

THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD.

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE S. W. U. CONFERENCE.

VOL. I

KEENE, TEXAS, MONDAY, JULY 14, 1902.

NO. 8.

Rusty from Inaction.

MANY of the servants of Christ, although constantly reminded, seem to forget that they are stewards of their Lord's goods. I have been shown that many of those who claim to be the children of God have become rusty from inaction; and the Lord in his providence has given them something to do, and in thus doing, has opened the way for them to help others to become acquainted with the truth.

He has given a work to do that will bring about a good and grand result. In getting up out of the easy chair of self-satisfaction, and going forth to give the light of truth to their fellow men, God's people will learn an excellent lesson. By selling "Christ's Object Lessons," they are doing a twofold work—helping to lift the debt from our schools, and at the same time giving most precious light to those who really need it.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

The Holy Spirit.

A very important part of religion is a knowledge of the Holy Spirit. Men, when first awakened to regard divine things, often imagine that their own endeavors are to produce in them those graces which real religion displays. The word of God, on the other hand, represents them as formed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is promised to them that ask for His aid. The Christian is "born of the Spirit." By the power of the Holy Spirit "the love of God is shed abroad in the heart." By Him hope abounds in the believer, his mind is enlightened, he is sanctified and strengthened by the Spirit of God. By the Spirit he is taught to cry, "Abba, Father;" and "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, are the fruits of the Spirit.

All the graces of the Christian

character, all the parts of holiness, are thus produced by the Spirit of God, and while you are assured that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord," you are taught to look to God for His Spirit to form your heart anew. While it is to be your aim to glorify God in all things, your dependence for ability to do so is to be on the promised Spirit. Yet think not that on this account sloth and negligence in religious matters will be excused. The abuse which Satan and the world would have you make of this evangelical doctrine is, that if the work is thus God's, you need not trouble yourself respecting it. A sure guide, the Lord Himself, makes a widely different inference. That He "works in you, both to will and to do," is made by Him the reason why you "should work out your salvation with fear and trembling."—*Selected.*

A Year of Disaster.

THE following quotation from the *Chicago Tribune* of recent date shows how the minds of observing men are being impressed with the extraordinary and ominous nature of the times we have now reached:—

'One woe doth tread upon another's heel, so fast they follow.' Public interest in the recent disasters among the West Indian Islands has hardly begun to abate before reports come of others, which, but for the exceptional magnitude of the former, would be regarded as unusual in their fatality. The cyclone which struck the little town of Goliad, Tex., on Sunday, not only nearly destroyed the place, but left in its wake ninety dead and over one hundred injured—an unusual cyclone record for a single locality. The mine explosion at Coal Creek, Tenn., is the worst in the year, not one of the one hundred and fifty men employed in the mine escaping. Simultaneously with these events

comes the news of a terrible hurricane which swept over the Province of Scinde, in British India, carrying away houses, bridges and embankments, and washing away miles of railroad tracks. The few words "many lives were lost," are significant.

The prophets who predicted that 1902 would be a year of disasters were correct * * * Nature has not been so busy with her forces of devastation for many years past as she has been for the first five months of the present year. Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes have destroyed 48,450 lives, storms 704, tornadoes 416, cyclones 220, floods 333, avalanche 228, tidal waves 103, snowslides 39, and waterspouts 12, a total of 50,505 lives destroyed by nature's elemental disturbances. If to this were added the lives lost by agencies over which man has more or less control, such as fires, mine disasters, explosions, railroad accidents, and vessel wrecks, it would be increased to over 60,000, and this takes no account of individual lives lost in this country, which would bring the grand total up to about 100,000 lives lost in the short period of five months.

In the presence of these great natural convulsions man is powerless, and probably always will be.

The census bureau at Washington recently issued a report announcing that the population of the entire United States' including all outlying possessions, was 84,233,069 in the census year 1900. This is itemized as follows: Continental United States, or United States proper, 75,994,575; Philippines, 6,961,339; Porto Rico, 953,243; Hawaii, 154,001; Alaska, 63,592; Guam, 9,000; American Samoa, 6,100; persons in the military and naval service of the United States outside of the territory of the United States proper, 91,219.

The report announces that the 12th census only extended to Alaska and Hawaii outside of "Continental United States," but that the figures for the rest of the United States domain are taken from the best available sources.—*The Gospel Herald.*

The Union Record.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL

Published by the Southwestern Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists.

G. G. RUPERT,.....Managing Editor
JOHN B. FITCH,.....Assistant Editor

Subscription Price, a year.....\$.50
Clubs of Ten, one year.....4.50

AGENTS:

Oklahoma Tract Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Arkansas.
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.

Obituary.

DIED at his home in Keene, Texas, July 9, 1902, of what is known as slow fever, Brother P. H. Routt, who was born in Sharitan County, Mo., November 17, 1865. He was married to Miss Fannie Christian, October 12, 1891, to whom was born two children, one of whom is now eight and the other five years old. Brother Routt embraced present truth in May, 1897, since which much of his life has been devoted to the canvassing and colporteur work, and not without some precious fruit which will be stars in his crown forevermore. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and was ever ready to talk with his brethren and sisters on Bible themes, and he delighted to be a doer of God's word. During his illness of five weeks his mind was often summing up the promises of God, while at other times he was engaged with those who visited him in seasons of prayer. Upon one occasion he expressed a desire for water, but was too far gone to drink. But he said his next drink would be from the River of Life; then followed a short prayer asking the Lord not to deny him that privilege.

He leaves a devoted wife, two bright little girls, an aged father, two brothers, five sisters, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. He was laid away to rest until the Lifegiver shall come. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. H. B. FRENCH.

Attention.

CHILDREN, please bring your book, "Christ in Song" with you to the campmeeting. Also bring your advance "Little Friend." Pray that we may have good childrens' meetings, and expect to attend every one of them yourself.

An Important Lesson.

ONE of the first lessons the wise mother teaches her children is orderliness. We all know that "cleanliness is next to godliness," and surely orderliness must rank next to cleanliness. The children should be taught to keep their playthings where they belong. Even when very young, they know whether they may leave their toys scattered over the floor, or whether they must put them back in their places. If they learn to put these things where they belong, they will find it easier when a little older to keep their clothes and rooms in order. Then, when they are grown, there will be no lesson of orderliness to learn; the habit will have become established, and be a real benefit, a saving of time, temper, and, in many cases, money.

It is so easy for the boy to throw his hat on the floor or hang it on a chair and then the hat cannot be found. Try the plan of giving him a hook or a nail in a convenient place for his hat, another for his coat. Impress on his mind that these are for his own individual use. Give the rest of the family to understand that they are private property, and one, only one, can use them. It will soon be an understood fact where the hat and the coat belong, and this will do more toward making the boy neat and careful with his belongings than any amount of preaching.

This is for the girls, too. Let the parents show no partiality. Our girls must also be taught orderliness.

The Canvasser a Missionary.

ON page five of Manual For Canvassers the first sentence reads as follows: "The canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." Our Saviour was the ideal missionary. His plans and methods of work can be safely followed. He, knowing the hearts of men, knows best how they can be reached. In the tenth chapter of Luke we learn that he appointed certain individuals and sent them out two and two into new fields thus, opening the way for the gospel message to be preached more fully later on. There was then (verse two) even as now a great dearth of laborers and be-

cause of this they were to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers, and not only that but they were not to spend their time in needless conversation or ceremonies, (verse 4) but rather to be improving every moment, doing their appointed work. Ease and comfort were not taken into account. Wealth and worldly honor were not held out as inducements to engage in the work. But contrariwise they were to go without purse or scrip depending on the charities of the people for the necessities of life.

But the simple statement of the Master that "the laborer is worthy of his hire" was a promise that all things needful would be supplied. While it is a fact that the Lord said later on, "But now he that hath a purse let him take it and likewise his scrip, "yet this does not change the principle that we as workers in Gods cause are dependent on him for our support. Sometimes we hear people say "Well I am going to try the canvassing work and see if I can make a living at it." We may not realize it but this is naught but the voice of unbelief. And when we enter the work from this standpoint we are not prompted by right motives. If we are true missionaries the uppermost thought in our minds will be, What can I do to bring the light of truth to souls who are in darkness; how can I best serve my Master? Then we will not be canvassing for a living but that the precious truth for this time may be scattered everywhere and the glad day hastened on when Jesus will come. Our Saviour says to the faithful workers "Whatsoever is right that shall ye receive;" and again, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." While the world is going on in a mad rush for pleasure and distinction let us who have been called into the Master's service as harvest hands be loyal to Him who is the Captain of our salvation, giving to Him our lives, energies, and trusting his promises day by day, and so an abundant entrance shall be ministered unto us into his everlasting kingdom. A. S. McCULLY.

"THE welfare of the universe demands that God shall take such measures against sin as will tend to make it odious in the eyes of the universe, and fill his subjects with horror at the thought of the most distant approach to it."

LAGERSVERSAMMLUNG.

wir werden hoffentlich in der nächsten Nummer sagen können, wo die Lagersversammlung sein wird. Schreiber dieses ist überzeugt daß sie in Dover sein sollte. Dort ist der beste Platz den wir in Oklahoma finden können. Ich hoffe daß die andern Glieder in der Comite miteinstimmen werden. Sobald wir von ihnen hören, werden wir es euch mitteilen. Entschließt euch nur zu kommen.. Der Platz wird gut sein.

G. F. Haffner.

SPECIAL RATES.

of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas.

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.

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.

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

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

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

HILLSBORO, TEXAS.—July 16 to 18. Rate \$1.15 for the round trip. Dates of sale July 15 and 16. Final limit July 19. Account Old Settlers and Old Soldiers Reunion.

WACO, TEXAS.—Meeting of Grand Lodge Colored Free Masons and Ladies Grand Lodge. July 13 and 14, and morning trains July 15. Final limit July 19. Rate \$2.45 for the round trip.

Following rates are effective for tickets on sale daily June 1st to September 30th, 1902:

To all points in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin that are shown in Texas Summer Tourist Rate sheet No 7. Rate. One first-class fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Dates of sale. Daily, commencing June 1st, and continues until and including September 30th 1902. Final Limit. October 31st 1902

Commencing at once, we will sell on each Wednesday and Saturday during July and August, round trip tickets to all Summer Tourist points in the following states, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Caro-

lina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Rate, One fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Limited sixty days for return.

J. F. Cox, Agent, Alvarado.

A NEW BOOK OUT.

The Divine Plan of Teaching, or the Duty of the Hour.

A book bearing the above title has just been issued from the Southwestern Union Record Office, Keene, Texas, and contains sixty-two pages of well-written articles (fifteen in all) on the subject of Christian Education in its various phases, by the "Theory and Practice Class of Keene Industrial Academy, year 1901 2. It is neatly bound, and its price is only 15 cents by mail. It is a book replete with Christian teaching that should be in the hands of every family,

and read by all who are interested on the important subject of educating the young.

Send in your orders at once, as a limited number has been printed. The following are its contents. It shows the different important subjects dealt.

Concerning all orders or particulars, Address, A. M. WOODALL, Keene, Texas.

"It is a truth that the infinite and blessed God does carry out the wishes of his people when their wishes are right wishes, with a punctuality, a promptness, and a fullness of accomplishment such as are not often found in servants."

**WE ARE GLAD TO BE
ABLE TO ANNOUNCE
TO THE**

Health Food Loving People!

Of this and Neighboring States that

THE LONE STAR PURE FOOD CO., LTD.,

IS NOW RECEIVING AND FILLING ORDERS FOR
FOODS. BELOW YOU WILL FIND

Some of Our Prices,

WHICH ARE EXTREMELY REASONABLE.

WE ALLOW A LIBERAL DISCOUNT!

— TO THOSE WHO ORDER —

GOODS IN ANY QUANTITY!

Our Goods are All Fresh and Made of the Very Best Material.
Write us for further information.

**SEND YOUR ORDERS AT ONCE, WE GUARANTEE
SATISFACTION.**

Oaten Wafers, per package or in bulk, per pound.....	12c
Oaten Biscuit, per package or in bulk, per pound,....	12c
Shortened and Sweetened Oaten Crackers, per package or in bulk, per pound.....	10c
Shortened Oaten Crackers, in bulk, per pound,.....	10c
Plain Oaten Crackers, in bulk, per pound,.....	10c
Shortened and Sweetened Graham Crackers, per package or in bulk, per pound.....	10c
Shortened Graham Crackers, in bulk, per pound,.....	10c
Plain Graham Crackers, in bulk, per pound,.....	10c
White Crackers, in bulk, per pound,.....	10c
Carbon Crackers, in bulk, per pound,.....	15c
Fruit Crackers, per package or in bulk, per pound,.....	15c
Whole Wheat Wafers, per package or in bulk, per pound,.....	10c
Rye Wafers, in bulk,.....	12c
Gluten Wafers, in bulk, per pound,.....	20c
Granolium, per package or in bulk, per pound,.....	10c
Sanitarium Nuto Cereal, per package,.....	10c
Zwieback, white, graham, whole wheat, per pound,.....	10c
Glutena Food, per package or in bulk, per pound,.....	20c
Grain-nut, per pound-package,.....	15c

Address all Communications to

LONE STAR PURE FOOD CO., LTD., KEENE, TEXAS.

THE MILLENNIUM.

BY ELDER G. G. RUPERT.

[Continued from last issue.]

This shows that all will acknowledge God and bow to the justice of his decisions, one in righteousness and strength, the other class in shame and self-condemnation. The deceived of all classes will then understand. All in every case, both good and bad, will understand, and God will be acknowledged as just by all. Then will come the time of sorrow and gnashing of teeth to the wicked. The record is correct. There is no opportunity for denial. Proof is abundant, every opportunity he has had to do better is recorded, every invitation he has received from God's servants to repent, and every visit of the Holy Spirit to his heart, admonishing him to turn to God is faithfully noted in the books. All his secret sins are now made known and open to all the world, and the angels behold him as he looks at his own life, record. No covering up of secret sins. Then will all know every act the wicked have committed during their lifetime. What a fearful day it will be for those whose sins have not been confessed and gone beforehand to judgment and blotted out. Let us accept Christ before it is too late, when it will be said, "The harvest is past, summer is ended and I am not saved."

There still remains one more step in the judgment, namely, the execution of the judgment pronounced upon the wicked. This takes place at the close of the one thousand years. "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and encompassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and forever." "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, and, from whose face the heavens and the earth fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, 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 and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20: 7-15, This a faithful representation of the events as they are to transpire at the close of the one thousand years. First, the opening of the books, that all may see the decision rendered by the investigative judgment. Second, the deception Satan again practices upon his followers as the wicked come up in the second resurrection. Third, the execution of the judgment upon the wicked by being cast into the lake of

fire, which is the second death. This opening of the books at this time is to show the wicked the decision already made in their cases, as rendered by the saints. Thus we see that the idea that men go to their reward at death is not scriptural. Paul reasoned of a judgment to come, which was still future. But this would not be a truth in our day, for one division of the judgment, that that pertaining to the house of God, has been going on since 1844. The work will now continue till all parts of it are finished and executed. We are living in a solemn time. The righteous have an intercessor, Jesus Christ the righteous, who looks after each name recorded in the book of life, and as it comes up in judgment, pleads his blood in behalf of the individual, and his sins are blotted out. But in the investigative judgment of the wicked it is not so. There is no one to plead his cause, no intercessor for his case. He has made no provision for that. All will be against him. Now to say that men go, at death, to heaven or hell, is simply to expose our ignorance of the teachings of God's word, and thus teach the doctrines of men, not of God. The deceiver would keep us all ignorant of the judgment if he could. May God prepare the people for that event, and may some, at least, receive pardon of sins when their case comes up to be examined.

By reading the eighteenth chapter of Ezekiel the reader will see clearly that it is only those who endure unto the end of the race who will have their names retained the book of life.

Events Connected With the 1000 Years of Revelation 20.

THE DESTINY OF THE WICKED.

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." 2 Pet. 2; 9. "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 1 Peter 4: 17. The great question here is, what shall the end of the wicked be? And if the righteous scarcely be saved where will the ungodly and the sinner appear? There is no line of thought in the Bible that more clearly defines the true character of God than his dealings with rebellious men. A judge, as he sits on the cases of the froward, has a most solemn and responsible position to fill. Every element of justice and mercy are brought into consideration. In such an individual, if he comprehends his responsibility, there will be a recognition of the law, and that government must be maintained at any cost. Government is law maintained. Where the law is not maintained there can be no government. The law is supposed to be justice in the strictest sense, and justice is that which is just to all men, both good and bad; and with this thought alone does the civil judge deal with the transgressor. Hence, it is said, "The cold arm of the law knows no mercy."

But, even in this world the man who has the other element in his nature, that of mercy, is best prepared to render a decision of justice. For justice is that which weighs the motive and what would be just to all men. Both of

these principles are ever mingled in all of God's dealings with men. Both are recognized in the punishment of the wicked. He who looks upon God as a cruel tyrant is ignorant of God. He who looks upon him as all love and mercy, regardless of justice, is equally unacquainted with him. Both will realize some day that they have made a fatal mistake—a mistake which will be recognized too late. Either one of these extreme positions will lead to ruin.

Now the question is, What shall the end of the wicked be? Suppose we call upon the various denominations to answer this question. They answer thus: As soon as a wicked man dies he goes to a lake of fire and then burns throughout eternity. There is no relief from his suffering. If we call on the Universalist, he would answer, God is all love. Christ died to save all, and the punishment of the wicked is in this life. Third, we ask the Catholic. He answers, the wicked at death goes to a place called purgatory, where he remains till intercession by the church is made. Then he will be brought out and enjoy Paradise. Fourth, the Spiritualist says that there are spheres in the next world, and people enter into these spheres according to the way they have lived here. In keeping with this theory they tell us that Christ and Tom Payne have been associating there. At least, they say they come back together in their seances. If this be true then the wicked will get no higher there than they are here. These different positions show one of two things, either the churches mentioned do not know what the Bible teaches or the Bible teaches various doctrines and is really like an instrument upon which any tune can be played.

But we will let Peter answer his own question, as to what the end of the wicked shall be. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." This plainly shows that the wicked are not punished at death at all, but at the judgment. Job says the same thing. "Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me. For ye say, where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? Have ye not asked them that go by the way? And do ye not know their tokens; that the wicked is reserved unto the day of destruction? They shall be brought forth to the day of wrath." Job 21:27-30. Have ye not beheld their tomb-stones, their tokens? said Job. Thus we have two plain statements, one from the Old and one from the New Testament, stating that the wicked are not punished till the day of judgment. "And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" Matt. 8: 28, 29. Satan recognized the fact that he is not to be punished until after the judgment. It is said of him that he works hard, knowing that his time is short.

The question now is, Where are they reserved? "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited." Isa. 24: 21, 22. This punishment is the destruction of the wicked, which takes place at the coming of Christ at the beginning of the thousand years. The many days in which they are shut up is during the thousand years. Then they shall be visited at the end of that period and receive their final punishment with all the ungodly.

Coming Campmeetings.

THE season is now here when the campmeetings of this Union Conference are to begin. The first begins at Little Rock, Arkansas, July 10. Then follows the Texas meeting, July 24; then another in Arkansas; and last the Oklahoma camping, August 21. This will occupy a period of two months. It is with feelings of solemnity that we enter into this work knowing there are souls to be saved or lost; and also the building up of those older in the truth. In the language of Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?" There will be many things of importance to consider in the conferences to be held at these meetings. All will depend entirely on the blessings of God to lead in all things. Hence there should be a seeking of God on the part of all who have burdens to bear at these meetings. "Call a solemn assembly," says the prophet. These meetings should be such gatherings! It is a solemn time, when we realize that the heavenly courts are in session and cases are being settled for eternity. Let none neglect the assembling of themselves together on these occasions. All should arrange to come to the feast of good things. The Lord will send the messages we need, or we would not have these meetings. He knows what is for our good. So do not fail to come, and come praying. The Lord will open the windows of heaven and give the desired blessing needed. Plans will be laid at these meetings to carry on the work the coming year. All should be interested in the work to see the cause advance. Such important things as the education of our children, the advancement of the message in new fields, the work of the ministry, the sale of our publications, and many other things should cause every one to attend these meetings if possible. The third angel's message is the most important thing on the earth. Why should not everybody come and keep up with the work now going on to advance the message in the world.

G. G. R.

THE assembly hall is undergoing a change for the better; it is being painted and repaired.

THE Campground to be used at Handley is one of the best ever used for this purpose in Texas.

ELDER Rupert went to Arkansas to attend the campmeeting to be held at Little Rock, from July 10th to the 20th, inclusive.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are coming in daily for the RECORD. It is just the paper to send to your friends. It has the truth and the work of the people that hold the truth.

THE new book, "The Divine Plan of Teaching, or the Duty of the Hour," printed at this office is a beauty. Price 15 cents. See description on another page of this paper.

EVERY body should decide to attend the Texas campmeeting. The Lord is to be there and we all desire to meet Him. He is the one that is altogether lovely and should be chief above all on the grounds.

OUR first Spanish tract on the Sabbath question for this office, will be printed this week. Send in orders. The title in English is "Which Day Do You Keep and Why?" Prof. John B. Fitch will translate others soon. The articles on the "Millenium" will be put in tract form.

SABBATH, July 5, was a good day for Keene Church. In the forenoon the regular readings were read, and the offering for Christiana was taken up in the afternoon. Elder Rupert spoke on church discipline. After which followed the ordinances; but prior to these a general social meeting was held. The Spirit of the Lord come near and five were added to the Church.

German Department.

EINE GOTTWOHLGEFÄLLIGE CHRISTLICHE ERZIEHUNG.

Die uns in dem heiligen Gottesworte hinterlassenen Winke aus dem Leben und Wandel gewisser Musterfamilien lassen den denkenden Leser in keinerlei Ungewißheit betreffs der Wichtigkeit welche Gott dem Leben und Wachstum der Kinder be-
 misst. Man lese nur die Geschichte der Geburt und Jugend Johannes des Täufers, sowie diejenige des Heilandes selber (siehe Lukas 1.) oder auch Richter 13: 3, 4, 9, über die Geburt Simsons, um überzeugt zu werden, daß die obwaltenden Zustände, sowohl die mittelbaren wie die unmittelbaren, vom ersten Wachsen des Lebenskeims bis zu dessen Entbindung und die darauffolgenden Jugendjahre, schon das ihre dazu beitragen dem Charaktertrieb des Kindes Gestalt zu geben. Wohl den Eltern, insonders der Mutter, die diesen Zuständen gebührende Rechnung trägt, dieselben mit Gottes Hilfe so günstig wie möglich zu gestalten, und die bei der Wiege ihres Kindes den göttlichen Willen betreffs seiner Erziehung auf praktische Weise in Ausführung bringt. Solch eine Mutter war die des Timotheus. Vergl. 2. Tim. 3: 14, 15; 1: 5. Siehe auch Spr. 22: 6., im Zusammenhang mit der Erziehung welche seine Mutter dem Moses gegeben haben muß (2. Mose 2: 8, 9), daß er imstande war das Gute aus der ihm später erteilten Ausbildung in Ägyptens größten Lehranstalten, von dem Bösen zu sondern und das letztere zu meiden. Ebr. 11: 23-27. u. ff.

Könnte noch jemand sein, der fragen wollte, was diese treuen Mütter ihre Söhne gelehrt haben können. „Der Vater [und die Mutter] wird den Kindern seine Wahrheit kundthun.“ Jsa. 38: 19. „Nehmet zu Herzen alle Worte die ich euch heute bezeuge, daß ihr euren Kindern befehlet, daß sie halten und thun alle Worte dieses Gesetzes.“ 5 Mose 32: 46.

Diese Erziehungsweise beruht keineswegs auf Ungewißheit, denn der Herr selber hat sich verpflichtet allen denen Unterweisung zu erteilen, die auf seinen Wegen wandeln und andere darin belehren wollen. Wer ist der, der den Herrn fürchtet? Er wird ihn unterweisen den besten Weg. Ps. 25: 12 u. ff.

Fühlst du treuer Vater, fromme Mutter, daß du in diesen Dingen zu kurz gekommen, oder daß du fehlgegangen bist, dem Willen des Herrn nachzukommen, so bete mit Hiobs Tröster, Elihu, „Habe ich

nicht getroffen, so lehre du michs besser; habe ich unrecht gehandelt, ich will es nicht mehr thun.“ Hiob 34: 32. Lasse sich niemand mit dem Wahne trösten daß solch eine Erziehung eine zu ideale ist, um je in dieser Welt praktisch ausgeführt werden zu können; denn der Lebenslauf Moses, sowie Daniels u. v. a. m. beweist das Gegenteil. Suchet den Herrn im Gebet, laut Jakobi 1: 5., und die dazu erforderliche Weisheit wird der Herr in reichlichem Maße gewähren. Drum fasset von Neuem Mut, liebe Eltern, und lasset uns Gottes Anforderungen seinem heiligen Willen gemäß nachkommen.

A. Kunze.

ELTERLICHE PFLICHTEN.

Unsere reifere Jugend in dieser letzten Zeit geht allzugerne mit dem Gedanken um daß wenn sie sich nur in den Ehestand versetzen könnten, dann wäre ihnen dauernd geholfen. Wohl sagt dazu ein derbes altes deutsches Sprichwort,

Vater werden ist nicht schwer:

Vater sein, das heißt viel mehr!

Hierin liegt die elterliche Pflicht in all ihrem Umfang. Den Kindern, die uns Gott schenkt, ein rechter Vater und eine rechte Mutter zu sein, das sind Verantwortlichkeiten, deren Druck das treue und gewissenhafte Familienhaupt, beide der Vater und die Mutter, nie los werden kann, und auch nicht davon frei zu werden suchen sollte.

Es ließe sich über diesen Gegenstand, leicht einen großen Band schreiben, doch wollen wir uns in diesem nötigerweise höchst kurzen Aufsatz auf die elterlichen Pflichten gegen heranwachsende Kinder beschränken, d. h. gegen Kinder in den Jahren, die sie zur bestmöglichen Ausbildung für Gottes Werk verbringen sollten. Niemand, dem in der gütigen Vorsehung Gottes Kinder bescheert oder in Obhut gestellt sind, kann sich vor dem ewigen Richter allen Menschen verantworten, wo er nicht alles aufbietet, diesen lieben jungen Seelen die nötige Vorbereitung auf ein nützlich-gottwohlgefälliges Leben zu ermöglichen. Gott hat gerechte Ansprüche an uns persönlich nicht nur, sondern auch in Betreff der Erziehung, die wir unserer Jugend zu Teil werden lassen. Die uns durch seine Knechte hinterlassenen Anweisungen in Bezug darauf sind nicht mißzuverstehen. Und so wir den denselben zu Grunde liegenden großen Endzweck ins Auge fassen, können wir leicht einsehen, wie liebvoll sowohl als weise und gerecht der Herr ist, uns dieselben vorzuschreiben. Eph. 3: 14, 15. lehrt uns nicht nur die Kniee in Anbetung vor Gott zu beugen,

sondern Ihn als unseren himmlischen Vater und den Vater unserer Kinder zu betrachten. Er will uns selbst sowie unsere Kinder in seinen Wegen unterweisen haben. „Er richtete ein Zeugniß auf in Jakob, und gab ein Gesetz in Israel das er unseren Vätern gebot zu lehren ihre Kinder; auf daß die Nachkommen lerneten, und die Kinder die noch sollten geboren werden, wenn sie aufkämen, daß sie es auch ihren Kindern verkündigten.“ Ps. 78: 5, 6 „Und diese Worte, die ich dir heute gebiete, sollst du zu Herzen nehmen. Und Und sollst sie deinen Kindern einschärfen, und davon reden, wenn du in deinem Hause sitzt oder auf dem Wege gehst, wenn du dich niederlegest oder aufstehest“, 5. Mose 6: 7, 8. Man lese auch 5. Mose: 11, 19. u. ff.

Unsere Schulen sind unter Gott das Mittel, den Eltern treu zur Seite zu stehen die an ihren Kindern veräußerten Pflichten soviel wie möglich nachzuholen.

A. Kunze.

DAS WERK IN OKLAHOMA.

Das Werk in Oklahoma geht noch immer vorwärts. Letzten Sabbat und Sonntag haben wir, Bruder Sturgeon und ich, eine Gemeinde in Woodward gegründet. Es wurden fünf Seelen mit ihrem Herrn in der Taufe begraben. Die andern waren schon getauft worden, und etliche davon sind schon mit unserer Gemeinschaft in Verbindung gewesen. Der Herr kam sehr nahe in allen Versammlungen.

Es kommen auch noch immer gute Berichte ein von den verschiedenen Arbeitern. Schwester Sny schreibt von Gip daß dort etliche Seelen bereit sind getauft zu werden; sowie auch von Putnam. Sie haben dort ein gutes Werk gethan. Sie schreibt daß die ganze Umgegend überzeugt worden ist von der Wahrheit. Ich gehe Morgen hin und werde wohl Sabbat und Sonntag dort sein und diese Seelen taufen.

Auch Bruder Sommerville und Bruder Bonde berichten daß mehrere Seelen die Wahrheit angenommen haben in Pauls Valley wo sie thätig sind mit einem Zelt.

So sehen wir daß der Herr noch immer am Wirken ist, und macht Seelen willig die Wahrheit anzunehmen. Was wir brauchen im deutschen Werk ist mehr Arbeiter. Wir sollten mehrere Kolportäre haben um unsere Bücher unter die Leute zu bringen. Die Menschheit muß in der Wahrheit aufgeklärt werden. Die letzte Gnadensbotschaft muß ihnen gebracht werden. O laßt uns alle an die Arbeit gehen wie nie zuvor und die Wahrheit um die Hecken und Zäune der Erde verbreiten! Betet für die Arbeiter im Werk, und bittet auch den Herrn der Ernte daß er noch mehr Arbeiter in seinen Weinberg sendet.

G. F. Haffner.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

From Palestine.

SINCE our last report the tent meeting at this place has closed and tent been shipped to Dallas. As yet no visible results have appeared from the effort. Elders Hale and French have gone to visit other companies. Brother and sister Harris and myself are still here.

As the result of a house to house canvass with "Good Health," a large class for the school of health has been organized. We are now in the midst of these lessons, with a good interest in the health work; especially the health foods. Many are inquiring where they can get these foods; so we expect to have an order for health foods, also the nut products sent to this place. Our health talks are followed by demonstration lessons, actually giving the treatment before the class; and it is surprising the readiness with which these people take hold of the health principles. Truly the time has fully come for the gospel of health to be carried to those living in the cities to prepare the way for the Third Angel's Message to be preached there.

We have met many very nice people here. The school of health has done much to break down prejudice. May doors be thrown open to us that we could never have entered, perhaps, in any other way.

I am glad we came to Palestine; but the work is just begun. We have had many cordial invitations to come back again next fall and conduct another school of health. I am quite sure a hygienic restaurant, also treatment parlors, could be supported here. There are many dyspeptics and rheumatics here. The city offers no facilities for treating such cases. I trust the way may open for the right ones to come and show these poor sin-sick souls the way to a life of health. Pray for the work in Palestine.

As soon as our work is done we will return to Keene to prepare for the campmeeting.

MRS. ALMA FRENCH.

THE tent meeting at Lancaster by Brothers Kunze, Hale and Willes, is having a large attendance, and the interest is reported as excellent. The town and country around is stirred and much good is expected to be accomplished.

Among the Canvassers.

SINCE my last report I have visited the canvassers at Cameron, Franklin, Fort Worth, Corsicana, Mount Vernon, Paris and Bonham. I find many of these canvassers having precious experiences meeting the people and doing an excellent work with their books.

We have been very anxious as to the outcome of the work with Home Hand Book. And I was rejoiced to find the boys working with that book doing as well as the following figures will show. One brother had worked twenty-one hours and taken \$34.50 worth of orders, another in fifty-three hours took \$75.00 worth of orders while the third one took \$79.00 worth of orders in fifty-two hours. This is encouraging but only demonstrates that the Lord is willing to bless our efforts when we take up the work as He has directed us to do. The Lord has been telling us that the health books should be sold along with the religious books. I hope we shall be able to carry on the work in this way hereafter. We find ourselves throughout the central and southern part of the state in the midst of another severe drouth; yet for our encouragement will say that one brother took \$77.50 worth of orders in thirty hours where it was so dry that the farmers were commencing to cut their corn for fodder before it was matured.

The Lord has been sending us word of late that the canvassing work will continue till the close of probation and this means to me that if we rightly connect with him and carry on the work according to His plans that He will see to it that our efforts shall not be spent in vain and that we shall have a support from the work in spite of drouths, floods or other hindering circumstances that we know are sure to come in these last days.

A. S. McCULLY.

Over the State.

SINCE my last writing I have visited and held meetings in different parts of the State. Sabbath and Sunday, June 21 and 22, I spent with the tent company at Palestine. The tent had been moved to another quarter of the city from where first pitched, but the interest here was small, and after continuing another

week the meeting was discontinued. Sisters French and Harris have awakened quite an interest among the prominent ladies of the city in the health work.

Sabbath, June 28, I spent with the Fort Worth church. A better understanding of some things was brought about among them at this time, and quarterly was held, the ordinances being celebrated. The next Sabbath and Sunday, April 5 and 6, I held quarterly meeting with the Marietta church. This was my first visit to this church, and I truly enjoyed my visit with it. This is the largest church in northeast Texas, and they have maintained a church school for three years, and will have a good school next year. The brethren here are interested in educational matters. And by the way they voted to take their quota of "Object Lessons." They have an abundance of rain in this section. Crops are green and growing—not dried up as in the greater part of the state. This only furnishes a still better chance for these brethren to sell their "Object Lessons," and other books. One brother is canvassing for Object Lessons and doing well. Let others do likewise. W. A. M.

Houston.

THE work in Houston is onward. There are many who seem very much interested. Last Thursday night, there were eighteen present, and revealed quite an interest by their many questions. Some said that they truly believe we are in the last days. The responsibility seems so great. One well-to-do lady who lives near the center of the city and who belongs to the Christian church has offered me a room free in her nice home, and board for a small sum. She says this is on purpose that she might get instructions in the Scripture. She says she wants truth if it is with the Adventists. I pray God for wisdom that His work may be done right, as I have accepted what seems to me to be His opening providence, to reach another class.

JESSIE HUNTER.

WE request each church to send one or more men to Handley by Monday, July 21, to assist in pitching tents and getting the grounds ready for the meeting. W. A. M.

Oklahoma Department.

From Boulder, Colorado.

AS I was asked to write some for the "Gleaner" after leaving Oklahoma for Colorado, I will begin by saying that the Lord is just as near to us here as there and is just as ready to hear our cries and he has greatly blessed us on our way and we have had the privilege of circulating about one hundred periodicals, giving away over four hundred pages of tracts, selling two Object Lessons, getting two to take their quota of books. And another promised to take her four books, and holding thirteen Bibles Readings, and bringing out an old lady seventy-seven years old to keep the Sabbath, besides housekeeping.

Oh! I feel like praising the Lord. Mrs. Combs got able to come from La Junta to Boulder where she expects to take some treatment at the Sanitarium. We came yesterday. Now as this is the fourth of July and the great Chautauqua Assembly is going on and the majority of the minds of the people are going wild with excitement and revelry; I am reminded that while the celebration of the Anniversary of the Fourth of July is going on to day that we ought to feel the solemnity of the times more than ever before; as tomorrow is the day to celebrate the ordinances of a once dying but now risen Saviour.

It certainly is a sign of the times; the people are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. 2 Tim. 3:4. It surely is time to awake out of sleep for our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. It is time to buckle on the whole armor and work as we never worked before. We are of good courage in the Lord.

ALFRED S. COMBS.

Our Campmeeting.

WE can not definitely state yet where our campmeeting is going to be, but I thought we would mention to you what we have found so far, and you think over it and pray that the Lord will help the committee decide on the right place. I would like to say this right here; just make up your minds to come and prepare for it, and we will let you know before you start where to go.

We have looked all over El Reno and we found a place that we can have; but there are no trees on the place, and you know it is pretty hot this time of the year. We have also been up at Dover and we found the nicest place that you can expect for a campmeeting. It is a nice grove with large trees on it so that we can put every tent in the shade, even the large tents. The people say that it is the nicest place in the Territory. I have come to about the same conclusion since looking it over. We will also be sheltered from the wind and dust. I think after you have been there once you will want to have it there every year. Well, what do you say, where should we have it? We will soon tell you what the Committee has decided in the matter.

G. F. H.

Another Church.

WE have organized another church in our conference at Woodward with a membership of fifteen. Some of the members have belonged to our people before in other places. Some were brought in to the truth by the labor of Elders Howard and Sturgeon, and last winter several accepted present truth through the labors of brother Richardson. Five of these were baptized by Elder Sturgeon last Sunday before we organized the church. After Baptism and the church organization, we celebrated the Lord's supper and the ordinance of humility. The Lord came near and blessed his people. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless and add more and more to the little company. They need the prayers of God's people, and I hope you will remember them in your prayers. After we were through with the work brother Sturgeon went again to the field of labor, at Trail O. T., and I came to Oklahoma City.

G. F. HAFNER.

Let every church order the Monitor of Health and help to raise the tent-fund. The book will sell easy.

Tent Meeting at Lancaster.

IN answer to a call from the Conference Committee and the repeated and urgent requests of the dear brethren at Hutchins, myself and wife came to Lancaster, late the last

Thursday in June. We found brother Nathan Willes, who is to help in the meetings besides brethren Wallis and Winniford unloading the tents and its outfit on the ground we finally settled on, though we are charged rent for it. The roof of the pavilion was hardly pitched when rain and wind made such havoc with it, in spite of all we could do to prevent it, that it required two days to repair it for us. Our first meeting was held Tuesday, July 1, with a fair attendance under the tent, and fully as many on the outside, who evidently were there to hear. We were happily surprised by brother D. U. Hale's appearance on the platform, just as we were about to close that night. We have held meetings every night since, with growing attendance and interest, in spite of the warning against us and the doctrines we advocate, that were circulating among the people. Of course we are unable to tell what the outcome will be, though we are hopeful that many honest souls will hear and heed the message. We entreat the prayers of all who are of the faith that the Lord may crown his work here with success abundantly.

Our company consists of Elder D. U. Hale, and Brother Nathan Willes, besides myself and Mrs. Kunze.

A. KUNZE.

July Study of the Field.

1. TELL something of the progress of the message in the West Indies. What do the recent disturbances in these fields mean to us?
2. What good news comes from the mission in South Central Africa?
3. Outline Elder Conradi's trip to Egypt. What encouraging reports does he bring?
4. What is the school work in Avondale, Claremont, Friedensaw, London, and Bridgetown doing to send forth the third angel's message? In what countries are these schools located?
5. What can you say of the progress of the gospel in the great Austro-Hungarian field? What is the religious condition of the people?
6. Give a summary of the report during the month from Spanish Honduras, British Guiana, Brazil, Argentina, Bermuda, India, Japan, Turkey, Germany, Fiji, Rhodesia, Natal, and South Africa. (Locating these countries on the map adds materially to the interest of the study.)