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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Texas Seventh-day Adventist Conference at Handley, Texas.

[Continued]

the last Sabbath and Sunday of the quarter, instead of the first Sabbath and Sunday of the following quarter.

4. Resolved,—That we as a conference will without further delay take upon ourselves individually the responsibility of disposing of our portion of the Object Lessons (4 books per person), using our best endeavors to take orders for them from now on, to be delivered not later than Nov. 1, so that our portion of the debt will be discharged by that time.

5. Resolved,—That we urge this conference to direct, as far as practicable, its entire force of laborers for a time to encourage the systematic sale of Object Lessons until our portion of the debt is cancelled.

The first resolution was read and spoken to with much interest. It was voted to add to the resolution the words, "after the railroad is completed." Pending the discussion of the resolution it was voted to adjourn to call of chair.

The third meeting was called at 5:00 P. M., July 29. W. A. McCutchen in the chair. The minutes were

read and approved. Resolution No. 1 which was under discussion when the last meeting adjourned was taken up. After much discussion for and against moving the Tract Society office from Dallas to Keene, and the bringing out of many principles, it moved and carried to vote upon the question by written ballot. The ballot was taken, and while waiting for the tellers to make report the meeting adjourned to call of chair.

The fourth meeting was called July 30 at 9:00 A. M. Minutes were read and approved. Report of the tellers was called for and read, 35 votes for Keene and 92 for Dallas. Resolution No. 2 was taken up and after some explanations the question was called for. Resolutions 3 and 4 were taken up and discussed. A good spirit was manifested and all seemed to be in harmony with the spirit of the resolutions, but it was voted to refer them back to the committee for revision. Resolution 5 was taken up and all were passed unanimously. Adjourned to call of chair.

The fifth meeting was called at 9:00 A. M., July 30, W. A. McCutchen in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. G. F. Haffner. The Committee on Resolutions read resolutions 5 and 6 as corrected and they were adopted. The committee on nominations being ready reported as follows:—

For President, W. A. McCutchen; Executive Committee, W. A. McCutchen, T. W. Field, J. Riffel, Principal of Keene Academy, State Canvassing agent, J. D. Matthieus representing the sanitarium. State Conference Association, W. A. McCutchen, and Alex. M. Woodall. Conference Secretary, Alex. M. Woodall. Secretary and Treasurer of Tract Society, Frank Green. State Canvassing Agent, A. S. McCully. Sabbath School Secretary, Mrs. Kitty Stevenson.

The name of W. A. McCutchen

was voted on separately and he was elected without dissent. It was moved and seconded to receive the rest of the report, considering each item separately. A motion prevailed to substitute the name of the person occupying the office for membership on the committee instead of the office, as the principle of electing an office to an office, or a man to an office because he held another office instead of any fitness he had, was objected to. A motion by Professor Covert to drop his name from the committee was lost. A motion was carried to drop the name of Frank Green from the conference committee, and instructing the nominating committee to submit a name in its place. The nominating committee were also instructed to present a name for Transportation Agent and three additional names for members of the Texas Conference Association. A motion was carried to omit the name of the secretary and treasurer of the tract society and treasurer of the conference on the final vote. As amended the report was carried.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following additional report:—

6. Resolved,—That we as a body as well as individuals recognize that Keene Academy has been founded in the providence of God for the purpose of affording an opportunity to obtain a Christian education and a fitness to labor in the cause of God, and further,

7. Resolved,—That for these reasons we will give to Keene Academy our moral and financial support.

8. Resolved,—That we endorse the resolutions passed at Topeka, Kansas, last April by the Southwestern Union Conference, concerning Christian Education, and also the report of the committee on plans regarding Improvement of Teachers and Support of Church Schools.

WHEREAS,—The city of Dallas is for obvious reasons the foremost city of this state, and

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WHEREAS,—Little active, systematic work to spread the knowledge of present truth among the many thousands of its inhabitants is being done at present; therefore

9. *Resolved*.—That two experienced Bible workers and one nurse be selected to do Bible work and represent our health principles in that city.

WHEREAS,—Keene Academy has been hampered hitherto for want of ready access to our various publications to be used by teachers and students in their school work and for missionary purposes, therefore

10.—*Resolved*.—That we urge upon the officers of the S. W. U. Conference the necessity of establishing a branch depository at Keene, to be under the control of the Texas Tract Society, the S. W. U. Conference acting as their agents, and to contain a reasonable supply of all our leading books, pamphlets, and tracts, to be kept on sale at the lowest figures possible without incurring any indebtedness.

11. *Resolved*.—That everyone sending money, such as tithes, offerings, donations, etc., to the State treasurer be urgently requested to send a duplicate statement of the same on blanks furnished for that purpose, to the auditor of the S. W. U. Conference to facilitate his work.

12. *Resolved*.—That everyone engaged to teach a church school in this conference should be required to pass a satisfactory examination, or hold certificates from those in charge of the training school for teachers at Keene, testifying to his qualifications for such work.

13. *Resolved*.—That each church needing a church school, elect a board of three or five members, who shall contract for a teacher and be held responsible for paying the same besides taking general oversight over the school.

14. *Resolved*.—That this Conference encourage the organization and

incorporation of a Southwestern Union Conference Medical Missionary and Benevolent Society, and stand ready to co-operate with our sister conferences in the Union Conference that shall work to this same end.

15. *Resolved*.—That the Texas Conference be divided into districts as far as consistent with our force of laborers, and that those put in charge of such districts as directors be held responsible for the work done in them, as well as for any tents or other conference property used in the same.

WHEREAS.—The canvassers' course given by Keene Academy last year, was a decided success, both as to the number attending and the benefits derived; and,

WHEREAS.—A similar course is ordered by Keene Academy the coming school year, therefore,

16. *Resolved*.—That we recommend, (a) That a twelve-week's course, beginning January 1, 1903, be provided for, and that in addition to the studies offered by the Academy, the Texas Conference and the Southwestern Union Conference, furnish competent persons to instruct the classes in the books for which they will canvass, also in the theory and science of canvassing; (b) That we urge our conference workers, church elders, and others to encourage suitable persons to attend this course.

17. *Resolved*.—That we recognize the Lone Star Pure Food Company, Limited, as doing a good and laudable work in manufacturing various health foods, and that we, as a Conference, endorse their work and commend the use of their products as far as practicable.

18. *Resolved*.—That this Conference, hereby, express its approval of the merging of the State papers of this Union Conference into the Southwestern Union Conference RECORD, and we pledge it our hearty support, and will work for its circulation by taking it ourselves and securing other subscriptions.

19. *Resolved*.—That we, the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in annual session assembled at Handley, Texas, tender a unanimous vote of thanks to the Northern Texas Traction Company for their courtesy and liberality in granting us the free use of their grounds for our campmeeting and pasture for our stock,

besides lighting the grounds and the large pavilion, all free of charge, and and shewing us other courtesies and favors too numerous to mention.

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Important Notice.

AT the recent campmeeting at Handley some changes were made which all should know and remember to avoid confusion in handling our funds. Bro. T. T. Stevenson is now conference treasurer, and all tithes should be sent to him at Keene, Texas, either by postal money order or bank draft.

Bro. Edward Harris was elected secretary and treasurer of the Tract Society, with headquarters at Dallas. All orders should be sent to him and all money, with the exception of tithes as stated above. Please do not send tithes to Brother Harris, or other funds to Brother Stevenson, as their offices being located in different places it will cause them a good deal of trouble.

The writer is now turning over this work to these brethren and assuming the new work in connection with the UNION RECORD. We shall try to make THE RECORD such a live representative of the truth that every family in the State will feel it a necessity to have it visit them each week. Subscriptions should be sent to the UNION RECORD, Keene, Texas.

C. N. WOODWARD.

At the close of the Texas campmeeting we went to look after THE RECORD office a day or so at Keene. Brother C. N. Woodward will soon take the charge of this office. With his former experience we hope to see a live paper. Let all take hold and secure subscribers for the paper. There are no reasons why this paper should not reach a large circulation.

G. G. R.

We visited the office in Oklahoma on our way to the Gentry campmeeting. We found all well and of good courage. They are doing a good business in the book trade just now.

G. G. R.

Now is the time to subscribe for the SOUTH WESTERN UNION RECORD, only 50 cents a year.

Oklahoma Department.

What Our Agents Say.

W. B. ETCHISON.—We are all well and of good courage. I am doing well among the Germans. I guess I will take up the German work if we cannot get any one else to take it up. The Lord blessed me above all my expectations.

J. S. HAMPTON.—The Lord has blessed me in the work. I did very well in the country, but in the town of Foss I was not successful. I am of good courage, and believe the Lord will bless me more abundantly this week.

J. D. MCCOY.—From my own experience, I can truly say with joy that my Lord is a better canvasser than I am. I enjoy the work of the Lord so far, more than I thought I would.

RAY HICKMAN.—I have just finished my July delivery. The Lord blessed me wonderfully in delivering. I got rid of all the books I ordered, but one marble binding. I am of good courage in the work.

MAY MCPHEE.—I would like to have you remember me especially in your prayers, that I may not become discouraged, but faithfully stand ready to be used by the Lord whenever he would have me.

E. M. EACY.—I have enjoyed this week's work very much. Have been well treated by the people. I am of good courage.

WM. OLMSTEAD.—I have been delivering some this week as you see by my report. I find it just as easy to to deliver here as in Oklahoma. The common people here are very kind to us. Some of the lords and ladies are beyond noticing us, but then that only puts a little spice into the work and keeps it from getting monotonous. This is a pretty country, and the best roads I ever saw, only they are about as crooked as a ram's horn.

DROP a card to the Tract Society asking for a list of our good tracts, then select what you think your neighbors will read and send to us for them. A discount of 40 per cent is made on tracts used for missionary work.

BRO. E. L. Maxwell is spending a few days at home before campmeeting.

Look This Over.

WE have this miscellaneous collection of books here in the office and we will make the following rates for campmeeting only:

Story of the Bible, .75; God is Love, .40; The Atonement, .90; Eastern Question, .40; Glad Tidings, .50; Looking to Jesus, .75; Harmony of the Gospel, .40; Stomach, \$1.25; John Wyckliffe, .35; The Cannibal Archipelagoes, .35; Friend in the Kitchen, .35; Health, .75; Good Form (cloth), .35; Good Form (paper), .15; Native Life in India, .40; Life of Luther, .35; Life on the Congo, .35; Parliamentary Rules, .25; Hints to Librarians, .10; Foreign Missions of Protestant Denominations, .35. A number of these books we offer at cost. Of the most of them, there is only one copy; so if you wish to secure them you had better come to the book stand early before they are sold. These are all good books, but we wish to close out all such books we have on hand and keep just the subscription books which our agents are selling. Call and look them over, even if you do not wish to buy.

Read This.

WE wish to call the attention of those who are owing us, to the fact that they need not wait to get the whole amount together to send at once, as that is something almost impossible; but send what you can and whenever you can, till it is all paid. If you only have 25 cents that you can spare, send it along and will be glad to get it. It will surprise you to see how soon you will have your debt paid, if you will send even small amounts as you have them, and keep at it. Of course, we would rather have it all at once and right away, but many cannot do that, and we do not wish to crowd any one.

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

WE will have a full line of all our books at the book-stand, and we shall be pleased to have you come and look them over, even if you do not wish to buy. Every family should have a good supply of our literature in their homes, and especially where there are children. The Lord will hold you responsible for the opportunities you give to them of reading the present truth.

Canvassers' Report.

AUGUST 10, 1992.

J. J. Jobe, Mushkogee. Miscellaneous; 48 hours; exhibits, 127; value, \$52.50.

W. B. Etchison, Burns; Great Controversy; 50 hours; exhibits, 67; orders, 28; value, \$76.75; helps, \$8.25.

J. S. Hampton, Burns; Bible Readings; 97 hours; 112 exhibits; 12 orders; value, \$29.00; helps, \$6.50.

J. D. McCoy, Burns; Bible Readings; 88 hours; exhibits, 91; orders, 16; value, \$44.25; helps, \$4.50.

Daisy Butka, Parkland; Great Controversy; 13 hours; exhibits, 15; helps, \$1.50.

John Hartzman, Parkland; Great Controversy; 34 hours; exhibits, 45; orders, 6.

Ray Hickman, Kiel; Daniel and Revelation; 67 hours; exhibits, 60; orders, 17; value, \$43.00; value, \$57.25; helps, \$5.50.

May McPhee, Zebra; Ladies' Guide; 51 hours; exhibits, 40; orders, 6; value, \$19.00; helps, \$1.75.

J. E. Sallee, Lydia; Great Controversy; 35 hours; exhibits, 36; orders, 14; value, \$38.50; helps, \$2.05.

E. McLacy, Lawson; Bible Readings; 94 hours; exhibits, 100; orders, 27; value, \$64.75; helps, \$13.00.

E. E. Barnard, Mulhall; Bible Readings; 67 hours; exhibits, 72; orders, 20; value, \$46.00.

James Butka, Chilco; Bible Readings; 82 hours; exhibits, 90; orders, 41; value, \$106.00; helps, \$14.25.

Mrs. N. M. Kentch, Antrim; Herald of the Morning; 57 hours; exhibits, 48; orders, 13; value, \$15.25; helps, \$4.50.

William Olmstead, Pembroke, South Wales, England, Great Controversy; 56 hours; orders, 61; value, \$100.00; delivered, 24.

TOTALS.—Agents, 13; hours, 783; exhibits, 903; orders, 200; value, \$535.00; value, \$57.25; helps, \$61.80.

SABBATH, August 9, after a very lively discussion of the need of a Sanitarium here in Oklahoma City, a committee of seven was chosen with Brother Maxwell as chairman, to visit the business men of the City, and, in other ways, see what can be done toward starting that enterprise here in the near future. We are sure some thing will be done and that immediately.

WE will have a good supply of all our books and tracts at campmeeting. Come prepared to take a good supply home with you.

By the time this issue reaches you, you will be ready to start to the camp ground. We hope to see you all there.

ARE you making preparations to attend campmeeting? Are you holding a Sabbath school teacher's meeting each week? Our teachers' meeting at Oklahoma City, is one of the interesting of the week. Many who are not teachers attend. Try to have your teachers together, if only for a half hour before or after your other meetings.

RIGHT now is the time we expect a large number of subscriptions for the RECORD. If you are on the camp ground, just go to the book-stand and give in your subscription before you forget it. Those in charge will not get time to ask each one for his subscription. We notice if any one misses an issue, he is quick to write and tell us about it, which we consider a sign that they are much interested in reading it. We want them to let us know if they do miss a copy for each issue is full of things we wish them to read.

Arkansas Department.

Gentry, Arkansas.

IS a town of about eight hundred inhabitants, in the northwest part of Arkansas. Contains four churches; the leading, and the largest, denomination being that of the Seventh-day Baptists. Our local campmeeting opened, with regular services, Friday, August 8. Although not as largely attended as we had reason to hope it would be. At present there are about seventy-five people on the ground, and the promise of more coming. We have enough, however, to claim the promise of Matthew 18:20. Thus far we have had most excellent meetings; the Spirit of the Lord has been present and souls have claimed the promises of God. The tent was filled with people from the town Sunday night, and listened to an interesting discourse from the Prophecies by Elder Rupert, President of the Southwestern Union Conference. Elder Lane, from Bat-

tle Creek, commenced a series of talks Sunday morning on the Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists, to be given daily at 9 A. M. Those who have allowed worldly cares to come in and keep them away from the meetings, truly fail to comprehend what they are losing. As a people we surely need all these golden opportunities of drawing nearer to God; and thus preparing ourselves for what is coming upon the earth.

The harvesting of the crops, gathering in from the gardens, has kept many at home. If we plead excuses of this kind now, how will it be with us in the final harvest, the ingathering of souls? Whilst many are gathering in the results of seeds sown for temporal needs, let us not become so absorbed in the cares of this life as to forget that we are sowing seeds for eternity; and the harvest is sure. As is the natural world, every seed sown produces a harvest of its kind. So it is in human life. "If we live for self and sow to the flesh of the flesh, we will reap corruption, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Now, a farmer in sowing seeds for temporal needs, avails himself of every advantage, and takes the utmost pains in cultivating the ground and preparing it for the seed. How much the more need of our improving every opportunity in cultivating our hearts in sowing seeds for eternity. The rapidly fulfilling signs around us indicate that these privileges of assembling ourselves together to worship the Lord in peace and unity, and thus spread the life-saving truth, will soon be cut off. And dear readers, how will it be with us? Will there be a long list of neglected opportunities recorded against us in the day of judgment? Let us ask ourselves this question before it is irretrievably too late.

The Field.

ARE there not any of our readers that feel a burden for the work? The fields are white for the harvest; but where are the reapers? "Golden opportunities occur almost daily where the silent messengers of truth might be introduced to families and individuals; but no advantages is taken of these opportunities by the indolent thoughtless ones." Many

are making a great mistake in not putting their talents to use in seeking to save the souls of their fellow-men. Hundreds should be engaged in carrying the light through all of our cities, villages and towns. The public must be agitated. God says Let light be sent out into all parts of the field. Missionaries are wanted everywhere. In all parts of the field canvassers are needed, those who have good address, tact, keen foresight and God-given ability. Such are needed to make success as colporteurs, canvassers, and agents. If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the scriptures. We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. The wider the circulation of our publications the greater will be the demand for books that make plain the Scriptures of truth. There are many who are seeking for light in the darkness. If our papers and tracts and books could be widely circulated, many would find that they are just what they want. But many act as tho the people were to come to them, or to send to our offices for the publications when they do not know they exist. God calls upon his people to act like living men, and not indolent, sluggish and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept them, showing that they will receive much more than their money's worth. Exalt the value of the books you offer. You cannot regard them too highly." The above is taken from volume 4 of the "Testimonies." Can we, in the light of the above truths, go on indifferent to the times in which we are living? "It is high time we awake out of sleep for now is our salvation nearer than we believed." In the face of this solemn truth, are there some burdened to take up the canvassing work, scattering the precious seeds of truth among the people? If so write to the Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Arkansas.

DON'T forget our next local campmeeting to commence at Nathan, Arkansas, Aug. 28. All in the southeastern part of this state should certainly avail themselves of this God-given privilege. This is our only opportunity to form characters for the home which Christ has made ready for those who obey His commandments. The days of our probation are fast closing. The end is near. "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

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References, Elder McCutchen and T. T. Stevenson.

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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.

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BROTHER Olmstead reports his work in England to the Oklahoma Tract Society each week. We appreciate this thoughtfulness on his part, and we are sure our readers do too. We are so glad he is doing so well over there; and let us not forget to pray for those who are in other lands carrying the message to those who know it not. We hope all our workers will be as faithful in sending their reports.

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Immediate Action.

OUR mind has been greatly exercised for some days as to what can be done to arouse our people to the importance of the work at this time. The various lines of the work run through our mind daily. After consultation with those of experience we reach the conclusion now is the time to make a grand effort in the book work in this entire Union Conference. And as we come to this conclusion we see the need of immediate action. We cannot emphasize this immediate action too much. This will be seen clearly when we look at the circumstances we are facing.

The season of the year is approaching which is the best time of the year to take orders for the holiday delivery. This opportunity has been lost year after year by neglect till it was too late. The worldly business men do not lose this opportunity where personal interests are at stake. They are always on time. How true the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. Then then there is still another reason why we should move immediately. The time is here when the money is in the hands of the people at large. This will not be in a short time after the crops are sold. Third, this year God has given us good crops as a rule, and money is plentiful. Why not take advantage of this heaven given blessing and make the most of it. Now what course shall we take at once to bring about a general move all along the line in the sale of our publications. We would recommend that all laborers in this Union Conference take hold of this work in earnest by showing their interest. One trouble has been to get a united action of the workers at a time when there is a crisis to meet. There are as a rule few that bear the burden at these times of need. This should not be. When there is a move all should take hold in earnest.

It is true the people are looking to the shepherds to move and they will follow. So we think all should do all in their power both by word and example. A move when undertaken to make it a success there should be counsel in all such moves and when once decided on then the laborer that would not take hold there are good

reasons to consider his case in settling with him.

There are still other reasons why we should push this line of the work. There are a large number who embrace the truth through reading matter sold them and then the situation of some of the tract societies demands something to be done at once. There are old debts due the publishing houses for years that should be paid. This move will pay this debt and remove the debt from these societies. We will recommend that every conference in this union advise their laborers to give their entire time to the building up of this line of the work. Both in precept and example. We recommend every church elder to take hold of the work in the same way. Let there be a general move all along the line. This was done in Oklahoma for a few weeks last winter in the poorest season of the year to sell books and it resulted in great good to the cause and the churches of that conference. Spiritual revivals resulted from it and the tithe was increased. This will be true to a greater extent if there is a more extended move by all.

We hope none will look on this as an extreme position. It is not. Circumstances demand it when we look at it as it is as before stated. The season of the year, the crops, the debts on our societies, the spread of the message, all demand it as the best way to get the truth before the people in a short time. The world pays for carrying the truth in this manner while our people pay for it through the preaching of the word.

Now when the season passes let the

ministers give their attention more to holding series of meetings again. The Lord has given us these various lines of the work to do and we must give some time at such seasons as the case demands to these various lines. Now is the time it seems above all others to give special help to the publishing work.

In this move I would like to see a move on the part of the sisters, especially to sell Good Health and get subscribers for it. The Parables are not all sold yet in the conferences. This should have attention by each church member to do their part allotted to them. The Lord is calling the old canvassers back to the work they were called to do by the Lord. This union conference has a good book territory as there is in the world and we should occupy it at once. We hope the conference committees will take this up at once and get the forces to work in each conference. Texas we learn has divided the state into districts and placed a minister at the head of these districts. This is a good move. Now let these work up this line of the work before the opportunity is let slip. Let all work and pray for the movement that there may be thousands of books sold containing the truth for this time.

G. G. R.

DON'T fail to read the call to immediate action in this issue. There is every reason why we should scatter the printed page everywhere in this union conference.

THE next camp meeting in the union conference will be held at Dover, O. T., Aug. 21 to Sept. 1. This will likely be a large meeting.

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WIRKLICHER, HANDELNDER GLAUBE.

Sehr wichtig und nötig ist es, den Unterschied zwischen einem scheinbaren und wirklichen Glauben an Gott, an die biblische Offenbarung und an Christum klar zu machen und festzuhalten. Es ist ja nicht zu leugnen, daß Millionen nach Anhörung der Predigt sagen: „Ich glaube, ich glaube an Christum, ich bin ein Anhänger des biblischen Christentums,“ ja selbst: „Christus ist mein einziger Trost“ und dennoch weder zur Buße, zur Einsicht gekommen sind, noch mit dem Herzen und in der That wirklich Christo glauben und sich Ihm zum gehorsamen Eigentum ergeben haben. Aber solcher Glaube ist kein wirklicher, handelnder Glaube, sondern nur eine Meinung des Verstandes, welche von Herz und Willen nicht beachtet wird. Wenn ich zu den Bewohnern eines Dorfes, das an einem großen, eingedämmten Strome liegt, komme, und ihnen melde: „Der Damm ist gebrochen, innerhalb drei Stunden wird das Dorf zehn Fuß unter Wasser sein, darum flüchtet!“ und sie ganz gelassen sagen: „Ja, das glauben wir auch“ aber doch weiter leben, als wenn sie es nicht gehört, so haben sie meine Botschaft nicht wirklich geglaubt. Ebenso ist es unmöglich, daß ein sündiger Mensch die Botschaft von Gottes zukünftigem Gericht und der Gnade und Liebe in Christo wirklich glaubt, ohne aufzuwachen aus dem Sündenschlaf und der Eingenommenheit von rein vergänglichem, weltlichen Dingen, und ohne Jesum als Helfer zu ergreifen, und mit Jesu der Sünde zu sterben und der Gerechtigkeit zu leben. Man kann nicht wirklich das Evangelium hören und glauben, ohne ganz anders als vorher zu urteilen, zu fühlen, und zu handeln. Wer über die Wahrheiten der Bibel von Verdammnis und Erlösung weder ernste Gedanken noch Gefühle hat, noch dadurch zu inneren Entschlüssen und Handlungen kommt, der glaubt auch nicht, der ist ein Ungläubiger. Der Mensch muß schon „in Bezug auf Vernunft und sittliches Handeln“ versinstet sein, wenn er eine wichtige, ihn betreffende Botschaft wirklich für wahr halten kann ohne dementsprechend anders zu urteilen, zu fühlen, zu wollen, zu handeln. Wirklicher Glaube in Bezug auf religiöse Wahrheiten besteht gerade darin, daß wir so fühlen und handeln, wie es aus diesen Wahrheiten folgt. Noah glaubte, was Gott über die zukünftige Flut gesagt hatte, und handelte darnach; darum war er ein gläubiger.

Hätte er nicht gehandelt, so wäre er als ein Ungläubiger mit untergegangen. Siehe Hebr. 11, wo immer der Glaube als ein gewisses Ueberzeugtsein von den Unsichtbaren Dingen und Wirklichkeiten, das zu entschiedenem Handeln führt, dargestellt wird (Jak. 1, 22).

Es offenbart die tiefe Verfinsternung des Menschen in Bezug auf die göttlichen Dinge, daß—während er in natürlichen Dingen nur selten, durch Leidenschaften verblendet, so verkehrt und töricht ist, daß er etwas für wahr hält und doch in keiner Weise darnach handelt—dies in Bezug auf die religiösen und göttlichen Dinge fast bei der Mehrzahl der getauften Christen der Fall ist. So sehr hat der Teufel, die Welt und die Sünde des Menschen Geist unnachtet, geschändet und entkräftet. Darum ist es für jeden, der in einer gewissen Rechtgläubigkeit in Bezug auf die biblischen Wahrheiten steht, eine nötige, ernste Frage: „Fühle ich so, wie ich glaube und besonders handle ich meinem Glauben gemäß? Wer etwas glaubt oder zu glauben vorgibt in Bezug auf göttliche Dinge, ohne dem entsprechend zu handeln, der ist ein Heuchler, ein Verblendeter, ein im religiösen Leben Unmächter.

Theodor Jellinghaus.

CHRISTO ARHNLICHE AUFFUEHRUNG.

Die Liebe überwindet jedwedes Hindernis. Enthalte dich alles Schimpfens, Scheltens, sowie jedwedes zornigen oder aufgebrauchten Befehlens. Folge dem Mahnwort: „Seid stille und erkennet daß ich Gott bin.“ Den Eltern, welche sich eifrig bemühen ihr eigenes Gemüt zu beherrschen, wird der Herr köstliche Segnungen bescheeren. Christi Gnade macht die harten Charakterzüge sanft, und glättet die rauhe Gemütsstimmung ab.

Jene, welche mittels Gewaltübung, ihrer Befehle Vollstreckung zu erreichen suchen, üben weit geringeren Einfluß aus wie die, welche mit Liebe Befehle erteilen. Lieblose Strenge verhärtet das Herz und vermehrt den Hang zum Widerstreben. Sanftmut, hingegen, erweicht das Herz und macht sich den störrigsten Willen unterthan.

Einem jeglichen Familienhaupt sagt der Herr, „Hab Acht auf dich selbst“—auf dich selbst, du, Vater; auf dich selbst, du, Mutter. Ehe du auf rechte Weise mit deinen Kindern verfahren kannst, mußt du dich in der Schule Gottes ausbilden lassen. Du mußt von edlen Beweggründen und hohen Ausstrebenungen beseelt sein. Tagtäglich bestrebe dich deiner göttlichen Berufung würdiger zu werden. Alsdann wird Gott durch dich wirken.

Das Band welches die Familie zusammenhält, sollte ein wohlgeordnetes sein. Der Vater und die Mutter sollten beide, ihre Verantwortlichkeiten erwägen, und vereint für das höchste Wohl ihrer Kinder tätig sein. Es darf kein Zwiespalt zwischen ihnen aufkommen. Nie sollten dieselben in der Gegenwart der Kinder tadelnd über ihre elterlichen Pläne reden, noch das eine des andern Klugheit in Frage stellen. Ist die Frau ohne Erfahrung, so liegt es ihr ob festzustellen inwiefern ihre Thätigkeit das Wirken des Vaters in seinen Bemühungen das Seelenheil seiner Kinder zu sichern, erschwert. Desgleichen sollte der Vater die Hände der Mutter unterstützen und ihr mit gutem Rat und liebevoller Ermutigung beistehen.

Ein christlicher Vater ist das Hausband oder Familie das dieselbe eng mit dem Throne des Allerhöchsten verbindet. Nie darf seine Interesse für seine Kinder erschlafen. Der Vater der eine Schar Knaben hat, sollte nicht diese rastlosen Gemüter ganz der Fürsorge der Mutter überlassen; denn das ist für sie eine allzuschwere Last. Er mache sich ihnen zum Freund und Gefährten und gebe sich Mühe sie von bösem Umgang zu bewahren. Es mag der Mutter schwer halten sich allezeit selbst zu beherrschen. Sieht der Gatte, daß seiner Gattin Schwäche das Gedeihen der Kinder erschwert oder gefährdet, so sollte er den größeren Teil der Last auf sich nehmen und alles ihm möglich thun seine Söhne zum Herrn zu leiten.

Die Eltern sind sich keineswegs selbst überlassen diese Arbeit von welcher so viel abhängt, alleine auszuführen. Christus sagt, Kommet her zu mir. Ich will eure Lasten und Nöten tragen. Alle Gewalt im Himmel und auf Erden ist mir verliehen. Ich will euch stärken. Väter und Mütter, gehet zu ihm. Manche von euch werden nicht instande sein, die euch anvertrauten Pflichten richtig zu erfüllen bis ihr euch in engere Verbindung mit dem Herrn bringt. Viele fragen, „Warum wirkt der Herr heutzutage keine Wunder mehr wie er damals that als er auf Erden war?“ Wenn die Eltern daheim nach dem Leben Christi handeln, so wird es nicht zu verkennen sein, daß Gottes unwiderwirkende Macht auch heute noch thätig ist den Wandel und den Character ihrer Kinder nach dem göttlichen Exempel umzugestalten.

Frau E. G. White

„Unsere Sünden sind gebüßt,
Unser Tod ist schon verschlungen,
Hätte ich dies erst selbst gemüßt,
Wär mir's ewig nicht gelungen.
Jesus ist es, der es kann,
Und er hat es schon gethan.“

The Publishing Work.

THIS is a line of the work that must ever be kept before us. The Lord has spoken directly on this question and we should ever heed it. At our late campmeetings we have taken the opportunity to ascertain how many these were present who embraced the truth by reading, and in each case there was a large number raised their hands. This should encourage those selling our publications. It is true the canvasser seldom sees immediately the fruit of his work; but it is there just the same, and in the great day of the Lord he will see his work has not been in vain. The Southwestern Union Conference has the best or at least as good territory as there is in the world for this line of work. And there are many places yet untouched by the worker. Then Mexico at our door is just opening to the canvasser and teacher of the truth. And on the other hand we have those among us who know what it is to enter these fields. The men of the west know best how to meet the people of the west. Sleeping in a dug-out or on the plain does not discourage them; they know what it is.

The coming year should have the largest sales of our publications in the history of this people. Arkansas and Oklahoma have good crops, and cotton, the main crop, is fair in Texas. Then Texas has a large field in the cattle territory not affected by drouth. So there is no excuse to not make the coming year one of the best in the sale of books ever had in the Southwest. But in order to do this the leaders of the work will need to begin at once to make it so by laying plans and pushing the work. What a golden opportunity there is this fall to make a large sale before Christmas. God will help the ones who engage in this line of work. Oklahoma has in the last year sold some twenty thousand dollars worth of our publications at retail price, a gain of more than double that of the year before. In the meantime her title has increased over two thousand dollars. We believe this is largely due to the interest manifested in the sale of the Parables and other books. If there was the interest taken that should be there can be a large increase over this the coming year in Oklahoma.

This is true of Texas and Arkan-

sas also. They can do likewise if the importance of the work is realized and the work pushed in this line. There should be thousands of "Good Health" sold the coming year. In the twenty-five years I have spent in the ministry I have never seen anything like the calls there are now for help on the part of the people on the medical line.

God wants us to be ready to fill these opportunities fast as they open to us. What do you say, brethren? Let us fill the world with our literature. The Lord wants it so and we are able to do it. Let us lay our plans and strike while there is an opportunity. G. G. R.

TEXAS, Oklahoma, and Arkansas will soon enter on the coming year's business. Pertaining to the truth in their separate conferences we shall keep note of the work done by each conference and compare these notes and average the work done as per membership. Paul mentioned the work of the different churches and mentioned their faithfulness in order to stimulate others to good works. We shall note especially the book business done by these conferences. Arkansas has good crops, Texas has good cotton, and Oklahoma is not in bad shape. Oklahoma and Texas are about equal in membership. All have a fine field to work in and there is no reason why the coming year should not be the best of any in their history.

OPENINGS are on every hand for laborers to enter the field. There is an open door to the ministry, the medical work, the work of teachers, canvassers, doctors. In fact every door is wide open for men and women to enter some line of the work. Who will respond to the call by consecrating their lives to the Lord.

THE citizens of Oklahoma City continue to call for a sanitarium. Can we not take some steps that will bring this desired end about.

THE Sanitarium is calling for young men to learn the nurses course. This is a good opportunity.

G. G. R.

It is a sad commentary upon much that is called Christian to-day that twelve Greek priests were sent to prison in Jerusalem recently as the result of a fight between them and the monks of the Holy Sepulchre.

To Our Young People.

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RECENTLY the French government issued a decree ordering the closing of all the unauthorized schools. The schools affected are of course largely if not wholly such as are conducted by the various Roman Catholic orders. The closing of the schools was the occasion of rioting in some places. A number of arrests were made.

The fact seems to be pretty well established that the recent mine explosion at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, which resulted in the loss of one hundred and fourteen lives, was due to gross carelessness on the part of some of the miners. Four open lamps were found in the room in which the explosion originated. One witness testified that the men were in the habit of lighting their pipes in the dangerous rooms.