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Important Notice To Our People.

AS we have had so much difficulty in getting a camp ground this year, though a good one after it has been found, we have been delayed thereby in making announcements with reference to it, and it is now but a short time till the meeting. In view of this it is desired to get this week's paper containing the campmeeting announcement into the hands of every family of our people possible, which we are trying to do, but there are doubtless some whose addresses we do not have. Will all church elders and leaders of meetings read the announcement referred to in their churches or meeting next Sabbath, and they and all the other people do all they can to assist us in giving this information quickly to all our people. And I would specially request that all church clerks send at once the name of one member of each family to the Union Conference Record at Keene so that this paper and other matter can be sent them if they are not getting the paper. Please do this promptly that no further time be lost.

Further notice from the railroads informs us that the one and one tenth fare to our meeting applies only to points one hundred miles and over away. For distances under one hundred miles it is a fare and one third as usual. Tickets are simply round trip tickets this year however, without having to take receipts and having them signed on the grounds as heretofore.

We are in correspondence with other good help for our meeting in addition to that mentioned in another article, and there has been some hope that Elder George I. Buttler would be at our meeting. More with reference to this later.

We are glad to announce that a church school Teachers' Institute will be conducted on the grounds for

ten days or two weeks following the campmeeting, with competent help to carry it forward. Doubtless a force of workers will remain to carry on meetings for the interested public after the close of the regular campmeeting, which with the Institute workers and pupils will constitute a good sized meeting themselves. A Bible instructor will be provided for the Institute. More on this point later.

W. A. M.

Important.

ONE sister in Keene has sold by correspondence, ten "Object Lessons," since the church here decided to take their share to pay the school debt. Now what could be done if all would manifest such earnestness in the work? There are enough Seventh day Adventists in the world to-day to set it on fire, so to speak, with the truth, if we had the faith in the work that we should have.

We are just in receipt of a letter asking us for the interest on our indebtedness. I want to say that this interest could have been saved to the cause and many thousands of dollars besides if we would have only worked unitedly to clear our debts from us. God has told us how it can be done, but we are slow to do what He has told us to do. These thousands of dollars that are annually paid out, would buy tracts and papers, and send the living preacher to the ends of the earth. It is a shame when we see what could be done that we are so slow. I want to add if this were a personal matter it would not be so.

Where are the individuals who owe five dollars for their own personal interest, if a friend were to give them the chance the Lord has given us to pay His debts, that we would not embrace the opportunity at once. I hope every one who draws money from the Lord's treasury as a laborer will get the burden on him as he should, till this matter is cleared up. I feel with all my heart that the Lord is waiting to do a great work

for the world as soon as this is cleared from us, so He can work. In fact I know now of a large sum of money awaiting our disposal as soon as these books are sold, that cannot be had till it is done. These debts hanging over us are as a stream that is dammed so the water cannot flow. A world is to be warned in a short time, and we have no time to delay. I know this is an old song, but I presume the antedeluvians said the same to Noah. It was one hundred and twenty years old when the flood came, but that did not make it a lie. The nearness of the event will be sung till the last day, and with all the more earnestness till the close of probation, so don't let that deceive you; it will come suddenly when you are not looking for it. Let us get ready for the Jubilee just before us. If any have the five dollars to spare send it in. Don't wait till the books are sold but order at once. Take plenty of orders now, so you will be sure to deliver your quota when the crops are gathered. There can be no reasonable excuse for delay in doing something now. Don't try to excuse ourselves; it is a solemn duty we owe to God to carry this truth to the world. In so doing we show our gratitude to God for the light He has given us.

G. G. R.

The Texas Conference.

THE twenty-fifth annual session of the Texas Conference will be held in connection with the camp meeting at Handley, Texas, July 24 to Aug. 3. The Conference will convene Friday, July 25, at 9 A. M. Let it be remembered by all that according to changes made in our constitution at the last session of the conference, all members in good and regular standing are now delegates to the Conference. It is hoped that our isolated brethren and sisters will attend, and that all our churches will be represented, as matters of much importance will come up for consideration.

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Texas Tract Society, Dallas Texas.

All papers will be discontinued when the time expires, unless promptly renewed.

Money or letters should not be sent to individuals. All business communications should be addressed, and all remittances and money orders made payable to the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD, KEENE, TEXAS.

An Explanation.

SOME will wonder why there is no German matter in this week's issue. The reason is that we haven't a sufficient quantity of type to meet the demands for it in our office. We bought as much of it as our means would permit—twenty-five pounds—and this week we have used it in the German department of the Academy calendar. We hope by next week to have it free again to be used in the paper as it was intended. We have ordered more of it and we hope that when it comes we will have sufficient for all purposes. The Lord sent us some means last week, and we hope more will be sent as we may need it to fit our printing office up in such manner so as to be able to do the work as it comes to us.

ELDER Rupert spent the last Sabbath and Sunday in June with the Dallas church. The attendance was quite good; the Lord gave freedom in the ministry of the word. Three applied for membership in the church. This is one of the old churches in Texas, and some members there have seen the rise and progress of the cause in this commonwealth. Their hope is bright in the final victory of the truth. The Elder enjoyed his visit very much. He hopes to be able to visit many of the churches in this Union Conference the coming year.

THE RECORD should have a circulation of two thousand by September 1st. Who will take hold and help us get it into the family of every Seventh-day Adventist in the conference, and as many more as possible by that time?

PROF. Alvin Covert, Principal of Keene Academy, will probably attend the campmeetings in all the conferences in the interest of the Academy.

THE Keene pure food factory is putting in an elevator from the ground floor to the fourth story of its building. It was an improvement much needed.

BROTHER McCully informs us that there have been more orders taken for subscription books in Texas, during the month of June, than at any other time during that month for three years past. This is good for Texas. Let the good work go on!

THE prospects are now that people of Keene will patronize the Academy model church school. If this is done the School Board will find that they will have plenty to do in looking after its affairs. If there should be a large attendance from abroad it will, no doubt, tax the teachers to attend to all.

WE are in receipt of a letter from a subscriber asking that a copy of the RECORD be sent to her friend in Washington so that she might read the articles on the "Millennium" now being published in this paper. She, also, asks for back numbers. Other doctrinal articles will appear from time to time so that this paper may be used for missionary purposes.

Oklahoma Department.

NOTICE.

I have sent out the blanks to the church officers for the closing quarter, and I make a special request that all do their very best to make out the reports and send them in just as soon as they hold their quarterly meeting.

This is the last quarter of the conference year and as we will give a report at campmeeting, we wish to have it complete.

E. JOSEPHINE RUPERT,
CONFERENCE SECRETARY.

A LADY in Oklahoma city came to the office last week and wanted to buy some tracts to send to her friends. She heard two sermons in New York state and received some tracts twenty years ago and had not heard any since, but she never forgot them.

PLEASE read Brother Shultz' articles in the Record on getting in debt. We wish all our people would see this point and work to that end to keep out of debt.

News Notes.

BROTHER Eugene Couch called at the office last week.

ELDER G. F. Haffner spent a short time at the office this week.

THE West Cooper church ordered forty-four Monitors recently.

IN planning what to do with your money after harvest don't forget your tract society account.

THE Sabbath School Quarterlies came in rather late, but we trust the Schools were not inconvenienced in any way.

BROTHER S. P. Reed, our blind brother, ordered two hundred of the July number of Good Health to sell in this city.

ELDER McRynolds called at the office Monday. He was on his way from his home to Topeka, Kansas. He is looking well.

SISTER Minnie Syp, who has been holding meetings at Putnam, O. T. reports that seven have commenced keeping the Sabbath.

IF you want to know anything about our books or about our work in any way write us. We are here to give you any information we can.

THE Oklahoma City church has elected a school board for the coming year and is planning for a good school. Has your church done the same?

BROTHER T. J. Eagle has returned from Topeka and will make Oklahoma his home. His wife, who is now visiting in Kansas will come down soon.

THE letters are coming in fast lately. That is right. Send in your orders and we will fill them promptly even if we have to increase the office help.

WE urgently request all those who owe the Tract Society to pay just as much as they possibly can, if it is only a small amount, so that we can meet our bills.

NEW Sabbath schools are springing up all over the country. The demand for quarterlies is so great that, although we increase our standing order each quarter, we always run short.

BROTHER Etchison writes that a man at Dover, O. T., has offered the use of his grove and ten dollars to help on expenses if we will have the campmeeting there.

MISSSES Laurretta and Lucile Rupert report an attendance at the Summer school at the Berrien Springs of about three hundred. They say the school is splendid and they are enjoying it very much.

Texas Department.

Field Reports.

IN our last report from Athens we spoke of a growing interest, but soon after our report there was a big theatrical show conducted, in town, each night for a week. This reduced our congregation some. And the very day it closed the Baptist began a two weeks meeting not far from our tent and we were compelled to close for want of attendance. But as we had been holding meetings at the West Side Mission, for some time, and there seemed to be some interest there, we have moved to this part of town, and are conducting a very interesting meeting here. The attendance is very good, and there is a real interest to hear. Can't tell what may result, but the one in whom we trust is giving power, and freedom of speech and we have hopes of some fruit for the Master. Ten stood up Sunday night and gave witness to what we had taught up to that date.

The ministers of the town are doing their work by still hunting; but thank the Lord there are some here who believe in liberty of conscience, and will not be swayed by a religious boss.

We are working on, trusting that the good Lord will over-rule all for good.

W. M. CUBLEY.
NATHAN WILLESS.

Cooper.

WE have been at our field over a week and were made glad today by the arrival of the RECORD. I canvassed Thursday and Friday, Bertie staying in to finish resting. The Lord blessed me with some rich experiences.

We are needing rain quite badly. One order was taken on the condition of a good corn crop. I am sure the Lord does not want any one lost for a lack of rain. Pray for us.

ARTIE TAYLOR.
BERTA TAYLOR.

Midy.

I HAVE been visiting the scattered brethren in Brown County the last two weeks. Have held twelve public services. Have had the pleasure of awakening and arousing the brethren and sisters somewhat. There were seventeen Seventh-day Adventists and five Seventh-day Baptists present at our services last Sabbath. I will begin a meeting at this place the 20th

and expect to continue until July 5. I am stopping with a family that have but recently begun keeping the Sabbath and I have hope that the two grown sons will give their hearts to God. On the 4th of July we expect to have some fifteen or twenty Seventh-day Adventists with us here and we will organize a church.

N. J. ETHERIDGE.

Canvassers' Report.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 14.

J. A. Young, Bonham; Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 48; exhibits, 57; orders, 14; value, \$37.50; helps, \$7.25;

J. T. Harper, Bonham; Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 48; exhibits, 50; orders, 27; value, \$72.00; helps, \$6.25.

Mrs. L. Harrol, Paris; Coming King; hours, 25; exhibits, 46; orders, 6; value, \$7.00; help, \$4.00; delivered, 2; value, \$2.00.

T. A. Smith, Temple; Daniel and Revelation; hours, 35; exhibits, 39; orders, 1; value, \$2.25; help, \$1.50.

May Smith, Daniel and Revelation; hours, 26; exhibits, 31; orders, 6; value, \$13.50; helps, \$1.50.

Lydia Springsted, Temple; Daniel and Revelation; hours, 36; exhibits, 134; orders, 3; value, \$7.25.

E. F. Seat, Alto; Great Controversy; hours, 10; exhibits, 9; orders, 3; value, \$6.75; help, \$5.00.

H. E. Spiva, Gainesville; Daniel and Revelation; exhibits 55; orders, 19; value, \$50.50.

Karie Tillman, Mount Vernon; Desire of Ages; hours, 47; exhibits, 67; orders, 21; value, \$83.25; helps, \$2.75.

W. A. Chatfield, Alvin; Daniel and Revelation; hours, 28; exhibits, 27; orders, 4; value, 9; helps, .25.

Maria Johnson; Longview; Heralds of the Morning; hours, 30; exhibits, 43; orders, 10; value, \$11.75; helps, \$7.75; deliveries, 8; value, \$10.50.

G. W. Currie, Jewett; Bible Reading; hours, 18; exhibits, 26; orders, 18; value, \$45.50;

W. F. Mayers, Laredo; Coming King; hours, 22; exhibits, 16; orders, 6; value, \$6; helps, \$2.00;

H. C. Long, Cameron; Bible Reading; hours, 40; exhibit, 98; orders, 39; value, \$90.25; helps, \$1.25.

Lula Darnell, Corsicana; Marvel of Nations; hours, 17; exhibits, 49; orders 3; value, \$3.75; helps, \$1.50;

H. J. White, Rosebud; Coming King; hours, 28; exhibits, 27; orders, 9; value, \$13.50; helps, \$5.00.

J. A. Reiber, Paris; Home Hand Book; hours, 39; exhibits, 71; orders, 15; value, \$71.50.

Fred Green, Paris; Home Hand Book; hour, 35; exhibits, 75; orders, 10; value, \$46.

E. Willhelm, Franklin; Daniel and Revelation; hours, 49; exhibits 71; orders, 22; value, \$54.00; helps, \$4.00.

Total, hours, 581; exhibits, 991; orders, 236; value \$631.25; helps \$38.50; deliveries, 10; value, \$12.50; agents, 19.

The Outlook For the Canvassing Work.

THIS seasons, drouth following the general drouth of last year has made it in some localities very trying on the canvassers. But in the face of these difficulties most all have remained loyal to the work and the Lord has manifested his appreciation of their faithfulness by showering his blessings upon them. But now copious rains have fallen over a large part of the state assuring the cotton crop and brightening prospects generally. We are under renewed obligations to the giver of these blessings to push the work with greater earnestness, zeal, and perseverance.

In sections where the drouth was the most severe the corn crop has been practically ruined but now farmers will plant June corn and forage crops and with the assurance of a cotton crop the faithful canvasser looking to the Lord for success in his work can find customers for his books. On the other hand there are counties where crops of all kinds are fine and not a worker in them. And for that matter some of these same counties have never worked for any of our books.

So just now is a favorable time to enter the canvassing work. I know many of our people are planning to enter the work some time, but why put it off? Now is the time to be gaining an experience that will fit us for further usefulness in the Lord's vineyard. I would be pleased to correspond with any who may be thinking of taking up the book work. My address is Keene, Texas. Or better still let all such come to the campmeeting to be held at Handley and after attending meeting go directly from there to their field of labor. Come along, brethren and sisters, I will be pleased to meet you and do all I can to help you get started in the work.

A. S. MCCULLY.

REMEMBER the campmeeting for Arkansas. It begins July 10. The Texas campmeeting begins July 24. These are the great spiritual feasts that come annually and we should avail ourselves of the opportunity of attending them.

Christian Education.

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

Jesus, The Divine Teacher.

THE divinity of Christ was in no way more clearly manifested to men than in the character of his teaching. Then, as now and always, there were problems before the world and before the Jewish nation apparently demanding a solution. But national affairs and even world affairs were to Jesus but local and transitory. He never for one moment so forgot his divine mission as to offer any solution of the political and social problems which perplex men, nor even made the slightest allusion to them. He never forgot that his kingdom was not of this world; he never in any instance allowed the proximity of institutions or events to cloud his mind as to their importance, to dim his clear insight into the principles which govern and those which should govern human action.

The relation between the sexes was then as it has ever been one which most nearly affected the happiness of men and the welfare of society; but Jesus referred all questions concerning marriage to the divine principle enunciated "in the beginning," and his only suggestion for the cure of the social evil was to say to the individual sinner, "Go and sin no more."

Human slavery was an established institution in the Roman Empire, which was the world. It existed in its most cruel and horrifying form. The victims of this merciless exhibition of human greed were not only those who had been reared in slavery, and who consequently were accustomed to their position and able to bear with some degree of resignation its indignities and hardships; but the fortunes of war made captives of thousands and even millions of both sexes, and of all ranks and all ages, and subjected them to all the heart rending vicissitudes of a life of slavery. Yet Jesus did not denounce the institution, only as his message of peace and love was a denunciation; he did not plan for destroying the institution, except as the progress of the gospel in the world would tend to destroy it; he did not plan to alleviate the sufferings and distress of the unhappy slaves, only as the gospel would bring to them alleviation and comfort and hope. He

was not a citizen of this world and his deep sympathy for the woes of men never betrayed him into meddling with the affairs of this world.

And as he would not meddle with this world's affairs neither would he employ the methods of this world. The power of organization is one of the most potent forces of this world for accomplishing good as well as bad ends. It has always been so recognized, and the marvellous achievements of organization at the present day are due to men being more free to organize than in former times. Yet Jesus discredits it altogether as a factor in extending his kingdom. He refers everything to individual action and motive. The kingdom he came to establish is a spiritual principle, born of Heaven, which governs not organizations but individuals, and as organizations cannot originate, neither can they promote its growth. Indeed it has been the experience of the people of God that every reform has made its greatest progress, its most profound spiritual impression upon the world, in its beginning when organization was absent or incomplete. Later in every case came organization and crystallization and loss of spirituality.

In every respect the teaching of Jesus stands out in the clearest contrast to that of human teachers. Pride of self, so called "honor," is a much esteemed quality among men. To resent an injury or an insult, to be "sudden and quick in quarrel," is universally considered manly and noble, and to be called "meek" or "tame spirited" is considered an insult and equivalent to a denial of manhood. But Jesus, the divine teacher, seeing the hidden springs of action, said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their's is the kingdom of heaven."

Again, the world and the world-loving church laud "Patriotism" as one of the very highest virtues of men; and ferocity, cruelty, sensuality, and drunkenness are overlooked and even condoned in the man who "loves his country" enough to fight and kill other men at its bidding. But Jesus never said one word of the virtue of patriotism. He was the Brother of mankind, and to those who receive his teaching all men are brethren. In Matt. 5:43,44 as well as in the parable of the Good Samaritan and elsewhere Jesus teaches most clearly that national boundaries and distinctions should be disregarded. A better ren-

dering would make this point more clear. "Enemy" does not always refer to one's personal enemies, but to foreigners, nor "neighbor" to those who dwell next door, but to fellow-countrymen. There was no command in the law of Moses that one should hate his personal enemies, but the Jews were commanded to destroy the wicked nations of Canaan, and from this came to regard all foreigners as enemies. Jesus in the parable describes the conduct of the priest and the Levite, who were fellow countrymen of the wounded man, and the kindness of the Samaritan, who was considered a foreigner and an enemy, and draws the lesson of the occurrence in the question, Which now of these three acted the part of a fellow countryman to him that fell among thieves? In the teaching of Jesus so-called patriotism had no place.

So in every way Jesus showed himself superior to all the wisdom of this world and to merit in a higher degree than Nicodemus conceived, the title of "A Teacher Come from God."

G. W. D.

The Teachers' Institute.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to hold a Teacher's Institute at the close of the Texas Camp-meeting, to continue for ten days or two weeks. Near its close an examination for teachers will take place, and certificates will be issued to those capable of teaching a church school. Let it be remembered that genuine conversion and an earnest love for the work are the first qualifications.

This Institute is not called simply for teachers. No great degree of success can be attained in our schools till both teachers and patrons understand the principles of Christian education so that they can co-operate with each other. Then let some from each church stay and study together. Especially would we invite the members of church school boards to be present. Let those also be present who anticipate preparing to become teachers.

We hope all our friends, teachers and others, who have questions on any phase of the educational work will bring them for the institute question box. A list of subjects has been sent to teachers. We hope that others will not feel debarred from writing on these subjects. We expect to have free discussion of each subject after the paper on it has been presented.

Mrs. FLORA H. WILLIAMS.

Are You Taking the Advocate?

I FEEL very anxious about the *Advocate*. As the reports come in from the different Sabbath schools I find very few supplied with the *Advocate*. I do not know of any better help in the Sabbath school than this journal, which comes each month filled with good fresh matter setting forth the principles of Christian Education, and giving special instruction in regard to Sabbath school work. The great need of the hour is trained teachers.

Officers and teachers, do you fully realize the sacredness and responsibility of the office you hold? It means to be Christ-like—that Christ is the abiding principle in your heart. We have been drifting along in a haphazard way long enough.

“Not all who teach in our schools qualify themselves for the work. Let every teacher feel that he must know more; he must be better acquainted with those with whom he has to deal, better acquainted with the best methods of imparting knowledge; and when he has done the best he can, he has come far too short.”—*Testimonies*.

The *Advocate* is the educational organ of the denomination. Our Sabbath schools cannot afford to miss the instruction given in it. Do I ask too much if I ask every officer to supply his school with this journal?

The following is the plan suggested by our committee. Order a sufficient number to supply the officers of the school, and pay for it out of the Sabbath school donations. The Secretary should collect each quarter from those who have had the use of the journal that quarter, and turn the amount thus collected into the treasury. By this plan the club can be ordered for a year, and the officers and teachers pay for the copies they receive. Now we must be careful to not make the mistake of paying for the club out of the treasury, and then never paying back the amount at all. Unless we guard that matter very carefully it will materially decrease the amount we have for missions. Superintendent, Secretary, your cooperation is needed in this work. The Lord has placed each one of us where he wants us; but we must work together for the one object—the salvation of souls.

EMMA HAFFNER.

A very interesting and encouraging letter has been received from Prof. E. A. Sutherland concerning the work of this department.

The Texas Campmeeting.

Will be held this year at Handley, July 24 to August 3. Handley is six miles east of Fort Worth on the Texas & Pacific and the Dallas & Fort Worth Electric Line railroads. We tried hard to locate the meeting further south in the State this year, but no place within the distance south it was thought it should go could be found where suitable grounds and accommodations could be had. Waco, Corsicana, Hillsboro, and Temple were considered and visited, and Waco twice, so anxious were we for it to be held at this place, but suitable grounds could no where be found in or about the city. The hot weather of this State that prevails at the time of our campmeetings make it very essential that we have shade, plenty of good pure water and roomy grounds so as not to be too crowded. Our annual campmeeting is getting to be such a large affair it is no longer easy to find grounds that will serve our purpose in the cities of North and Central Texas. But at Handley we have all the essentials combined. We have a twenty-five acre grove on an elevation with open field and prairie on all sides to let in the breeze, and an abundance of pure water from the artesian wells of the power house of the Electric Line road piped to the grounds for our use free of charge. Besides this, the electric company puts in electric lights for the meeting tent, gives us the use of a two-hundred and fifty acre pasture adjoining the grounds with plenty of good stock water and shade in it, hauls our car load of tents and fixtures from Dallas to Handley and return, all lumber, furniture, commissary supplies and whatever needed and as often as needed from Fort Worth, all free of cost. These are some of the reasons, together with the fact of not being able to find a suitable place further South, that decided us to settle on Handley for the campmeeting, and it is hoped and believed that when the brethren know these facts they will feel entirely satisfied that the best thing was done in deciding on Handley. The pasture being given to us free, pasturage will be furnished the brethren free of cost. This is something we have never had before. We also have a cheaper rate to the meeting than usual—a fare and one tenth for the round trip. At least the Texas & Pacific has granted us this rate and has asked other connecting roads of the State to do the same which we have no doubt will be done. Later instructions about rates will be

given. All roads coming into Fort Worth except the Santa Fe and the Houston & Texas Central, run into the union station where change can be made without transfer to the Texas & Pacific for Handley. Those coming from the East, North-East, and South-East through Dallas on Missouri Kansas & Texas, Santa Fe, and Cotton Belt will have to transfer at Dallas to the Texas & Pacific for Handley. The Houston & Texas Central, and Texas & New Orleans came into the same station at Dallas with the Texas & Pacific where change can be made to the Texas & Pacific for Handley without transfer. Let all preserve these directions and govern their route accordingly.

We expect good help at our meeting to look after all departments of the work. Besides the laborers of the Conference we shall have Elder G. G. Rupert, President of the South Western Union Conference, Elders Haffner and Fields, Presidents of Oklahoma and Arkansas Conferences, Elder S. H. Lane of Battle Creek, and probably other general laborers. Let all come expecting to get a blessing and be a blessing, and it will be “even so”. The seeming objection of having the meeting out away from the cities at a small village is overcome by the fact of the Electric Line road giving us almost a city rate (fifteen cents for round trip) and thus practically bringing us within the city, or rather the people to us. The company owns the entire street car system of Fort Worth, making this round trip rate apply from any where in the city, and claim they can handle more people to Handley than if it were in the city. Come praying God’s blessing upon the meeting.

W. A. McCUTCHEN.

Letter from Elder MacLay.

WE left Keene for San Antonio Sunday, June 1, and arrived here Monday evening at 6:30. This is a very cosmopolitan city. There is truly a mixed multitude here, composed of Americans, Mexicans, Italians, Turks, French, Germans, Chinese, and Negroes. To reach all these people with their different racial peculiarities, is one of the problems that confront us. But we are reminded of the words of Jehosaphat to the people on the eve of battle: “The battle is not yours, but the Lord’s.” So we expect to push the work in the name of the mighty God of Israel. When we were talking the matter over in regard to my coming to this city to labor, Elder Rupert asked me if I had any burden for the Mexican work. I told him that I had not. But since coming here and being brought into contact with the people, and seeing their need, I must confess that I am beginning to feel something of a burden for the people of Mexico. Our work here is moving along nicely. We have rented a hall in the central part of the city, and have organized a Sabbath school of eleven members. We hope in the near future to reorganize a church. Brethren, pray for the work here.

W. D. MACLAY.

Arkansas Department.

Children's Meetings.

WE hope to see a nice company of children at Little Rock in attendance at the campmeeting. We trust that parents coming to the meeting will bring all their children with them. We are making special efforts to interest and work for the children, and we think that the meetings will be of great interest and profit to them.

"At all of our campmeetings work should be done for the children and youth. In our work for the children the object should be not to merely educate and entertain them, but to work for their conversion. If we exercise faith in God we shall be enabled to lead them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. This is a work of the greatest consequence to the younger members of the Lord's family. Such meetings for children and youth if rightly conducted, will be attended by many who are not of our faith, and the lessons learned at the meetings will be repeated at home. Through the children the parents may be reached.—*Testimony No. 34.*

When we realize that we have special instruction on this line, should we not sense the responsibility resting upon us as parents, and realize that the attendance of our children at campmeeting is not of secondary importance and whilst there, should we not as mothers take an interest to see that our children attend the meetings, instead of spending their time in visiting and roaming over the grounds. Let us rally to our God-given opportunities. Come to the campmeeting, bring your children, we will be glad to meet them and we know that the Lord has a blessing for us all.

MRS. A. E. FIELD.

Little Rock.

OUR tent meeting in Little Rock, has been in progress nearly five weeks, and while the battle has been a hard one, yet we are beginning to see some fruits, several have decided to obey, but as the number is yet uncertain, we will defer reporting definitely. One very encouraging feature of our work is the fact that our influence is constantly widening. This city is thus being prepared for the coming campmeeting. We have secured a grove with a never failing

spring of soft water in it for our campmeeting. The grove is located at 24th and High streets. The end of the ninth street car line, and in a neighborhood where one of our most interested hearers, has for several years been conducting a Sunday school. It is about ten blocks from the nearest church; So we hope for a good attendance at our meeting. We are planning to close our present effort Sunday night, June 29, and we move at once to the campground, and begin meetings there July 5. We will let this meeting run right on through the campmeeting, by so doing, our brethren who attend the campmeeting will have a splendid opportunity to work for the Lord, while seeking his blessing for themselves. We urge all who can (Our young people especially) to come early and be prepared to remain after the meeting closes, to assist with our public effort. This will afford an excellent opportunity for some of our young people to get a good experience in spreading the truth for this time. Those coming to the meeting over the Choctaw Railroad may take the ninth Street car which will be one block west of the station, and go on this car to the end of the line. The campmeeting is one block south of where the car stops. Those coming on any other railroad may take the nearest car and transfer west on the Ninth Street line at ninth and Main streets. There is plenty of shade on the ground; water for family and stock is convenient; and a large natatorium one block from the grounds, the use of which is promised us, will furnish an excellent place for baptism. To us the grove seems an ideal place for a campmeeting, and we are hoping for and expecting a very profitable occasion. Brethren plan to come, You cannot afford to miss it.

R. W. PARMELEE.

V. B. WATTS.

Jenny Lind.

IT will be two weeks this evening since I began meetings here; Opened up with about one hundred. The audience has been gradually increasing until it has at times reached five hundred but generally from two to three hundred, last evening there were about three hundred and fifty, about one hundred that could not be seated. Some that were prejudiced and would not come at first are now coming regular. At least half of my congregation are people that have not went to meeting for years; three

churches here but they cannot get a hearing. The Methodist made an effort to start a protracted meeting last Sunday, but said they would have to put it off on account of the good interest at the tent. I have an experience here that I never had before. This is a mining town and mostly wicked people. I fully consecrated myself to God and asked him to lead me in the subject to present; and most of my preaching has been on practical religion, and when I did preach on our points of the message, I would close with about ten or fifteen minutes of exhortations, and ask the people to give their hearts to God, and frequently a goodly number would respond. Now I am bringing our strongest points of the message, and they are enjoying them. One family has began to keep the Sabbath and a Second Adventist preacher has said that the last prop, was knocked from him on the Sabbath question, I believe a grand work will be accomplished here, to the Lord be all the praise. Brethren soften the heart and get the people converted before you ask them to keep the Sabbath. I am of good courage in the Lord, pray for the work here.

E. B. HOPKINS.

J. B. UPTON.

The Campmeeting.

THE campmeeting season comes but once a year, and, to some, it is a never-failing source of comfort and benefit. A few pennies saved every day, will furnish a ready fund for campmeeting expenses. It is late now for this plan, but you may use it for another year. Let us use our money for useful purposes instead of spending it for trifles, articles for show and things that tickle the palate. People judge our words and lives by what we do, and if we do not take enough interest in meetings to attend, at least some will be impressed that we not consider it very important. Campmeeting should be the means for spreading the message, and this can be best accomplished when there is a full attendance. God's Spirit must be in the heart and thus be the controlling power in all of our efforts, else they become as sounding brass. Yet God works through natural human means and people look for outward signs that we have something of value to give them. So let us come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. That Christ's life may flow through ours and be a benefit to all whom we meet. Remember, we pay the expenses of the meetings and they are about the same whether few or many attend. So at least come and get your money's worth.

J. C. ANDERSON.

Continued from our Oklahoma Department.

A Trip to the Panhandle.

I HAVE been in the Panhandle, Texas, the last few days. I visited the church at Hereford and found the brethren of good courage in the Lord. Most of them came from other parts of Texas and have been in the truth for years. Some of them were already out in the canvassing work. The country is very thinly settled, which makes it hard for the canvasser to get around; but the people are well fixed financially, and a canvasser might do well after all.

We have ordered a tent and want to start the work in Amarillo. There are several towns which ought to be worked. We have quite a large territory in the Panhandle with not very many people; but they must hear the message, and we are responsible to bring it to them. The church took their quota of Object Lessons and also some of the book, Monitor of Health. They are willing to help push the work in their territory.

G. F. HAFFNER.

Perkins.

THE Lord has been blessing in the work here. The attendance has been excellent from the first, but is beginning to fall off, as we are now entering upon the testing truths of the message. Our childrens' meetings have aided materially in gaining the good will of the people. We believe the Lord has honest hearts here, who will soon be rejoicing in the truth.

The people are very kind and sociable here. We have more invitations to visit the people than we can attend to at present. Our hearts are burdened for the dear people as we realize that many of them will soon make their decisions. Brother and Sister Sorenson conducted the meeting Friday and Sabbath while I visited the little company who have recently accepted the truth at Orlando. Our Sabbath meetings were glorious. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to soften every heart. Pray for us and for the dear people.

F. H. CONWAY.
C. SORENSON.

WE received the following from Sister Cora Olson Morrison, O. T.: "My baby girl, Georgia, aged ten years, has been canvassing for 'The House We Live In' and has taken seven orders in three half day's work in the country. She expects to canvass still more and I trust she will be an agent."

Deutsche Abtheilung.

Seit mehreren Jahren schon machte sich die Notwendigkeit einer deutschen Abtheilung in der Keene Akademie fühlbar, vornehmlich infolge des stetig zunehmenden Bedürfnisses, daß die heranwachsende Jugend unserer lieben deutschen Geschwister eine schriftgemäße Erziehung genießen und dadurch zu Arbeitern für das deutsche Werk herangebildet werden könnte. Bei Anlaß der ersten Sitzung der südwestlichen Unions-Konferenz in Topeka, Kansas, im April d. J. 1902, wurde diesem Bedarf durch einstimmige Annahme nachstehender Beschlüsse definitive Abhilfe geleistet:—

„(1) Daß die gegenwärtig im Weinberge des Herrn in deutscher Sprache thätigen Arbeiter so viel wie möglich alle ihre Zeit und Kräfte dem deutschen Werke zuwenden; (2) daß eine deutsche Abtheilung in der Keene Akademie zur Ausbildung von Arbeitern für das deutsche Feld eröffnet werde; und (3) daß tüchtige junge Leute beiderlei Geschlechtes zum Eintritt in diese Abtheilung ermuntert werden mögen, um auf dem Wege eine Vorbereitung zum Wirken unter allen Schichten des deutschredenden Volkes zu gewinnen.“

In Uebereinstimmung mit diesen Beschlüssen hat sich der Schulvorstand einen tüchtigen deutschen Lehrer von vieljähriger Erfahrung angeworben, und kann somit den folgenden Lehrkursus, mit Zweigen, die den nämlichen Nummern in der englischen Abtheilung entsprechen, für deutsche Schüler bieten:

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No. 16. DEUTSCHE GRAMMATIK.—Die Arbeit in dieser Klasse entspricht den Bedürfnissen solcher, die mit der Grammatik ihrer Muttersprache nicht vertraut sind, sowie derjenigen englischen Schüler die bereits ein Jahr Deutsch studiert haben. Otto's Konversations-grammatik, oder Paul Heyse's deutsche Grammatik wird je nach den Umständen als Leitfaden beim Unterricht dienen.

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No. 2. LEHRSETZE DES WORTES GOTTES.—Die verschiedenen Grundlehren der Heiligen Schrift werden das ganze Schuljahr hindurch studiert, und wird hauptsächlich das umfassende System von Lehrsätzen, welches wir die gegenwärtige Wahrheit zu nennen pflegen, aus dem Worte Gottes entwickelt, doch ausschließlich der rein prophetischen Teile, welche für sich besonders in einem eigens dafür eingeräumten Lehrgang oder Klassenstudium vorgenommen werden, „Uebersicht der Gegenwärtigen Wahrheit“ wird als Leitfaden dienen, und dürften weitere von unserer Gemeinschaft veröffentlichte Werke in Anwendung gebracht werden.

No. 3. DAS PROPHETISCHE WORT.—Die sogenannten „größeren und kleineren Propheten“ sowie die Weissagungen unseres Herrn werden vorerst be-

trachtet, worauf ein eingehenderes Studium von Daniel und der Offenbarung, mit Benützung des Werkes „Gedanken über Daniel und die Offenbarung“ folgen wird. Einzelstudien zur Bearbeitung in der Klasse werden von dem Lehrer entworfen werden.

No. 4. ALLGEMEINE WELTGESCHICHTE.—Eine allgemeine Rundschau auf dem Gebiete der Geschichte der Welt wird als Vorbereitung zu einem einflussvolleren Studium der Geschichte in ihren wichtigeren Einzelheiten unternommen. Webers kürzere Weltgeschichte dient als Leitfaden, doch wird auch der Kirchengeschichte gebührende Aufmerksamkeit zugewandt.

No. 51. LESEN UND RECHTSCHREIBUNG.—In dieser Klasse erhält der Schüler u. a. Anleitung die Heilige Schrift, geistliche Lieder, u. a. m. klar und deutlich vorzulesen, gleichwie Esra und seine Gehülfen (laut Neh. 8:8) lasen im Gesetzbuch Gottes klarlich und verständlich, daß man verstund was gelesen ward. Nebst der Bibel und unserer Zionslieder, werden auch andere dazu dienliche Drucksachen zu dem Zwecke Verwendung finden. Als Richtschnur in der Rechtschreibung wird Duden's Orthographisches Wörterbuch dienen.

No: 52. SCHÖNSCHRIFT.—Der Lehrer wird Vorschriften zur Erlernung einer gediegenen Handschrift stellen.

Es ist die feste Ueberzeugung bewährter Arbeiter im deutschen Werke, daß die im Vorstehenden gebotenen Lehrgegenstände allen wesentlichen Erfordernissen zur Ausbildung von Arbeitern für das deutsche Arbeitsfeld entsprechen werden; sollten sich aber solche vorfinden, welche noch weitere, hier nicht in deutscher Sprache gebotene Gegenstände zu verfolgen beabsichtigen, so wäre es ratsam dieselben unter den englischen Klassen zu suchen.

Zum Schluß, laden wir noch unsere lieben deutschen Geschwister der südwestlichen Unionkonferenz recht herzlich ein, der deutschen Abteilung unserer Schule durch ihre Gebete, persönliche Teilnahme und jedwede weitere löbliche Bemühungen thatkräftig beizuhelfen.

Sendet euere Söhne und Töchter mit euren brünstigen Gebeten zur Schule und laßt nicht nach in eurem Flehen zu Gott für sie; seid dabei auch der Lehrer eingedenk, wenn ihr euch dem Gnadenstuhl naht; denn so ihr das treulich thut, dürfen wir mit allem Gottvertrauen die feste Ueberzeugung hegen, daß im Lauf der Zeit durch die mit Gottes Segen in unserer Schule erlangte Ausbildung viele Arbeiter in die zur Ernte völlig reife Saat hinausgehen werden um köstliche Garben für die himmlischen Scheunen zu sammeln. Das gebe Gott in vollstem Maße. Amen.

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Continued from our Arkansas Department.

Field Reports

ELDER E. B. Hopkins, who is holding tent meetings in Jenny Lind, and Elder H. Clay Griffin, and Brother Bender, who are holding tent meetings at Prairie Grove, are closing up their minor matters, preparatory to attending campmeeting. They are realizing the fruits of their labors, and to God they gave praise. The prospect is that there will be a church organized in each place as the result of their labors, thus a dozen or more precious souls rejoicing in the truth, and forming a nucleus for further work.

THE CANVASSERS

Report that their courage is good, although the work goes slow just now, as the people are financially close at this time, due to the lack of rain in the southern portion of the state; low prices etc. Potatoes are so low that many haven't dug them. But they report a bright prospect ahead, with a determination to press on the work.

BRO. Arthur Songer from Jonesboro, Arkansas, writes that there are several of the canvassers, who are working in this place and surrounding country, who make this their stopping place. We hold Sabbath school and prayer meeting at my tent, giving out tracts, and papers, loaning books, holding Bible-readings; as the result five have begun to keep the Sabbath, and several are deeply interested. We trust that some of our laborers will see their way clear to hold a tent meeting here, in the near future: as the people are inquiring about one. We would be more than glad of literature on all the vital points of our faith.

A. R. SONGER,
Lock Box 467.

Prairie Grove.

WE have presented here all the vital points of the message to a fair sized and interested audience, that is for the place and pursuits of the people. The tide has turned and while everything is very quiet, yet the Lord is working and we can see some fruits of the sowing, some have taken hold of the truth in fact, six are keeping the Sabbath, and we trust in the providence of God to have a little meeting next Sabbath. We trust that more who are interested will take their stand on the Lord's side. Our congregations are not large but those that seem interested, and we hope for a good harvest.

H. C. GRIFFIN.
U. BENDER.

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THE MILLENNIUM.

BY ELDER G. G. RUPERT.

[Continued from last issue.]

THE JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED.

That there are books of record kept in Heaven, there can be no doubt. The Bible says there are, and that is sufficient. "A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set and the books were opened." Dan. 7: 10. "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, both small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. * * * And whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20: 11-15. There is, also, a book called a book of remembrance, such as we infer is a daily record. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." Mal: 3: 16, 17. Our names are recorded in the book above. "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10: 20. The new birth is recorded. "And of Zion, it shall be said, this and that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah." Ps. 87: 6, 7. Our sins are recorded and will be set in order before the eyes of the wicked. "When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentest with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. Thou sitteth and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes." Ps. 50: 13-21.

How many will be greatly surprised when they see their life's record. All the schemes and practices of which they have been guilty, are recorded, and they will have the privilege of seeing them before their final doom is meted out to them. Let the reader meditate upon the last scripture quoted. The sins of the righteous have also been kept, but, if they have truly repented and been found faithful to God by a life of obedience, their sins are blotted out and remembered against them no more forever. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted; that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3: 19. The angels of God no doubt keep our record. They always behold the face of our Father which is in heaven. They encamp about them that fear him. They make up the hedge spoken of by Job round about

all we possess. They are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation. So we see that the idea of keeping books of record in heaven is both reasonable and scriptural. We have before shown in this book that the investigative judgment in the house of God began at the end of the 2,300 years in 1844. Dan. 8: 14. This investigative judgment pertains only to the house of God, or those who have had their names recorded in the book of life. But in Rev. 20 we find another investigative judgment brought to view, wherein the people of God themselves will take part during the millenium. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Rev. 20: 4-6.

We see that this scripture teaches that the saints sit on thrones of judgment. They are plainly stated to be those who were beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and who had not worshipped the beast neither his image. They, in connection with Christ, sit in this judgment during the millenium. It is further stated by Paul that the saints will take part in the investigative judgment of the wicked. "Dare any of you having a matter against another go to law before the unjust and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?" 1 Cor. 6: 1-3. The saints will not only judge the wicked of this world, but the angels who sinned in heaven will come up in this judgment, and the saints will decide their destiny in harmony with the judgment or sentence pronounced upon them by God himself. There is no blotting out of sins in this judgment. This investigation is to satisfy every saint as to the justice of the punishment to be meted out to the wicked. The life's record will be set in order before the eyes of the wicked as they come up in the second resurrection. "These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself; but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes." Ps. 50: 21. And they too must acknowledge that the judgment is just. "For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." Rom. 14: 11. "Wherefore God hath also highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the father. Phil. 2: 9-11. Some have supposed that these scriptures teach all will eventually acknowledge Christ and be saved, but the prophet Isaiah in expressing this same thought uses the following language. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed." Isa. 45: 22-24.

[To be continued.]