blue pencil you are in arrears with your subscription to the "Industrial Educator." The "Educator" has been combined with THE RECORD, and we need the money. If you do not write to us at once your name will be dropped from our list. Send in the money at once and save us the trouble of writing for the amount due.

The Coming of the Lord.

IF I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself," is the language of our Lord. This was the comfort he gave his sad disciples as he was about to leave them. The Apostle Paul says, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God," to raise the sleeping saints and change to immortality the living children of God. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."—1 Thess. 4:13. The Apostle James speaks prophetically of the time when "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."—Jas. 5.

The Lord himself gave signs that would be evidence of the nearness of the event, and said, "When you see all these things come to pass, then know that it is near, even at the door." With these and many more scriptures that might be given, can any one doubt that such an event will take place and that we can know as to the time when it is even at the door. We say no true believer in the Bible will doubt it for a moment. The Saviour, in order to confirm the faith of his children as to the surety of the event taking place, says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Then he continues as to the certainty of the event taking place, saying, "This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled," referring to the generation that would witness the signs he had given. This is rec-

orded in Matthew 24. Now the last sign here referred to was the falling of the stars which occurred in 1833, sixty-nine years ago. This sign is referred to in Revelation under the sixth seal, the first event of which was the great earthquake of Lisbon in 1755.—Rev. 6:12.

These signs are also spoken of by Joel and Isaiah. But coming back to the words of Christ, he adds that "this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." This special message of the gospel of the Kingdom is a message calling the attention of the world to the coming event when the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

This special phase of the gospel is divided in Rev. 14:9-12 into three divisions. The first calls attention to the hour of his Judgment; the second to the fall of Babylon; and the third warning against the worship of the beast and his image. Two of these messages are in the past; the third has been going to the world for fifty-eight years. There are to be one hundred and forty-four thousand developed under the last division of the message.

We now ask the reader, How near is the coming of the Lord. As sure as the Lord's words are true, we are in the last generation. We are in the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom, a special message. We are in the last division of that message. We are in the closing hours of that division. We can say in the language of the Lord, "Look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." G. G. R.

MARRIED.—In Keene, Sunday afternoon, May 25, 1902, J. L. Jones to Miss Cora P. Taylor, Elder W. S. Greer officiating. The ceremony took place in Keene Academy chapel before a large number of invited friends.

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THERE stands at this time an open door for this Conference to enter into Mexico with the living worker for God. Financial help will soon be called to enter this field. There are eighty million people speaking the Spanish language in the world. This is the educational institution to prepare laborers for this work. Some have already been fitted and are now at work. It is encouraging to know that all can have some part in the work in these closing hours of probation.

ELDER P. T. Magan, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, has sent to this office a neatly printed announcement of the Assembly at Berrien Springs, Michigan, which begins on the 10th of June, 1902, and ends on August 20. It gives information concerning the plans of work, schedule of studies, etc. Parents and church officers, as well as teachers and conference officers, ought to be interested in this matter. This Assembly will be held in Emmanuel Missionary College.

ELDER W. D. McClay has been confined to his bed for a few days past. He was on his way to his new field of labor in Southwestern Texas. He is now well and goes on his way rejoicing. May the Lord go with him. The Union Conference now has two laborers in this field which borders on Mexico. These men are learning the Spanish language so they can labor for that people.

PROF. H. E. Giddings left last Monday morning for Gage, Oklahoma. He has a farm eight miles southeast of that place, on which he expects to remain for sometime before returning to Keene.

NOTICE the Christian educational department which is begun in this issue. This will be of real value to the readers of THE RECORD.

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KEENE, MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1902.

Thirty Days of Peril.

THE last thirty days have been periods of peril unequalled, possibly, in history, as to the number of events fulfilling the signs of the times in so brief a period. Christ said "there shall be famine and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places. And the powers of Heaven shall be shaken, and these are the beginning of sorrows." The Prophet Isaiah says "the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch and the dust into brimstone and the land shall be burning pitch." These, with many others in the inspired word, tell the sad story that awaits the doom of an ungodly world. The fate of St. Pierre, in the island of Martinique, is a wonderful lesson to the world at this time. The very material that caused this eruption is the material that will cause the world in its present form to cease. Any one that ever traveled in the oil and gas belt, so called, is reminded of the terrible power which is pent up in the bowels of the earth as they see the gushing wells of oil and gas. That pressure will rapidly bring the material to the surface of the earth which will become a burning, seething mass. The fountains of water pent up in the great deep once burst forth and drowned the world. The fountains of the great deep will soon burst forth in the same manner, but it will be pitch in the place of water. The Prophet says, "For tophet is ordained of old, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large."—Isa. 30: 33.

The late eruption is simply a reminder of what awaits the world in the near future. I have walked the the streets of St. Pierre and the im-

pression upon me is terrible, to think that some fifty thousand human beings were swallowed up in a moment. This tremendous eruption is still dealing out its death and destruction to those who may venture forth within a mile of the crater. At about the time that the eruption took place at Martinique, earthquake shocks were felt in this and the other continents. Such terrible force is only comprehended by Him who is the creator of all power. Further: During this brief period, a cyclone in this State destroyed and wounded two hundred and fifty persons. Following this was an explosion of gas in a mine in Coal creek, Tennessee, that destroyed two hundred and twenty-six. Other smaller events have taken place within the same time. The Lord tells the cause of all this: It is because the transgressions are heavy on the earth. When Cain slew Abel his blood cried to God from the ground and the earth was cursed. There are now, annually, over ten thousand murders in the United States alone, and this is called a Christian Nation; then, when we add the whole world, what a vast army is murdered each year in cold blood. Drunkenness and adultery, swearing, cheating, lying, stealing, and many other wicked things are going on in the world. Truly, the Lord is long suffering, as he was in the days of Noah. But He has told us we have reached the last generation; we are in the time of the last message and the last call of the message. And we may say, truthfully, in this hour, so to speak, of that call—Prepare to meet thy God, Oh, Israel!

G. G. R.

It is reported that the recent outbreaks in Southern Russia are not revolutionary, but are in effect a demand on the part of the peasants to have carried out the conditions of their emancipation forty-two years ago, when it was decreed that the liberated serfs should receive from the lords a certain quantity of land to enable the peasants to provide themselves a living. The nobility of Russia have prevented the carrying out of this decree, and have sought to retain the peasantry as tenants instead of permitting them to become independent landowners. The Czar has no more devoted servants than these peasants, and all they ask are the rights granted by his grandfather, Alexander II.

God's estimate of us will not be influenced by our advertising.

To Our Sisters.



COMMENCING with the issue of June 4 there will appear, regularly, in the *Signs of the Times*, for the term of ten weeks, a series of articles by Dr. Mary Wood-Allen treating the oft perplexing questions in many homes—the rearing of the children. The health and training of the child from infancy is treated upon by this able writer in a manner that will prove exceedingly helpful to parents who read the articles and practice the suggestions given. In addition to the home blessing to be derived from these articles, we believe they open a door of missionary activity to our sisters which they will not be slow to enter. Mrs. Wood-Allen is widely known as a W. C. T. U. worker, and our sisters can circulate the *Signs* containing these articles among their W. C. T. U. neighbors without exciting prejudice. Certainly this is an opportunity for our sisters which they will appreciate.

The subscription rate for three months, which will embrace the entire series, is but 40 cents. Five copies to one name and address, 88 cents; ten copies to one name, \$1.75; larger clubs, pro rata.

Send your orders at once to the Tract Society nearest you and secure the series complete.

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Send your subscription at once and secure the June number. Address, GOOD HEALTH Publishing Company, Battle Creek, Michigan.

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Oklahoma Department.

A Trip Among the Sabbath-schools.

ON my return from the Union Conference, I visited several of our Sabbath-schools, and held conventions at different places. These conventions were new experiences for the schools. The time was well spent, and proved very profitable and a great blessing to the schools, as well as to myself.

I am so thankful for the interest our people manifested in these meetings, and for the way they took part and the push and earnestness with which they presented their subjects.

Several brethren said to me, "I wish we could have more meetings like these instead of so much preaching." Ministers, this will give you a splendid opportunity while you stop perhaps with some of the schools to hold conventions occasionally. No doubt it would be quite a help to our Sabbath-schools through-out the Conference.

Also, we ask our workers to encourage our young people to organize into companies and go to work. At four different places we organized young peoples' societies. May these organizations prove faithful and much good be accomplished by them. I look forward to the time when these companies of young people will be working companies, to bring souls to Christ. I hope many more of our young people will organize themselves into working companies.

EMMA HAFNER,
State Sabbath-school Secretary.

Orlando.

WE began meetings four miles and a half south of this place, Tuesday night, May 6. Although the weather has been unfavorable part of the time, the interest to hear has been good and is growing. Eleven have decided to obey. We had a glorious meeting last Sabbath. The congregation was in tears. Four took their stand during the services following the Sabbath School; the other seven having taken their stand the night before.

The Holy Spirit is moving deeply upon the hearts of the people, as the precious truths of the Third Angel's Message are presented.

There are others who are convinced, but have not yet yielded to the sweet influence of the Spirit of God.

We ask the brethren to remember us at the throne of grace.

C. SORENSON,
FELIX H. CONWAY.

Canvassers' Report.

Isaac Baker, Nagle, Daniel and Revelation; hours, 54; exhibitions, 60; orders, 8; value, \$20.25. Helps, \$1.50.

Thomas Baker, Ringwood, Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 26; exhibitions, 37; orders, 3; value, \$12.50. Helps, \$5.45.

Mrs. Thomas Baker, Ringwood, Ladies' Guide; hours, 30; exhibitions, 38; orders, 18; value, \$60. Helps, \$2.55.

Lulu Bradley, Medford, Great Controversy; hours, 31; exhibitions, 18; orders, 3; value, \$8. Helps, .50.

Mattie Bradley, Medford, Great Controversy; hours, 31; exhibitions, 30; orders, 6.

John Copple, Orlando, Bible Readings; hours, 63; exhibitions, 84; orders, 25; value, \$58.

Louisa Carpendale, Enid, Ladies, Guide; orders, 6; value, \$25.50. Helps, \$2.25.

John Harzman, Medford, Great Controversy; hours, 39; exhibitions, 50; orders, 8; value, \$20.50. Helps, \$1.

Mary Harzman, Medford, Great Controversy; hours, 20; exhibitions, 30; orders, 2; value, \$5.00.

J. J. Jobe, Howe, Miscellaneous; hours; 60; exhibitions, 221; value, \$57.50. Helps, \$16.85.

Mary James, Chandler, Miscellaneous; hours, 18; exhibitions, 29; orders, 13; value, \$13.75.

J. H. Klumpf, Belmont, Miscellaneous; hours, 26; exhibitions, 33; orders, 7; value, \$3.55.

Orpha Lewis, Barlesville, Herald of the Morning; hours, 25; exhibitions, 24; orders, 10; value, \$12.50.

Mae McPhee, Meno, Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 16; exhibitions, 25; orders, 3; value, \$7.75. Helps, \$1.75.

W. R. Robinson, Heavener, Miscellaneous; orders, 195; value, \$182.02; deliveries, 47; value, \$89.00.

Julius Schmidt, El Reno, Good Health; hours, 20; orders, 2; value, \$3.50. Helps, \$5.30.

J. E. Sallee, Lydia, Great Controversy; hours, 39; exhibitions, 50; orders, 19; value, \$48.00. Helps, \$1.05.

E. E. Barnard, Orlando, Bible Readings; hours, 18; exhibitions, 18; orders, 4; value, \$10.50. Helps, \$4.

Totals: Hours, 516; exhibitions, 750; orders, 332; value, \$545.27; deliveries, 47; value, \$92.55; helps, \$42.20. Number of agents, 17.

SISTER Emma Haffner went to Carney, Friday, to hold a Sabbath School Convention. Elder Haffner, also, visited the same church.

WE sent out two tent meeting outfits Friday. One to Purdy, Indian Territory, for Elder Sommerville, and the other to Hobart, Oklahoma Territory, for Elder Dake. It is expected to have several companies out this summer.

TO OUR CANVASSERS.—We wish to ask our canvassers to please remember not to write any business on the back of their reports, as it often makes us considerable trouble; and, also, please, make your report in full, especially, giving the number of orders and the total value of orders. We know nothing except we are told.

A Splendid Opportunity.

READ and see if this does not mean you. The Correspondence School for nurses, connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School, will begin a new class the first of July. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regular course at one of our Sanitariums. This is the fourth year this work has been carried on, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Studies on eleven subjects are given, among which Missionary Work and Care of the Sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been revised and enlarged and are in every way much improved. The text-books required for this work are furnished at cost. We shall organize a new class in July which will continue one year, (some finish in six months), and shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars will be sent free on application. Address, Correspondence Department, Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Mich.

SOUTH DAKOTA has appointed two campmeetings—one at Yankton, June 9 to 15; the other at Watertown, June 16 to 23 inclusive. North Dakota has appointed three campmeetings. The first one will be in the vicinity of Carrington, June 23 to 30. The other will be at Arvilla, east of Larimore; no date given. The last campmeeting will be held at Minot; no date given. The importance of church members attending campmeeting is set before us by the Spirit of God in certain language. Read Testimonies, volume 6, pages 38 and 39.

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Texas Department.

Athens.

WE arrived here on the evening of May 6 and found Athens a very quiet town of about 2,500 inhabitants. We spent one day looking out a location. Found many places suitable, but found ourselves shut up to the courthouse yard or a lot some distance from the square; but after seeking the Lord and carefully taking in the situation, we pitched out in the resident part of the town.

The first difficulty we met was a Presbyterian meeting under headway. This delayed our meeting one week, and during this waiting time a storm blew our tents down; but we all laid hold and were soon ready for meetings again.

We held our first meeting on May 21 and have continued with a growing interest, the average attendance being about seventy-five. We are receiving many favors from the people. The Lord is blessing us in speaking and we feel now as never before the great need of having a living connection with a power above the finite, and we trust all who have a burden for souls will constantly remember this work at the throne of grace.

T. W. FIELD,
W. M. CUBLEY.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

IN this old and somewhat romantic city are located the State Penitentiary, the Institution for the Blind, Institution for Deaf-mutes, and also the Asylum for the Feeble-minded. All of these institutions are centered here on account of this city being the capital of the State.

We came here at the opening of the legislature. We sold no less than one hundred and fifteen books in about three hours. We were permitted to sell them in the Senate Chamber, and the Lower House of the Legislature. We told several of these lawmakers that if the Sunday Law question should come up in the Legislature they would find something in my book to assist them to the true position. A few said, "We do not believe in Sunday laws. You can not change a man's heart by civil law."

We never sold books more readily than at this place. To the Lord be the praise.
J. F. BAHLER.

The brightest truths are often dug out of the darkest doubts.

Do Some of Your Friends and Neighbors Use Tobacco?

HAVE you sometimes wished you could secure something on this subject to place in the hands of your neighbors that you know they would read? We believe the June "Life Boat" will just answer this purpose. It is a special anti-cigarette and tobacco number. It deals with the question from the most interesting standpoints. Some of its articles have been written by men and women of national reputation. It points out the cause of the tobacco evil, and also the rational treatment.

Its editors invite personal correspondence with every tobacco user who sincerely desires to become delivered from this habit. We believe God will use this number to help thousands of tobacco slaves. Your neighbors will read it when perhaps you could not get them to even look at a tract on this subject.

Shall we not become aroused to the responsibility we owe to humanity in reference to this question? Have we done so much for our tobacco using neighbors that we are willing to meet them at the bar of God? If not, will you embrace the opportunity, and send immediately for a liberal supply of the June "Life Boat," and then either sell them or give them away, as God may give you an opportunity. The price is one and one-half cents a copy, or twenty-five cents a year. Address, The "Life Boat," 28 Thirty-Third Place, Chicago.

It is a great mercy to enjoy the gospel of peace, but a greater to enjoy the peace of the gospel.

The Coronation Number of the Signs.

THIS is a special number of the paper, calling the attention of the readers to the coronation of the King of Kings that is about to take place. This is a time when all are interested in the coronation of the king of England. Let us turn the mind to a more important event soon to take place. Then there will be but one king in all the Universe. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This number will be issued June 5. It is nicely illustrated and will sell for 5 cents a copy. The usual discount to agents. Order from your State Secretary. These opportunities should not be let slip. But we should be instant in season and out of season. G. G. R.

SHE TRUSTED GOD.—Some one tells the story of a Christian woman who was noted for the calm and peaceful attitude she maintained under the most trying circumstances. Another woman, hearing of her, said, "I must go and see that woman and learn the secret of her strong and useful life." She went to her and said, "Are you the woman of great faith?" "No," was the reply, "I am a woman of little faith in a great God. I try to see the hand of God in the present, and trust Him for the future." This was the secret of her peace. Her faith in Christ had wrought in her that spirit of peacefulness which nothing of trial or disappointment could disturb.

DON'T let the opportunity pass to send for THE RECORD, fifty cents a year. It is to be made a real missionary paper so you can get your friends to subscribe and you can send it to them as the cheapest way to bring them into the truth.

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Cleburne,

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Arkansas Department.

Our Campmeetings.

THIS year Arkansas heads the list of campmeetings in the Southwestern Union Conference. Our annual meeting is to be held at Little Rock, from July 10th to the 20th. We see no reason why this will not be the most important meeting ever held in this State. We trust that all of our people will unite with us in trying to make it such. God has spoken to our people in regard to the necessity of attending these meetings, so as "To reach the masses, which in no other way can we reach, not being allowed to enter the churches to any extent, also to promote spiritual life among our own people." This campmeeting is one of special interest for many reasons: First, because of its location being the capital of the State and the largest city. Second, as yet there has been comparatively nothing done for this people in getting the Message before them. To be sure, our brethren in the Sanitarium have been doing all they can to bring the light before those whom they come in contact with. As a result of their faithful work there is some interest to hear further. Elder R. W. Parmele, of Kansas, with a few helpers, is now holding a tent meeting there. No doubt these workers will have a good interest by campmeeting time. The outcome of the work depends much on our brethren. If there is a large attendance at the meeting, it will encourage those who are studying the Message, and they will see that there is something in these truths. On the other hand, if only a few come, it will throw cold water on the meeting, and the result in those who have become interested, will be more or less indifference, and shall I say, the loss of salvation of souls? So I trust that each one will realize his and her responsibility in this matter, and begin at once to get ready to go. Our churches should elect their delegates and send in their credentials. We hope that every church will be represented. We hope that each one will seek God for His blessing and, also, for the meeting, so that we can enjoy much of the blessing of the Lord while there. Come one, come all, and let none say it is too far for me. The Lord has a work for you there. Let us be at our post of duty!

A. E. FIELD.

No sainthood without service.

Discontinued.

ARKANSAS REPORTER was discontinued May 1st, 1902. It again put in an appearance at Keene, Texas, May 26, 1902. It was decided and arranged to merge our State papers into the Union Conference paper known as the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD, each State overseeing its own department. This paper is an eight-page weekly, 50 cents a year. It may be noticed that the price is only double that of our State paper, which was only issued once in three weeks, while this weekly will contain the news of the Oklahoma and Texas Conferences as well as our own. All items and subscriptions are to be sent, as heretofore, to the Arkansas Tract Society every week instead of monthly. Those who have paid up their subscriptions for the late "Arkansas Reporter," will be continued in the new paper.

Thanking you for your kind support in the past, we hope that you will still maintain an equal interest with the new paper, and not only continue, but assist us in increasing the subscription list.

Important to Canvassers.

In the *Review* of May 13, I noticed the following:—"The International Sunday School Lessons commencing July 6, take up the study of the Exodus, and continue through the remainder of the year on the study of the Sanctuary, and the general history of the children of Israel. Inasmuch as "Patriarchs and Propbets" is especially helpful on these subjects, and can be easily introduced as an excellent commentary on the International Lessons, the present circumstances render this time very favorable for placing this book in the hands of Bible studying people." A copy of these Lessons should be secured and studied in connection with "Patriarchs and Propbets" so that we may clearly show wherein the book is especially helpful. A copy of these Lessons may be secured from T. B. Arnold, 10 Franklin St., Chicago, Ill.

NOTICE.—We would like to have all our people who want to rent tents at Little Rock, to send in their orders for them at once. Send to the Tract Society. We cannot afford to ship our tents down there unless we know that they will be used.

Those who pray most for each other will generally do most for each other.

A Mistake in Canvassing.

OUR canvassers all write that they are of good courage, and the most of their reports show steady work. One writes that "the field has been so thoroughly canvassed for the small books that he does not know where to go with the larger ones. Now we know that is a mistake in the work. It injures the field for the larger works. "The books containing the light God has given must be brought before the people." "The canvassing work is a missionary work, and the field must be worked from a missionary standpoint." "Canvassers should not be unfaithful to the principles of missionary work, and sell only those books that are cheapest and easiest to handle, neglecting to place before the people the books which will give most light, because by so doing he can earn more money for himself.

Proofs of the front and music pages of the Coronation Number of the *Signs* have just been received at this office. The designs are grand, and it is to be the most attractive as well as one of the most instructive numbers of the *Signs* ever issued, and I hope that each of our churches will order at least fifty copies. This is a golden opportunity to circulate the truth. We must not let it pass by, for it can never be recalled. A single copy, 5 cents. 10 copies, 25 cents. 25 or more, 2 cents each. You can order through your State Tract Society.

Eld. H. Clay Griffin and Brother Urbanus Bender have commenced a series of tent meetings at Prairie Grove. We hope to have a report from them later.

ELD. A. E. Fields, President of the Arkansas Conference, left this morning for Marshall, Ark., where he expects to stay for a short time.

SURRENDER TO GOD'S LAWS.—Dr. James Ludlow says in the *Homiletic Review*: "The greatest inventor can make no machine that will work except as he adapts the mechanism to Nature's laws. So it is spiritually. God will impart Himself to our souls just to the extent in which we surrender ourselves to His laws, our minds in faith to his truth, our wills in obedience to His precepts, and our spirits to the influx of His spirit which is about us everywhere, and in us always."

Christian Education.

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

Christian Education.



CHRISTIAN Education is our hope for the future in saving the children of the church from drifting away into the world. Of what avail is it to send yearly large numbers of missionaries to all parts of the world, to expend large sums of money to spread abroad the knowledge of the truth, if there is a leak at home by which the best resources of the denomination—its young men and women—are passing away from us and are lost to the truth.

Christian Education is the remedy. The Bible has said it; the special instruction given to us has said it; and if we are wise we will heed it, and save our children.

It is intended to make this department of THE RECORD an agency for advancing the cause of Christian Education in the three conferences of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. It is not intended to displace any existing means of disseminating the light we have received on this subject. Rather it is to be devoted to building up the educational work within our own borders, and provide a medium for interchange of thought among our own workers. It will contain from time to time reports of the work being done in Keene Academy, reports from church schools and teachers, and also articles from experienced teachers concerning the application of the principles of Christian Education to our own work. The latter we hope will be of great value, not only to teachers but also to parents, in the work of training the children for the Lord's service.

Therefore all friends of this cause are invited to contribute to this department of THE RECORD, and thus help to make it one to which all who receive the paper will turn with interest.

G. W. D.

"You try to set yourself apart from the vulgar. It is vain. In that instant vulgarity attaches itself to you."

What Is Christian Education?

THE question is often raised, "Who is qualified to instruct in Christian Education? We answer, the Lord only. He may use instruments to do the work; but we repeat, the Lord is the only teacher in Christian Education, and they who will be taught must be led by Him. It will only require a few texts to show this clearly. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." The office of the Spirit is to lead into all truth. And what is truth? "Thy word is truth." There is but one true education in the world, and that is to have the mind of God. And his mind on all points is revealed in His word. God's word is the foundation of all science, and the principles that are involved in one science are the underlying principles of all investigation. This is true whether we investigate the vegetable or animal kingdoms, earthly or heavenly things." All other systems of education are counterfeits. All possibly have some truth and much error.

The wisdom of the world is foolishness with God. This being true, there is but one true system of education, and that is the one God gives in His word. If we would study Law, God's word is the basis of that science; of man and his nature and diseases, we go again to the Bible. If we study the formation of the earth, we again go to the history of the earth as given us by God.

God made man upright but he sought out many inventions, and the inventions here referred to are the inventions of reasoning on the things created by God, and not believing the word God spake concerning them. Consequently the science of the world is not a true science and never can be. It is continually changing and will continue to change while time lasts. But the education the Lord gives never changes. It is eternal in its nature as God himself. This education is infinite. The teacher then of this education must be one whom the Lord can use, one who is spiritual, one who is acquainted with the will of the Lord, one that is first partaker of the fruit. Both scholar and teacher are to be led by the Spirit. And it leads into all truth.

RESULT OF THIS KIND OF EDUCATION.

One of the gifts of the Spirit is to fit teachers.—1 Cor. 12:28. Another gift is that of interpretation of prophecy. Eph. 4:13 tells us that these

are to bring us into the unity of the faith. And the apostle Paul tells us to all speak the same thing, be of the same mind. This can not be until we are all taught of God in the true system. This being the rule it is easy to see who are fitted to teach. Christian educators are those who are fitted by the Lord and called to that office, the same as the ministry or any other calling of God. When this is carried out, we will then have a true church school and not till then. Scholars and teacher will busily engage in finding out what the Lord has spoken, and all subjects will be decided accordingly. I am glad the world has retained some of the Lord's truths in their teaching. I only wish they had more, but we can not be satisfied with anything but the whole truth. Hence we need a church school, where the Bible will be the basis of all instruction, and the Spirit of the Lord leading the teacher, so they will be ministers of the Spirit to our children as well as the word. When these principles are once understood, all will see clearly the purpose of the church school and its needs.

G. G. R.

The Summer Assembly.

FROM 2,000 churches comes a call for well trained teachers. Wherever there is a church there should be a Christian teacher. It cannot be expected that a person educated in the public schools will know how to teach a Christian school without making a study of the principles and methods to be applied when the Bible is the basis of the education. Justice demands that teachers have an opportunity to take some training. This fact has appealed to the General Conference Committee, to Conference president and educational laborers, and the way has been prepared for such a training.

From June 12 to August 20 there will be held at Berrien Springs, Michigan, on Emmanuel Missionary College farm, a summerschool for teachers and Christian business men. Tuition is free, rent is free, and a students only regular expense will be for board. Board will be served on the European plan.

Has God called you to teach? Do you know of persons who should be in the work but who are not because they are in need of training? All such persons should read the announcement of the summer assembly. Send for one for yourself and friends. Address Berrien Springs, Michigan.

E. A. SUTHERLAND.



KEENE ACADEMY HALL.

Keene Industrial Academy.

KEENE Industrial Academy was founded by the Texas Conference of Seventh day Adventists, under the sanction of the General Conference. By the changes recently effected through reorganization it comes under the control of the Southwestern Union Conference; hence the conferences have an equal interest in the prosperity of the Academy.

The objects for which the Academy was founded were as follows:—

1. To furnish the youth with an education which shall fit them for the practical duties of life, and to do so under influences favorable to the promotion of reverence and love for the Word of God, and to the development of Christian character.

2. To train laborers for the ministry, for missionary teachers, and for other branches of Christian work.

3. To provide such a system of co-operation as will enable the school to utilize the labor of students, so as to reduce his cash expenses to the lowest point.

4. To mingle industrial studies with the ordinary school subjects and to engage the pupil in manual labor a part of each day, to the end that his health may be preserved and that he may become more useful and hence more noble.

5. To promote such a development of the moral faculties that the students will use the power gained in their education to glorify God, and help mankind in this life, and be prepared to do well whatever the Creator has for them to do.

RELIGIOUS BASIS OF THE SCHOOL.

It is the purpose of the Academy to do more for the students than merely to make them proficient in certain lines of study. The object sought is to develop and train every part of the being, physical, mental and moral, the finished result being men and women of refinement and culture, possessing true Christian character.

It is the desire and purpose of the managers to lead as many as possible into the enjoyment of a genuine Christian experience. Accordingly the study of the Holy Scriptures is

made prominent in all of the courses.

The students will board and room in the same building with members of the faculty, all constituting one large school family. Young people should receive a much broader training than that which comes merely from the study of books. It is the best time to form habits of order, neatness, and Christian courtesy, and to obtain that general culture which comes from daily and intimate association with educated Christian teachers. It is intended that every student that comes to Keene Academy shall enjoy the pleasant associations and receive the personal care of a true home.

THE Lone Star Pure Food Company, of this place, has sold its Cleburne and Alvarado business routes to L. B. Wallen. He is the right man in the right place, and will doubtless endeavor to please his numerous customers.

READ THE RECORD, the official organ of the Southwestern Union Conference.

A LETTER FROM MEXICO.

Chiapa.

A. G. BODWELL.

THE city of Chiapa is situated on a very large river which has to be crossed in a canoe. It is nine miles from Tuxtla Gutierrez, and was once the capital of Chiapas. It has a very ancient appearance. There are several very old churches, some of them in ruins. Since the capital was removed to Tuxtla Gutierrez many of the inhabitants have moved away, but it is said to have 10,000 inhabitants.

I remained only three days, and obtained sixty-one subscriptions. The people seem to be anxious to know what is the truth. There is a good wagon road from Tuxtla to Chiapa. On the other side of the river from Chiapa is a town called Rivera.

CHIAPA TO SAN CRISTOBAL.

Leaving Chiapa the land gradually rises until we are travelling in quite a level country, but at an elevation. We are still in the mountains, but the country is open and we can see quite a distance. The first town was Ixtapa, a small place, where in a few minutes, I obtained ten subscriptions. Here the weather is cooler than at Chiapa.

Leaving Ixtapa we pass along for several miles through an excellent stock country, the land being covered with good grass. Then we begin to climb mountains, passing occasionally a ranch, until we near the town of Zinacantan. Here to our right, down in a gulch, is an Indian town. All the inhabitants are Indians, and they have their farms on the sides of the mountains. Some of the farms look almost perpendicular, and they plant their corn with a stick without plowing it. Through here the Indians own their land.

The little town of Zinacantan is located at a good high elevation, and they raise peaches and other fruits of temperate climates. I stopped a few minutes and took two subscriptions.

From here to San Cristobal the country is beautiful. The wheat and oat fields were green, and on the mountain sides could be seen Indian girls herding flocks of sheep. And away in the distance could be seen San Cristobal. And everything around me seemed beautiful.

THE graders on the railroad through Keene, will be at work in a few days.

Figs and Thistles.

TIME builds the houses of eternity.
GOD wants lights more than lamps.
LOVE will be a voice rather than an echo.

THEY who rest in the Lord work in the world.

IF you dwarf the boy you cannot develop the man.

PRACTICE builds on the plans laid down by principle.

TO put out another's sun will not increase your own.

THE tears of adversity water the soil of prosperity.

THE god of science never hears or answers prayers.

THE steeple will last no longer than the foundation.

THE highest family connection is in being born from above.

THEY who wait on the Lord will not keep the Lord waiting.

AN iceberg in the pulpit cannot kindle a fire in the pews.

HE who is false to regiment cannot be true to the army.

THE Lord must be weary of the servant who is never weary.

THE Christian who borrows religion will never have any to return.

—Ram's Horn.

SPECIAL RATES.

Of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—Colored State Teachers' Association. Selling date, June 16. Final limit, June 21. Rate \$6.80, round trip.

SUMMER SCHOOL, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.—Selling dates, June 15, 16, 17, 27, 28, 29, and July 10, 11, and 12. Final limit, leaving Knoxville August 15. Fare, one first-class standard fare for the round trip.

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

DALLAS, TEXAS.—June 9 to 14, 1902, Texas Convention Christian Church. Rate, \$1.70 round trip. Sell June 8, and morning trains June 9. Return limit June 14, 1902.

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

ASHEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.—June 13 to 23, 1902, Southern Students' Conference Young Men's Christian Association, and Annual Conference

Young Men's Christian Association. Rate one first class limited fare for the round trip. Sell June 12 and 13. Limit, June 26, 1902.

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

SHERMAN, TEXAS.—On account of Grand Council Meeting United Commercial Travelers, May 23 and 24. Dates of sale May 22 and 23. Final limit May 25, 1902. Rate \$3.70 for the round trip.

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

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—University Commencement and University Summer Normal, June 7 to July 25, 1902. For trains arriving at Austin June 7, 9, and 12. Final limit July 26, 1902. Rate: \$5.60 for the round trip.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.—To all points within a radius of one hundred miles. Selling June 18 and 19. Final limit June 20, 1902.

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

PALESTINE, TEXAS.—State Christian Endeavor Convention. Dates of sale June 16, and 17. Final limit June 21. Rate \$6.90 for the round trip.

NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Tickets on sale June 17 and 18. Final limit June 20, 1902. Rate \$1.10 for the round trip.

WACO, TEXAS.—Northwest Texas Conference M. E. Church South. Tickets on sale June 3, and for morning trains June 4. Final limit June 7. Rate \$2.45 for the round trip.

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

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

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

J. F. Cox, Agent, Alvarado.