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An Appeal.

WE have read with interest the appeal of Sister White in the *Review and Herald* of May 28 in behalf of the Southern Publishing Association. We wish to speak regarding this appeal and our impressions of it. Our first impression was that we have in this Union Conference a field just like that one, and just as needy. This I still believe. In fact I wrote an article relating to that which is in this paper. But after more careful thought I wish to speak further. This message is led by the Lord's providence. I fully believe He led in the starting of the work in Nashville. Things of so large a magnitude as that publishing house do not come by chance with us. So as I think it over I say if God started it there, I will do all I can to help Him in His work. Now when His providence opens the way for a similar work to start in this great field, he will send us the help we need. Then too, I believe the Lord works on hearts to help in these various moves at certain times. May the Lord move soon the hearts of the people who have means to help out of the present embarrassment. And may the Southern Publishing Association be a great means in the hand of the Lord in speeding on the message to its final consummation.

G. G. R.

A Needy Field.

WE print, elsewhere in this issue, a verbatim letter from one of our Mexican brethren, showing the interest which these people have in the truth as taught by our people. Do not our hearts burn within us as we read of the wants of this needy field? The Lord is surely going before us. How can we give this field the attention it should have? is the great question now, with what means we have at our command. We will express it more clearly as follows, without one cent to help with: If there is a needy field in the United States, it

is the district embraced within the limits of the Southwestern Union Conference. We need to enlarge our printing facilities; we need to enter the new fields in our conference that are calling for help. The State of Texas is a great empire within itself. Our conference is as large as the nine states in the Southern Conference. Then it has the Mexican mission field, where the door is wide-open asking us to enter with the truth. May the Lord put it into some hearts to send in the money necessary for the work at this time. Send whatever amount you may be disposed to give, to C. N. Woodward, Dallas, Texas, and we will apply it to the Mexican mission work and start a list in our paper. Who will be the first to head the list with a good sum, say one hundred dollars. G. G. R.

The Eating of Fruit.

IF people would eat more fruit, they would take less medicine and have better health. This is an old saying that fruit is gold in the morning and lead at night. As a matter of fact, it may be gold both times. It should be eaten on an empty stomach and not as a dessert, when the appetite is satisfied and digestion is already sufficiently taxed. Fruit taken in the morning before the fast of the night has been broken is very refreshing, and it serves as a stimulus to the digestive organs. A ripe apple or an orange may be taken at this time with good effect. Fruit, to be really valuable as an article of diet, should be ripe, sound, and in every way of good quality, and, if possible, it should be eaten raw. Instead of eating a plate of ham or eggs and bacon for breakfast, most people would do far better if they took some grapes, pears, or apples,—fresh fruit, as long as it is to be had, and after that they can fall back on stewed prunes, figs, etc. If only fruit of some sort formed an important item in their breakfast, women would generally feel brighter, stronger, and would have far better complexions than is the rule at present.—*Woman's Medical Journal*, February, 1902.

An Important Letter.

IN this week's issue we print a very interesting and important letter from Elder A. G. Daniels. We trust every one will read it and consider the points in it. July 6 is the day set apart for contributions for the Christiana publishing house. We hope this will be a day when this question will close, so far as that institution and its debts, as they now stand, are concerned. Now, as we have said so often, if all would do something, it would be but a small job to clear all our institutions. I hope we will all do our duty in this time of need. WE includes me. Let all SEE from this same standpoint. It is truly encouraging to see the determination there is to end the borrowing business. I want to say, for one, that I am so much interested in the payment of our debts, that I have but little courage to do much else till it is accomplished. It is a great clog in God's great wheel of providence. Let us get it out, and keep it out, I am earnestly striving to that point individually and believe we all should make a personal application as well as to the whole people.

G. G. R.

SOME people turn the lamp of Christian living down so low that it only smokes and smells bad.

THE blackberry crop in Keene is said to be better than former years. The same may be said of other fruit.

THERE are about eight acres of fine sweet potatoes growing on the school farm. The students will surely be fed the coming year.

THE Academy has canned seventy-five bushels of berries for use next year. There will be a similar amount of peaches and other fruits.

ELD. G. G. Rupert, president of the Southwestern Union Conference and managing editor of this paper, arrived in Keene last Friday. He is accompanied this time by Miss Ruth, his daughter.

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A Letter from Elder Daniels.

Dear Brother Rupert:—

As I am writing to the Union and State Conference presidents regarding the Christiana offering for July 1, I must not pass you by. I do not know how familiar you are with the Christiana Publishing House affairs and therefore, I will explain the matter fully.

In October, 1900, it was agreed that we would raise \$66,000 dollars to pay debts of the Christiana Publishing House. This money was to be paid in six semi-annual installments of \$11,000 each. Some of our brethren could hardly hope that our people would respond to a call for money for this purpose; but the Lord has greatly blessed us since making our decision. We have not made any very frantic efforts to raise this money. The only real specific, definite call, made for Christiana was the July offering of 1901. To our surprise and great delight the money came rolling in until over \$18,000 were received from the July offering. Up to the present time \$35,000 have been raised and we have but \$31,000 yet to raise. The Mission Board have decided to call for \$30,000 for July. They say if the people will raise this amount they will pay the \$1,000 from the mission funds and we shall never have to bring forward this debt again.

In harmony with our policy to distribute property to the union conferences in which it is located, the officers of the Mission Board have felt that we ought to transfer the deeds of the Christiana property to some organization in Europe. They authorized me to make this proposal to the brethren over here, providing they would assume the responsibility of operating the business.

I have placed the matter before the brethren and they have accepted our proposal. Either the European General Conference, or the Scandinavian Union Conference will take this property and be responsible for its operations. This will relieve the Mission Board from these cares and anxieties and thus permit us to devote our energies and means to missionary enterprises.

The question now is to raise this \$30,000. We have made arrangements for the transfer of the property and all its perplexities. If I am not mistaken you will perfectly agree with me regarding the financial policy that this denomination ought to pursue. I look upon the making of debts as wrong. Without God's special interference they are an unmistakable curse. The Bible declares that we should owe no man anything. It also teaches us that we should lend and not borrow; but for twenty-five years we have pursued a different course. We have plunged headlong into debt until we are owing on our schools, publishing houses, sanitaria, and other enterprises a million and a half of dollars. I believe this state of things should be stopped and that we should carry this work forward on a cash basis. God is able to pay His bills. He can give us the money just as well before our institutions are erected as afterward, and the results will be far better. So far as I know the General Conference Committee has not since the last General Conference lent its influence to any enterprise that would increase the indebtedness of the denomination. On the other hand we have made some struggles to clear off our indebtedness.

Our conference has opened very encouragingly. Those brethren who have been separated from their ministering brethren, and who are working almost alone in oppressive countries, seem wonderfully delighted to meet on this occasion.

Trusting that you will be encouraged to make a bold strike in behalf of the June offering, and hoping that your conference will stand well with others in this undertaking, I am, Sincerely your brother in the Master's service,

A. G. DANIELS.

A Letter from Brother Issassi.

[THE following letter, written to Brother Rupert, is referred to elsewhere. It is printed *verbatim et literatim*. Read it.—ED.]

Dear Brother in Christ:—I take the pleasure to write you this few

lines and at same time I am obliged to let you know the great necessity in which we are here about the Mexican work and the condition of Brother Morales at this place. Brother Rupert, our church need a little place, or house, or room, for her meetings, on some part near of the center of the city, and this possible cost from eight to ten dollars, Mexican money, about \$4.50 American. This is a larger and good field for the Gospel. The members are at present very few but all are faithful.

This Laredo is a very poor and hard place for make living here. Brother Morales has been here six or seven month work on the Gospel and hardly he and his family has live; and now he is the man on charge of the little church until some body has to come and take charge of the church or the work. Brother Morales cannot stay so long on this condition. This is impossible to take care of the Christian work and of his family. He don't want you to believe that he want money, but he need to go and work for the support of his family, because he cannot stay in the way what he is now.

Brother Hale is here but he don't talk Spanish. We love the gospel, but we need to work, and some body has to come soon to take charge of those few and teach them. Brother Morales has a big family, and besides his family they only are four Sabbath believers here. If you or the conference can not take any quick step on this matter I think we may drop for the present our work out until you can do what is the best. (This is what Brother Morales say.)

I like you understand this Mexican people here on this place don't keep the same condition of the Americans here. Mexicans so poor that hardly eat dos [two] times a day, and some time one cup coffee is take for one meal in twelve hours. This is truth.

I beg you to pardon me, but I talk always plain and clear to everybody to make me understanding, and I have said to you the needs here, and the circumstances of the man in charge of the few here. Brother Rupert, we have to go wisely among those people and to walk surely in every step we walk among them..... I beg you to take interest among our people and to take you best on this matter of Brother Morales. If you can do something for him remember he has family and he can not stay in so hard condition as he is now. I writ you this letter because I want you to know all this thing but I have not idea of hurt nobody. I beg my God to bless you. Believe me your sincere brother in Christ,

E. B. ISSASSI.
LAREDO, TEXAS, June 3, 1902.

Texas Department.

The Texas Conference.

SINCE my last report it has been a very busy time with us in Texas. Sabbath and Sunday, May 10 and 11, I spent with the church at Corsicana, and we had, I trust, a profitable meeting. A move was started and steps taken, which I believe will be for the upbuilding of the church, which had come to a rather low state numerically and spiritually by removals and other causes. There have been a few faithful ones however, who have held things together and kept an encouraging Sabbath school going. We left them seemingly much encouraged and helped up. Those present voted to take their quota of "Object Lessons."

Following this meeting came a week's meeting of the Academy and Sanitarium Boards at Keene, after which I went to Athens and assisted Elder Field and his company in opening a tent meeting at that place. The opening and attendance for the two nights that I was with them were very encouraging under the circumstances. The brethren there will report the progress of the meeting from time to time.

Sabbath, the 24th, I spent with the Fort Worth church. Some of the principal ones I desired to meet and help if possible not being present, I promised the church there another visit soon. After most of the following week had been spent in looking for and trying to locate our camp-ground for this year, I went on Friday, the 30th, to Palo Pinto County, to visit the new company there, and fill an appointment left with them by Elder Woodruff before his transfer to the Oklahoma Conference. I remained there one week. While laboring here last April Elder Woodruff entered into an agreement with a Disciple minister for a joint discussion, to begin June 1. He now being out of our Conference, and there being no other of our ministers available for the purpose, after trying for two or three weeks to arrange for some one to attend to the matter, it seemed that the only alternative was for me to take the task. Accordingly, Elder J. B. Forbes, of Weatherford, and myself engaged in discussing the Sabbath and first day for five days and nights, closing Thursday night June 6. Our brethren here feel that the truth gained a great victory, and I think the opinion of the public in general is the same. Elder Forbes'

moderator who is a professor in the school here, told one of our brethren toward the close that he considered their man had lost his affirmative proposition on the first day question with which the discussion closed. The brethren think there is no danger of being bothered with the threats and challenges of these people here any more. To God be all the praise for His truth which is so plain and which so effectually meets all opposition. I will say to the credit of my opponent that he acted nicely and in a gentlemanly manner all the way through, and showed a good spirit throughout the discussion. I trust impressions were made that will result in winning some souls for Christ.

W. A. M.

The Plano Church.

WE have three patches of cotton this year—two five-acre tracts and one of ten acres. The proceeds of the former two will be used to defray the expenses of the church school, while the latter will go to paying off our church building debt, which we hope to see cleared away this fall.

This cotton was all planted in due time by the brethren, and by a unanimous effort, in the forenoon of June 2, it was plowed and hoed. As early in the morning as sun up of the above date, there began to come into the field, men, women and children until we had twenty-seven with their hoes and six with cultivators, which made the weeds fly and cut the cotton to a stand. Twenty-seven rows were hoed at a time and at twenty-five minutes to ten o'clock, A. M., the ten-acre piece was disposed of, and then the five-acre pieces were dealt with the same way. At noon all returned to their homes rejoicing, as though they had attended a pic-nic.

Such is the strength and success of union, besides the joy, peace and happiness such union affords. May God hasten the day when all will enjoy it.

J. M. HUGULEY.

Push "Object Lessons" Sales.

THE crop prospects throughout the entire State are excellent. It has been a long time since they were better. This gives a feeling of courage and good cheer to everybody, and now is the time to take orders for "Object Lessons." Though this is not the time of year in which money is plentiful it is a time when people will subscribe for books in view of the flattering prospects of a bountiful supply

of money soon to come, and after giving their orders they will feel more bound to take the books at time of delivery even if crops should not turn out as well as now appears. It is easier to take orders at a time like this and deliver later, than to sell straight out even when money is plentiful. The reports of all our canvassers who are out on other books, show a bountiful supply of orders being taken. To the Texas churches and individuals who have promised and are promising to sell their quota of books, and who can afford not to do so, I would say, Let us now at this favorable time be taking our orders, and even more than our quotas, to make up for any possible losses in delivery, and come up to camp meeting with orders taken for our whole amount. It will now soon be largely a leisure time with our farmers till after camp meeting, and what a splendid time to take orders for this book. Then we can come up to camp meeting with the satisfaction of having our books sold, and enjoy the meeting with no thought of an unfulfilled duty resting upon us, but rather with the blessing of God resting upon us. Then having taken our orders, it will only be a question of delivering them a little later. Push the "Object Lesson's" work on, brethren, and let us finish this work that is resting upon us in this opportune time.

W. A. M.

CAMPMEETING.—The time for our Campmeeting and Conference has been set for July 24 to August 3. We hope to be able to announce the place next week. Two or three places are under consideration, and we desire to have it at the place that will be for the best interests of the brethren and the cause in general, and to this end we are trying to take into account everything having a bearing in the matter deciding the question. Watch for an early announcement of the place of meeting, and in the meantime let all be preparing to come to the meeting which we confidently expect will be a blessed occasion for God's people in this State. W. A. M.

THE coming school year will be the most important of any school year since the Academy was started. Shall not the attendance be the largest? Now is the time to begin to lay plans to attend.

OUR German type has been ordered sometime, but it is slow in reaching us.

Christian Education.

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

A Call for Teachers.

If our divine Master should come to us and placing before us all the opportunities and all the resources given to man should invite us to choose our career, my choice would be quickly made. There are many callings of usefulness and honor which if this world were destined to endure might make a choice difficult. But knowing that "the world passeth away and the lusts thereof," there is but one work for those who recognize the instability of earthly things. I would say, Let me spend my days and years in leading the doomed and perishing to the life-giving Saviour. All the treasured things of earth shall perish, but the souls which our efforts have brought to the Saviour will be our possession through eternity.

If our Lord should further bid us choose our field of labor, knowing only a little of the great and pressing needs of the world's multitudes, and yet hearing the anxious entreaties from every land for teachers to show them the way of life, I would find it difficult to choose, and I would say, Send me where the need is greatest, where the darkness is most intense, where my feeble light may be a guide to those who have no other.

But if he should give me yet a further choice, and say, Choose the class of people you will labor among, I should answer, Let me teach the children. It is indeed a blessed work to lead to the Saviour those who have long wandered in error and sin,—a work which causes angels to rejoice, and brings the blessing of Heaven upon the faithful laborer, and his reward shall be great.

But old customs are hard to relinquish; the habits of a lifetime are difficult to renounce; minds educated in error and superstition do not readily perceive the truth. While some precious souls gladden the heart of the one who is seeking the lost, the vast multitude give no heed and perish. But in the minds of the children we have an unoccupied field. We may plant there what seed we will, and if the field is cultivated with constancy and patience, and watered with our prayers and tears, the harvest will be unfailing, and "he that

soweth in tears shall reap in joy." The tender minds of the children are easily impressed, and the impressions received in childhood from the patient instruction of a faithful teacher can never be effaced. This work must yield greater results than the endeavor to enlighten those who have long been entrenched in ignorance and error. The message must be carried to every creature; but if all souls are of equal value in the sight of their Creator, then two children saved by Christian training from a life of sin must be worth more than one reclaimed in later years.

Here then is a field to be entered by our young people promising the richest rewards. None of our young men and women need engage in worldly employments with this field open before all with ability and consecration. Two thousand teachers are needed, we are told, to teach our own children and youth; while countless thousands are needed in all the countries of the earth. Let us in the fear of God consider the need, and in the spirit of the Master answer the call.

G. W. D.

Sabbath School Convention.

TWO sessions of a local Sabbath-school Convention were held on Sunday, June 1, in the Oklahoma City church. The first began at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon. Good subjects were discussed by different persons, and plans were laid for improving our schools and bringing them up to a higher standard. The exercises were varied by singing and instrumental music.

The evening session lasted two hours. The children and young people took part in the evening session. There were recitations and songs by the children, and some of the young people read very interesting and instructive papers. The time which was spent in that way proved a blessing to us.

Quite a number of outsiders attended the convention. We hope the time will soon come when more not of our faith will attend our Sabbath schools, and that they will find our schools to be places where the life-giving power exists, where souls will be converted to Christ.

EMMA HAFFNER.

The average child loves physical exercise, and that this may be of the right kind and directed into the right channels, the schools must make provision for it.

Education in Japan.

IN Japan education of all stages below the University is well provided for. In Sendai alone, in addition to the elementary schools and kindergarten, there are six high schools, a higher school which prepares for the university, three mission schools, one normal, one commercial, one military, one medical, and one agricultural school.....The reputation of the Normal School may be inferred from the fact that it is so largely resorted to by teachers ambitious to learn better methods.....In Sendai alone there are fifteen summer institutes, and in that prefecture outside of Sendai there are ten more. Such is their enthusiasm for education that practically all the teachers of the prefecture spend all their vacations at Sendai in study and self-improvement.....Judged by the spontaneous activity of the teachers in striving for self-improvement and their voluntary contributions of energy and money, Japan stands most decidedly in a favorable light.

In education the Japanese are eminently practical. Whatever profession or occupation the Japanese boy may wish to prepare for, he may find a school offering precisely the sort of instruction he needs. Not only is the school system remarkable for completeness, but the instruction in the various schools is strikingly well adapted to fit young men for the life labor upon which they purpose to enter.

In the agricultural school at Sendai there are 180 students and fifteen instructors. All the gardens immediately surrounding the buildings are cultivated by the students, who are required to apply the theoretical class-room instruction by actually raising vegetables, rice, mulberry trees, etc., and for the crops pupils alone are held responsible.....The graduates are in great demand as instructors. In every district there are plots of land devoted to experimental farming, and these plots are cultivated under the direction of graduates of the Agricultural School.....During the seasons when crops demand but little attention the district officers call the farmers together and employ these young agriculturists from the halls of learning to enforce the object lessons with their less fortunate brethren by means of scientific instruction. It is said that the farmers usually avail themselves of these opportunities.—*Merton C Leonard, Instructor in Higher Normal School of Tokyo.*

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Oklahoma Department.

Medical Missionary Work.

WE are fast drawing near the end of this world's history. The need of medical missionaries and the proper facilities to do efficient work for the relief of suffering humanity, is a subject of much importance.

The Lord's means and methods of operation have been so thoroughly tested that we need no further encouragement to prompt us to action. All heaven is interested in this line of work; and surely we have much reason to be; and we would do well to leave no means unemployed in which to make this branch of the message a success-

Oklahoma is an enterprising and populous country, representing nearly all the nationalities and countries. Thus presenting a broad field for missionary effort. Our hearts are daily filled with sadness as we witness the moral and physical condition of the people.

C. B. RUNNELS.

An Appeal to Our Churches.

Dear Brethren in Oklahoma:

YOU remember that not long ago, the Conference sent you a sample of the "Monitor of Health," and also, a letter explaining to you what was wanted. I hope you have all understood the letter. I know some have, because they responded and ordered the books; but the majority have not sent in their orders yet. Of course we did not want to be hard on you and push this work very much, as some of you are not through yet with the "Parables."

Now, I notice that our brethren are willing to take hold of this work, even our Germans who cannot read English. They want the tents and so they will take the books and sell them, or give them away. We want to get the tents before our next campmeeting. While you may not sell these books before the campmeeting, you could order them, or let us know whether you will do your part in this good work or not. We will take your word for it. I know I can do this with my German brethren. If they tell me to go ahead and order the tents and they will take their share of these books and pay for them, I feel safe in doing it, because I believe they will do what they promise, and I am expecting the same thing from the American brethren.

Although my work in the past has been more among the Germans and I am more acquainted with them, being a German myself, yet I do hope and pray that my English brethren will not be behind in this respect. I have no reason to believe that you are behind and that I cannot take your word. I want to get more acquainted with you and I hope to find you just as honest and true or more so than the German people.

I hope you will all let us know what we shall do. Shall we order those tents so that we will have them for our next campmeeting. Will you take your share of the Monitor of Health, and pay one dollar a copy for it? Remember we have one thousand copies. Every member ought to take one copy. Please let us hear from you at once. If you know of any who do not read the paper tell them about this good work. Be not weary in well doing.

G. F. H.

Canvassers' Report.

E. E. Barnard, Orlando; Bible Readings; 31 hours; exhibits, 37; orders, 9; value, \$24 25; helps, \$4 70.

Mattie Praley, Renfrow; Great Controversy; 35 hours; exhibits, 36; orders, 7; value, \$19; helps, \$1 50.

Lulu Praley, Renfrow; Great Controversy; hours, 35; exhibits, 12; orders, 4; value, \$9; helps, .75.

James Butka, Orlando; Bible Readings; hours, 21; exhibits, 37; orders 22; value, \$53 75; helps, \$4 50.

Julius Schmidt, Ardmore; Herald of the Morning; hours, 128; orders, 26; value, \$35; helps, \$16 20.

John Copple, Orlando; Bible Readings; hours, 51; exhibits, 47; orders, 17; value, \$36 25; deliveries, 1; helps, \$4 45.

Emma Truman, Jet; Marvel of Nations; hours, 10; exhibits, 17; orders, 5; value, \$6 50; helps, \$4.

W. L. Manful, Addington; Home Hand Book; hours, 91; exhibits, 116; orders, 32; value, \$148; deliveries, 1; helps, 5.

J. J. Jobe, Hartshorn; Miscellaneous; hours, 75; exhibits, 98; value, \$31; value, \$67 85; helps, \$6 25.

Mrs. Dola Jobe, Hartshorn; Coming King; hours, 10; value, \$16 50.

May James, Chandler; Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 63; exhibits, 104; orders, 56; value, \$62 95; helps, \$1 90.

Mrs. M. M. Kentch, Carrville; Herald of the Morning; hours, 11; exhibits, 14; orders, 4; value, \$5; helps, .25.

Myrtle Hickman, Cooper; Ladies' Guide; hours, 12; exhibits, 15; orders, 4; value, \$12 50; helps, \$1.

Mrs. T. J. Hickman, Cooper; Ladies' Guide; hours, 27; exhibits, 28; orders, 14; value, \$47 25; helps, .50.

John Harzman, Renfrow; Great Controversy; hours, 42; exhibits, 76; orders, 14; value, \$37; helps, \$1 70.

Mary Harzman, Renfrow; Great Controversy; hours, 29; exhibits, 35; orders, 4; value, \$9 50; helps, \$2.

May McPhee, Carrville; Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 50; exhibits, 71; value, \$2 05; helps, \$1 25.

Thomas Baker, Carrville; Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 45; exhibits, 57; orders, 12; value, \$27; helps, \$2 35.

Mrs. Thomas Baker, Carrville; Ladies' Guide; hours, 60; exhibits, 63; orders, 23; value, \$73 50; helps, \$3.

Totals, hours, 826; exhibits, 763; orders, 253; value, \$659 50; deliveries, 2; value, \$84 35; helps, \$61 30. Agents, 19.

IT is truly refreshing to receive the good reports and letters from the canvassers.

Miss Ruth Rupert is filling the stenographer's place in the office during Mr. Eagle's absence.

WHAT do you think of THE RECORD? Do you appreciate it enough to help make it interesting by contributing to its columns?

READ what Elder Haffner says in this issue in regard to "The Monitor." Will we let our German brethren get ahead of us in selling an English book?

BROTHER Sage went back to Topeka last week, to look after business in the office, and to make arrangements about moving his family to Oklahoma City.

ELDER Haffner has been visiting the Cooper and Shattuck churches. He sends in some subscriptions for THE RECORD and says he thinks all the German people will take it.

BRO. H. Bonde went to Paul's Valley May 30 to join Elder Sommerville in a tent meeting; but owing to the high water they could not hold meetings. Sister Bonde went several days later.

THE "Help Band" has again taken up the work in Oklahoma. Among other things they are all getting to work, putting out tracts on the package plan. They meet on Tuesday afternoon.

IF you are not sure that your time is out on the "The Gleaner," it might be a good plan to renew and thus be on the safe side. You cannot afford to miss a single number, and, of course, we have to pay for the full time you receive the paper, so we cannot afford to let your time run over.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD.

SPECIAL RATES.

Of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

SPECIAL TOURISTS RATES—to Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo, and Trinidad, Colorado. Rate one fare plus two dollars for the round trip. Selling dates daily during the months of June, July, August, and September. Final limit, leave destination on or before October 31, 1902.

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Arkansas Department.**The Time Draweth Nigh.**

BRO. R. A. East, in the canvassing work, writes that the Lord has blessed them in showing one soul the truth, who kept two Sabbaths and desires to press on. He also gave out some tracts to the Salvation Army one evening, which resulted in one soul keeping the Sabbath. Shall we not profit by his example and strive to sow the seed by all waters? For the Lord tells us "That His word shall not return unto Him void." Just now, as events on every hand indicate that we are living in the day of the Lord's preparation, for instance, the recent volcanoes, cloud bursts, tidal waves, etc., "causes men's hearts to fail them for fear of what is coming on the earth." "And when you see all these things come to pass, look up for your redemption draweth nigh." Can we in the face of these warnings and admonitions let any time go to waste? "Sow the seed beside all waters." "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season thou shalt reap if thou faint not." Note, the scripture does not say: Be not weary in half doing, if we have become weary, it must be because we are half doing. God grant that the colporteurs may awake to their privileged responsibilities and claim this promise in its fullness.

ELDER A. E. Field left two weeks ago, for Marshall, holding meetings at several places on his way. He found a good interest at Harrison, and the people were anxious to have him stay. He preached to a good congregation Sunday night at Pruitt on the Signs of the Times. They wanted him to remain and hold a series of meetings, but previous engagements were awaiting him. He rode fifty miles in a wagon through a nice country, with good crops, except wheat. There were some rough roads, hills, rocks, etc. He reached Marshall on Wednesday night and will report later concerning the work there.

From Jenny Lind.

SINCE the Union Conference I have visited the Cline, Hot Springs, and Ava churches. The Committee thought it best that I should visit the church at Jenny Lind and hold a tent meeting there in June. It is a mining town and vice and immorality abound, but there seem to be

a few that want to hear the truth. I am now at Jenny Lind awaiting the tent. At Hot Springs I learned that the Baptists were intending to have Hall from Little Rock to come there on the fourth Sunday in May and set aside the Seventh-day Sabbath and establish the Sunday, and I thought it best to be there myself at that time. In the meantime I visited Ava church and had an excellent meeting and two went forward for baptism. The outside interest is better there than I have seen for years. They are asking for a meeting to be held there as soon as crops are laid by, and I think that good could be accomplished by it. I returned to hear Hall, but he failed to come.

Two other Baptist preachers were there and occupied the day trying to establish Sunday, then, in closing, said they had no scriptural authority to keep Sunday for the Sabbath, but had a right to worship on that day in memory of Christ's resurrection, and they said they would speak more on the subject, and left to be seen no more. I reviewed them the night following before a large congregation, and the truth was vindicated. I am of good courage in the work. Pray for the work in Arkansas.

E. B. HOPKINS.

ELDER M. H. Gregory has recently organized a church of seven members at Apton, I. T. Others were interested but could not give up their tobacco. They were anxious to have a church formed so they could pay their tithes and do missionary work. They have sent for papers for that purpose. They are anxious to grow, and surely they have started in with the right spirit. A true missionary spirit develops the church as well as the individual. "Faith without works is dead."

The Arkansas Campmeeting.

WHILE your attention has been called to our State campmeeting which is to be held in Little Rock, July 10-20, we feel impressed to keep the thought before you all; trusting that you are all planning to attend this annual gathering, which increases in importance as we see the day approaching. We are living in the last days and need every means of grace to fit us for the work and to help us to keep pace with the message. The campmeeting is the place where we can spend the time in studying how best to carry on the work to which we have been called.

In order to get the good we may from it we should make it a special time of seeking the Lord for help to so live that He can trust us with His Holy Spirit that we may have a closer walk with God.

All who want tents, please do not forget to send your orders to the Tract Society before the time to ship the tents.

Just Why.

JUST why the loving Master confines some of his choicest and best in rooms of suffering, and cripples others of them in body or in purse, we cannot always tell. One thing is very clear; that is, that He does not mean to cripple their usefulness. To speak for Christ or to work for Christ is often easy and pleasant; but to bear for Christ, either pain or poverty or confinement with courageous patience, is more eloquent than many a pulpit discourse. No portion of Paul's wonderful career was productive of more solid results than the years of his imprisonment at Rome. He styled himself an "ambassador in chains," and he preached the kingdom of God to those about him until there were many converts in "Cæsar's household." He wrote seven of his thirteen undisputed epistles while he was the prison chaplain under the eyes of Nero's jailers. One of these was the letter to Philippi, which is the epistle of gratitude for divine mercies and of exultant joy under sharp affliction. If the cages of birds are sometimes covered up in order to make them sing, the old hero was caged to furnish to the world one of its melodious epics of sublime faith in Jesus. Satan afterwards clapped John Bunyan into prison; and lo! out of the windows of the Bedford jail floated the allegory of the "Pilgrim's Progress." — Cuyler.

MEN carry unconscious signs of their life about them. Those that come from the forge, and those from the lime and mortar and those from the humid soil, and those from dusty travel, bear signs of being workmen of their work. One need not ask a merry face or a sad one whether it hath come forth from joy or from grief. Tears and laughter tell their own story. Should one come home with fruit, we say: "Thou art come from the orchard;" if with hands full of wild flowers: "Thou art from the fields;" if one's garments smell of mingled odors, we say: "Thou hast walked in a garden." But how much more, if one hath seen God, hath held converse of hope and love, and hath walked in heaven, should he carry in his eye, his words, and his perfumed raiment the sacred tokens of divine intercourse! — Henry Ward Beecher.

THE MILLENIUM.

BY ELDER G. G. RUPERT.

[Continued from last issue.]

Of all the triumphal processions ever formed in the world's history, representing the great achievements of great men, this will be the greatest of all. The saints of all climes, of all ages, and all circumstances will there join in the ascension to the Heavenly City. Their leader will be the King of Glory; the Melchizedec; the King of Salem; the Priest of the Most-High God; Chief among ten thousand and altogether lovely. Thus we have the commencement of the Millennium! Let the reader bear in mind that this time every righteous person that has ever lived in this world, will be taken from the earth.

We will next consider for a moment the wicked: Referring to Revelation 20, we read: "The rest of the dead lived not again till the thousand years were finished." We will, therefore, consider the wicked who are alive upon the earth when the Lord comes. "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." 2 Thess. 1: 7-9. The coming of Christ is a time of anguish and distress to the wicked. "And I beheld, when he opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said unto the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6: 12-17. We wish the reader to note these scriptures carefully that he may be acquainted with the events as they are to occur in

their proper order. Truth is connected and told in plain, simple language, but the workmen must understand the word of God so that he may rightly divide it and bring together the evidence from the various writers upon the subject, thus making the whole history plain to all.

"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it up side down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof." Isa 24:1. And again we read a description of the coming of the Lord by the prophet Jeremiah. "Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard and hear the sound of the trumpet? For my people are foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and lo they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and lo there was no man, and all the birds of the heaven were fled. I beheld, and lo the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord and by His fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, the whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets and climb up upon the rocks; every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein. Jer. 4: 20-29.

The prophet plainly says that there will not be left a man on the earth, and that all the cities will be broken down by the presence of the Lord and by His fierce anger. Yet he says He will not make a full end. This is not all. Satan is to be bound in chains and cast into the bottomless pit and shut up for a thousand years. The earth is said by the prophet to be again without form and void as it was in the beginning. Gen. 1: 2. Now the word rendered "bottomless pit" in Revelation 20 is the same word translated in Jeremiah 4 "without form and void." During this chaotic condition of the earth the sun and moon cease to shine, as we read, "the

heavens gather blackness," Jude says that is just such a place as the devil and his angels will be kept in during the one thousand years. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 6.

Satan is the antitype of the scapegoat of Leviticus 16. And thence it is said that when the sins of the people were removed from the sanctuary onto the head of the scapegoat, the goat was taken away into the wilderness, a place not inhabited, and there let go. So now, when Christ closes His work in the heavenly sanctuary above, the sins of all the righteous will be placed on Satan, who is the cause of all sin, for him to bear in the darkness during the millennial age. He, and the angels who fell with him, will now have abundant opportunity to reflect upon their past, their rebellion against Christ, their departure from the presence of God, and the awful work in which they have been engaged during the past six thousand years. And not only this, but to consider that when this period closes the sentence passed upon them to be cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone, will be executed.

Now, returning to Revelation 20, we read, "And when thousand years were expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." Rev. 20: 7, 8. But who are the nations which Satan will deceive? The wicked nations, of course, Gog and Magog. These names represent the wicked of all the earth since the days of Adam. The names here mentioned are those of the grand sons of Noah who settled in the country now called Russia, which is to lead the heathen bands against Christendom and to take part in the battle of Armageddon at the commencement of the one thousand years. So they are here again mentioned as existing at the close of that period. They were successful against apostate Christendom in the time of trouble, and no doubt they awake at the second resurrection with the same thought in their minds. It is said that Satan goes out to deceive the nations in the four quarters of the earth. On what point will the deception be practiced? Surely not concerning Christ as the Saviour?

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