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THE SITUATION IN BARBADOS.

AFFAIRS are in a most terrible state just now, in this poor, stricken, quivering, throbbing isle of the sea. Ruin stares the whole West Indies in the face, owing to the sugar crisis. Every estate is being worked at a heavy loss, and complete ruin, panic and starvation have only been averted by imperial grants and loans. Many, formerly well-to-do and even wealthy people, have been ruined, and the suffering of the masses is entirely beyond description.

All this is now intensified by an epidemic of smallpox that is raging. The community seems to be hopelessly in the clutches of the dread disease. There are now more than one hundred cases, and a number of new ones develop daily. Deaths are frequent, and the bodies are thrown into the sea. The people are very ignorant of the disease. They hide their friends who take it, thus spreading it, and mob the doctors and the sanitary officers who try to take the patients from them to the pest-house. O, that we might be able to point them all to the only source of complete deliverance; but, alas! so few will listen to the message of hope.

All our canvassers are at present in Barbados, and of course are shut up here with nothing to do, and we do not know when they will be able to get away, as no other colony will allow any one from Barbados to land. Our meagre means is all that stands between some of our people and starvation. It is only a drop in the bucket, compared with the misery, but as far as it goes it is dedicated to the cause of the Master, in the persons of his suffering ones. Our people throughout the States, many of them lacking nothing on their fruitful farms, or earning good wages, would pour out of their means to help the cause in these needy fields, if they could see and hear what we do.

Brethren, it drives sleep away from my eyes as we realize that within a radius of one mile from our home, many thousands are enduring the most crying want, hunger, and sickness, and we are powerless to help them. Words are absolutely inadequate to describe the existing conditions here. We are sent for from all directions by total strangers, to pray for and with them in their wretchedness and misery. Last night we responded to two such calls after dark, and what we saw will never fade from our minds: Nine persons, some of them sick, were crowded together in one hovel eight by nine feet—and this is only one of thousands of similar circumstances. Dark, narrow, foul-smelling alleys, literally swarming with human beings—beings for whom Christ died and whom God loves, some of whom we are snatching as brands from the burning, to be trophies of his saving grace and power.

None of our people have taken the disease so far, and we are hoping and praying to be spared to the honor and glory of his name and cause. I am glad to say that despite all these forbidding circumstances, our work is prospering and making some advancement. The church-members are almost all earnest and active in the various lines of church missionary work. No phase of our work has as yet been interrupted. The church is packed, and surrounded by interested listeners on Sunday nights, and some are deciding almost every week to obey God, and many more are studying. There will be quite a large class to be baptized at the quarterly meeting.

W. A. SWEANY.

This letter from Brother Sweany only shows one phase of the experience of our missionaries. By faithfully using our little envelopes each week, we may share in this glorious work of giving the message of deliverance and hope to these benighted souls.

MISSION BOARD.

A NEW BOOK.

THERE is being published at the RECORD office a pamphlet entitled "The Inspired History of the Nations—Past and Future;" price twenty-five cents. A regular discount to tract societies and agents. This is a book that every Seventh-day Adventist should read as well as those outside of the church. There never has been a more important book issued from the press than this one for all classes of people and denominations—believers and unbelievers. It is the truth for these times. You will only have to read it to testify to this fact. It is the truth that it contains that makes it so. The facts advanced are presented from an entirely new standpoint, and yet it is the same old truth, but much of the scripture used is entirely different light because they are studied from a different phase. You will miss something you cannot afford to do, if you do not get it. Orders will be filled through the tract societies or from this office. We only ask a careful reading and it will speak for itself. G. G. RUPERT.

Encouraging.

IT is surely encouraging to see two presses running in the RECORD office. The arrangement is for one of them to run fifteen hours each day. The job work is coming in nicely, and if it increases as it has, there will be no small amount of this kind of work. The office has been delayed in getting out the pamphlet entitled "The Events of the One Thousand Years of Revelation, the Twentieth Chapter," but it will soon be out, and those having orders, in for them, will be furnished with a copy. Those who have not ordered should do so at once. It is one of the finest productions on this subject printed.

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Arkansas Department.

Field Reports.

NATHAN.—I left Jenny Lind after organizing a church there August 20, and went to Nathan to prepare for our local campmeeting which was to begin August 28. I got my tent up and began meetings on the night of the 25th with a gradual increase each night until they numbered about one hundred to one hundred and fifty. On account of sickness there were but few of the brethren and sisters present. The death of Brother Allen Meeks, also, kept quite a number away; but the spirit of the Lord was in the meetings all the way through. Our morning meetings were excellent; most every one was ready to bear the testimony for Jesus at every meeting. There were only about three camped on the ground that were out of Christ, and they professed a hope before the meeting closed. A Christian minister came and started a meeting on Sunday, after we began, and tried to break up our meeting. The result was that he had no hearers after two days, and of course he had to quit and leave. Elder Field was hindered on account of sickness and was with me but three days. The meeting was in progress two weeks lacking one day. Everybody is full of courage and pushing forward. Many intend going out with "Object Lessons" this fall and sell them. Pray for the work in the south. E. B. HOPKINS.

FAIRVIEW.—Camp and tent meetings began here September 25. At this writing, the 21st, Brother Griffin has the tent up and nearly ready to commence the meetings. He says the neighbors are helping him. This is the place where they closed the doors against them last fall; stole their lamps, charts and books and burned them. The seed then sown is beginning to bring forth fruit, and many express themselves as well pleased to have the meeting here, yet there are a few who bitterly oppose them. One woman in visiting a neighbor, walked half a mile out of her way rather than go by the tent. Her brother says that the tent will not stand a week. He was indicted with others for misconduct at the meetings held there by Professor Griffin last fall. Brother Griffin requests

the prayers of our people for the work there.

OBITUARY.

Sister Bettie Parker fell asleep at her home in Hot Springs, September 10, 1902. Deceased accepted the truth at our local campmeeting three years ago. She was seventy-two years old, and died in a bright hope of the first resurrection. She left two sons and one daughter to mourn her loss. Funeral services by the writer. Text, Ps. 116:15.

E. B. HOPKINS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

SISTER Kate Beeler, who has been engaged in Bible work in Little Rock, has given up her work and is now employed at the Sanitarium.

BROTHER V. B. Watts, who has been laboring in Little Rock, is going to take up the canvassing work from now till Christmas.

THE present outlook indicates a good corps of canvassers soon to be in the field. The sooner the better.

MARION Beasley, canvassing in St. Francis County, reports the following week's work ending September 12: Orders, 13; exhibits, 64; hours, 54; value, \$23.00; helps, \$3.00: book, "Daniel and Revelation."

ELDER A. E. Field, since leaving the Nathan Campmeeting, has been visiting churches in the interior of the State, in behalf of the canvassing work. Fruit is already developing as the result. Orders are coming in for "Christ's Object Lessons," which indicates a revival of the missionary spirit, which eventually means a revival of the canvassing work. He is at Prescott at this writing; returns to Little Rock; thence to Black Rock to attend the camp at Fairview.

HAVE just received a letter from a lady in Pettigrew, Arkansas, who has become interested in Daniel and Revelation from reading it at her neighbor's. She says that she not only wants to study it for the benefit of her own soul, but wants to help others study it, and thus feels burdened to devote the balance of her life aside from her family duties, (she has two small children) to canvassing for our books, and has sent for catalogue terms, etc. Thus we see that the Lord in raising up people to scatter the seeds of truth, to take the places

of those who have long been in the ranks and given up for one cause and another.

A YOUNG man from Boone County, who listened to the preaching of the truth some ten years ago and accepted the same, but has been unable to live it, as his folks at home opposed him, visited this office last week. He has felt burdened for sometime past to step out, and, at last decided to leave home and seek employment where he could keep the Sabbath. He is interested in our books and felt anxious to take up the canvassing work. He stopped in Springdale over Sabbath, leaving Sunday morning for home, intending soon to spend a couple of weeks with Brother Dickerson at his home in Searvan, and study up for the work, taking a prospectus with him from this office for that purpose.

OUR NEEDS.

WE need a large tent for campmeeting purposes. We tried to get enough money together to get it for this year but failed. Now if every one of our people would send to the Tract Society and get a "Bible Readings," or copy of "Great Controversy," and sell it and donate their profits to the tent fund, we could have a good tent to hold our meetings in, and your neighbors would have the truth. Now is the time to take hold of this while the cotton is being sold and money in the country. Now don't say we can't, but let every one take hold of this and the blessing of God will rest upon us. We are also in need of a tent for the children and youth. We haven't any place to hold their meetings. Now here is a plan that will get a tent for the children and young people. Let every child and young person send for six "Best Stories from Best Book," and sell them and donate your profits to the childrens' tent. Then next year we can have a place to hold your meetings, and it will be your tent. Now children, if you want a tent to hold your meetings in, you can get it in this way. I hope that the older brethren will see the importance of this and encourage the youth, and send for the books and let them go out and sell them. Send in your orders at once so as to get the books and sell them this fall. Brethren, we all need more of the missionary spirit; let us go to the work and God will bless us far beyond our expectation. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

A. E. FIELD.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

Workers and Churches, Take Notice.

ON account of my throat trouble which always grows worse as winter approaches, and the increased burdens occasioned by the long continued sickness in our family, I requested, two weeks ago, to be relieved for a while at least, of the active duties of the Conference. Accordingly, the Committee has chosen Elder T. W. Field as Acting President for the present, who will have charge of the affairs of the Conference, directing the work, etc. Brother Field will have full control of the work of the Conference, I to assist him by counsel and attending to such business matters as can be attended to at home, but he to do the active field work of visiting the churches and directing the work in general. All letters pertaining to the churches, meetings, and the general work of the Conference, should be addressed to T. W. Field, Keene, Texas. Those wishing orders for money and rates over the railroads, will address the undersigned as heretofore.

W. A. McCUTCHEM.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Keene church held quarterly meeting last Sabbath, with a good attendance and interest.

BRETHREN Field, McCully, Covert and others, report good meetings where they have been with the different churches.

ELDER A. W. Jenson writes from Austin that ten new Sabbath keepers is the result of a series of meetings just closed there.

ELDER McCutchen spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the Cedar Grove church. They expected to hold quarterly meeting at that time.

PRIVATE letters from Elders Hale and Sommerville state that they have an increasing interest at Alvord, Wise County. Two have began the observance of the Sabbath.

BROTHER Cubley writes from Sanger that the interest in the meeting increases day by day, from one hundred and fifty to three hundred present each night. The people are stirred for ten miles around. Brother French says he never in all his past experience saw anything to equal in

any respect the interest they have at Sanger.

ELDER T. W. Field held quarterly meeting services with the church at Poetry last Sabbath. Next Sabbath he intends meeting with the church at Edgewood.

ELDER J. Riffel, after spending several days in Keene, in consultation with the Conference Committee, went to Hutto last Friday, to hold quarterly meeting.

ORDERS from the canvassers are coming in lively, and the workers in the Tract Society office are kept busy entering orders and sending out books. We hope for a successful delivery for all.

THE daily papers tell of a stampede started in a colored convention at Birmingham, Alabama, during which one hundred and six negroes were trampled to death in the terrible rush to get out of the building.

THE Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition, was opened at Dallas last Sabbath with the usual ceremonies. A large attendance is expected this year.

WE are glad to report that Sister W. A. McCutchen is so far on the road to recovery that she has been brought home from the Sanitarium. She speaks in high terms of the treatment received at this place.

THE Keene Bakery is doing a good business, part of the time having to run nights to keep up with their orders. Four young men, Cyrus Jamison, Fred Green, Jesse Reiber, and Otto John have been working the cities of north Texas for sometime introducing and taking orders for the foods. They are meeting with good success in the work.

THE Sabbath School Secretaries should remember that their reports only should be sent to the Secretary of the Sabbath School Department, Mrs. K. M. Stevenson, Keene, Texas. According to the vote taken at our late campmeeting the money should be turned over to the local church treasurer, who will remit it with all other funds, except the tithes, to the Texas Tract Society, E. Harris, Treasurer, Keene. Tithes should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, T. T. Stevenson, Keene, Texas.

Our Children as Missionaries.

NEARLY all great missionaries began their missionary career

when they were children. We have been looking forward to the time when God would, in a special manner, use our children to proclaim the truth. But we may be sure that in that time God will select those whom we have already been encouraging to do missionary work as far as they were able and had opportunity. The children, all over the land, are taking hold of the selling of the "Life Boat" with the greatest enthusiasm and determination. Is it not possible that this is a providential opening for the children of this denomination to become initiated into missionary experiences?

One mother said, as she was being urged to allow her daughter to sell "Life Boats," "I fear what will happen to her if I do." But we fear more what will happen to our children if they do not begin as never before some decided missionary enterprises. Something has been happening to our children for years. Thousands of them have drifted into the world because it presented something to them that they could do. We are slow to put something in their hands that they could do for God and humanity. The children of this generation are wiser than the children of light. There are ten thousand children in this denomination who could sell five "Life Boats" a month almost as easily as they could carry their lunch basket to school, and this would make a disposal of fifty thousand "Life Boats," and who can measure the good they might accomplish, for the world and for our children while they are selling them. "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out." If we do not arise up and supply our children with missionary fuel, we need not be surprised if the missionary fire dies out. Send for a liberal supply of "Life Boats" at two cents a copy. Give your children intelligent instruction as to what places it is proper for them to visit. Pray with them before they start out and in almost all instances they will return with animated reports and anxious to do something more.

Parents are writing us about what a blessing it has been to their children. The October "Life Boat" is to be far the best number that has ever been issued. Send for a liberal quantity and if your children do not succeed in selling them all, then dispose of them yourself.

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Doctrinal.

THE GATHERING OF ISRAEL.

BY ELDER G. G. RUPERT.

[Continued from last issue.]

The first operation of the Spirit of God of which we have any account, was manifested in the creation of the world, as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis, "when the spirit of God moved on the face of the waters." As a result of this energy the world and all that is in it were created. The same power converts the the soul. The same power changes the heart and creates a new man. The same power heals the sick and restores to soundness the injured flesh, blind eyes and deaf ears.

But its administrations are through different individuals, and in different gifts and manifestations. "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; but all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free: and have been all made to drink into one Spirit for one body is not one member, but many." The church equipped with all the gifts of the Spirit in its various manifestations and operations, is here compared to the complete human body.

The apostle continues his comparisons regarding the necessities of these gifts. "If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it, therefore, not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it, therefore, not of the body? If the whole body were an eye,

where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him. * * * * Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.

Thus reads the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians. It is so plain that no one needs to err, yet, as we look over the religious world, we find that only certain of these gifts, such as that of pastors and evangelists, and teachers, and governments are claimed to exist. But the query is, Who has a right to divide the scripture in this manner, and claim that just such portions as are being complied with and fulfilled by them, are all that is necessary? We realize that the answer will be Show us the apostles and prophets and the gifts of healing. But that is not an answer to the Scripture. We would far better say, We acknowledge the Scriptures to teach that all these gifts should be in the church of Christ; and then, instead of trying to justify our present condition, *seek a Scriptural reason why they are not manifested.* That they should be manifested there is no question in the mind of the individual who believes the Bible. We will therefore try to give a scriptural reason why these gifts have not always been in the church.

Solomon lays down a principle to which we will call attention:—

"Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law happy is he."—Prov. 29:18. Here is a principle that has ever governed God's dealings with his people. viz, in proportion to their obedience to the law of God have the gifts been manifested. In the days of Moses, as long as God was the direct ruler of his people, the ark of God and the prophet were the principal features in the government of his people. Now let the reader bear in mind that the apostle Paul plainly stated in Second Thessalonians that the man of sin, the son of perdition "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God," was to be manifested and that the mystery of iniquity had already begun to work in his day. This is the power spoken of by Daniel in chapter seven and twenty-fifth verse, that was to "think to change times and laws." For twelve hundred and sixty years this was accomplished by the church of Rome. The reformation of truth wrought by Wycliffe, Huss, Zwingli, Luther, the Wesleys, and others, were only reformations in part. As we have already noticed, the Scriptures teach that the reformation on the law and the placing of the seal, the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, is a work left for the remnant of Israel to perform. And upon their performance of this reformation we are glad to say that God has fulfilled his promise by once more speaking to his people through the spirit of prophecy. This gift has been manifested in the remnant since the

the very beginning of the work, when God sets his hand the second time to recover the remnant of his people.

The last days are especially characterized by many isms, lo here's and lo there's, and false christs and false prophets, each one saying "This is the way." The question would naturally arise in the minds of the candid, has not God placed some particular mark or characteristics as the ensign of true Israel, whereby they may be distinguished from the mass of confusion that exists in the world? We are glad to say he has, and that he has placed this inscription under the third angel's message. "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith [testimony] of Jesus." Therefore, let the reader look for the people that practice all the commandments, and have in their midst the spirit of prophecy, and are giving the third angel's message of warning to the world. These characteristics will separate them and distinguish them from every other people in the world. This is God's distinguishing mark, placed upon the people, so that the world may know them. *To illustrate:* On the western plains every stockman has his particular brand on his animals. If one has strayed and drifted into a herd of ten thousand head, as the owner rides through that herd he has but one particular mark he looks for. He pays little attention to anything else, but when he sees that brand he knows that that is his animal. The money changer having one genuine bill among over four hundred counterfeits, has no trouble whatever in finding the genuine, for he at once looks for the peculiar marks of the genuine. So God has lifted up an ensign in these last days in the midst of all the existing confusion, so that the one acquainted with the Bible need have no trouble whatever in finding the true church. It will not be by any particular name or man-made creed, but it will be a certain class of people, raised up at a certain time in the world's history, bearing a certain message containing a reformation which embraces the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The Lord has spoken to his children concerning the the various delusions and errors which they would encounter in the following language: "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and the testimony: if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isa. 8:19,20. Here is the test given whereby God's children can try all false christs, false prophets and false teachers, yea all Christendom. This is the ensign that God has lifted up to the nations which will carry the remnant victorious through every conflict, so that they will at last place their standard on the battlements of the Holy City under the reign of King Immanuel.

Satan, seeing that there would be true prophets in the last days, has sent "many false prophets out in the world," and by so doing he created prejudice in the minds of the people in regard to all prophets. The apostle Paul, in view of this condition of affairs, writes to the remnant people thus: "Quench not the spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."—1 Thess. 5: 19-23.

It is a dangerous thing to quench the spirit of God or its various gifts, and especially wicked to despise prophesyings. But the Christian's duty is to prove all these manifestations, and "hold fast that which is good." The Lord has given many tests whereby we may know a true prophet from a false one. First "By their fruits ye shall know them." The fruits of the flesh and of the spirit are plainly recorded as follows: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like, of the which I tell you before as I have; also, told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Here is the test of character which should be applied to every one claiming these gifts. Should they be found with any of the traits, or sins here mentioned, you can rest assured that the spirit of God is not working with such individuals. Then apply the following and see if the real fruit of the spirit is manifested: "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.—Gal. 5: 19-24.

We no more need to expect the manifestations of the spirit of God through individuals who do not possess these traits of character, last quoted, than we would expect an apple tree to bear grapes. The second test to be applied is the comparison of their statements with those of the Bible. John was a prophet who lived sixteen hundred years after Moses, yet the principles taught by him are in perfect accord with the writings of Moses, and, also, with those of all the other prophets who wrote in different ages of the world. So, if any now claim the gift of prophecy, they must make all their statements in harmony with the Scriptures already written. And third, they must be in harmony with the special work of the people whom God has raised up for such a purpose. For it is only through these who keep the commandments of God that we can, from a scriptural standpoint, expect God to speak.

Other tests might be considered, such as the condition of the prophet in vision, the angel from whom he receives the instruction, and the condition of God's people and the necessity demanding revelations from the Lord. But as it is not the purpose of this treatise to go in the details of these various gifts, we, therefore pass this point without further notice.

The object before us is to establish the fact that God has "set his hand the second time to recover the remnant of Israel," and these characteristics will be manifested as the ensign which they will lift before the nations whereby they may be known. The first scriptures we have used were found in the Old Testament. We are now gathering the same evidences from the book of Revelation and other New Testament writers, especially the former. We will now consider the time the book of Revelation gives, as to when this work of gathering the remnant shall begin, and the special message under which it will be completed.

We trust the reader will consider this question with great care, and study it faithfully for it is surely of the utmost importance, and we are thankful that God has not left his children in darkness on this great theme of salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Oklahoma & Department.**Items of Interest.**

ELDER Haffner was here in the office a few days last week. From here he was going out to some of the German churches, and then he will go to Kansas to attend the campmeeting, at Junction City.

ELDER Rupert's wife has returned from Wichita, Kansas, to this City a few days ago. Her sister is still sick but has improved a little. Sister Rupert's little niece came with her to attend the church school here.

BROTHER Mordaunt, from Topeka, Kansas, stopped at the office this week. He seems to think we have a nice place and nice office here at Oklahoma City. He was on his way back to Topeka. We were glad to see him.

BROTHER Thomas Baker and wife did well in their delivery. Brother Baker says, "we have taken eggs, butter, corn, oats, peaches, potatoes, and chickens, before we would give people a chance to go back on their order." We wish others of our canvassers would do likewise before they let the people back out. Brother Baker sent us the other day \$150.00 on his account. Good for Brother Baker! We hope others will follow his commendable example.

WE received the other day from the Boulder, Colorado Sanitarium a letter from Brother Rockey, our former Tract Society Secretary. He writes, "The Lord is good to us and we are both having good health. I have lots of hard work to do on our books. I have never been in a place before where it took all my time over books, with as little correspondence as we have here. Two of us are kept busy in the business office here. We have about seventy helpers and one hundred guests and patients nearly all the time since I came here."

SEND all Sabbath-school reports to William Voth, Cooper, Oklahoma, and for your supplies for the schools send to the Tract Society office.

DOCTOR J. A. Sommerville made a short visit at the office last week, on his way to Heavener, Indian Territory.

ELDER Haffner's wife and children went from the Dover camp meeting

to visit her folks, and on their way home they made a pleasant call at the office.

Laws of Health.

GOD'S hand of mercy is extended to each of us, and this is a revelation of his love.

"A knowledge of the laws by which health is secured and preserved is of pre-eminent importance."—*Signs of the Times, 1886, No. 33; H. L. p. 18.*

We are living in the last period of the world's history, and God, in kindness and love is revealing in blazing brightness the principles pertaining to health and happiness that cover all phases of our life. There is no subject of greater importance to us now than the facts pertaining to physical and spiritual health.

It is said that health reform is as the right hand and arm to the body. This being true, all can readily see what an important factor it is, and how necessary that it have its proper setting in the message that is fast going to all the world.

May we heartily co-operate in the advancement of the message of love to a fallen world. And when Jesus comes, we will hear the welcome "Well done!"

C. B. RUNNELS.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

[Continued from last issue.]

us a practical canvass for it. A number who had used and sold the book gave some interesting testimonials. The eighth resolution was voted on as a whole and adopted.

The eighth meeting of the annual Conference opened with singing followed by prayer by Elder Schultz. The Committee on Credentials and Licenses read the following report:

Ministerial Credentials:—G. F. Haffner, M. H. Gregory, J. A. Sommerville, D. F. Sturgeon, C. Sorenson, H. Woodruff, U. B. Dake, Matthew Larson.

For Ministerial License:—J. R. Bagby, E. L. Maxwell, F. H. Conway, A. Loewen, J. A. Lorenz, Geo. Ebel, W. E. Baxter, W. L. Adams, H. H. Martin, F. L. Griffin, J. B. Hampton, Ezra Fillman, T. J. Hickman, Hans Bonde, Conrad Uhring, John Winter, Minnie Syp, William Braley, W. Voth. These names were considered separately and accepted as a whole.

The Nominating Committee read the following report:

For Conference officers:—President, Elder G. F. Haffner; Secretary, Emma Haffner.

Executive Committee:

Elder G. F. Haffner, Elder J. A. Sommerville, Elder M. H. Gregory, Elder G. Sorenson, T. J. Eagle.

Secretary and Treasurer Oklahoma Tract Society, T. J. Eagle.

Missionary Agents:—James Butka and John Harzman.

Educational Superintendent, C. Sorenson.

Sabbath School Secretary, W. Voth.

It was moved and seconded to accept the nominations by considering each name separately. The name of G. F. Haffner, for president, was read and accepted. Emma Haffner's name as Conference Secretary, was next, and before any action was taken a motion to adjourn to the call of the chair prevailed.

The ninth meeting was opened with singing, followed by prayer by Elder Rupert. After the report of the previous meeting was read, the report of the Committee on Nominations was taken up, and officers elected as recommended by the Committee.

There was a discussion as to the need of two State Agents. Brother Etchison was first elected, but owing to his poor health he resigned and Brother John Harzman was elected in his place.

Elder Sturgeon read the report of the Committee on the Revision of Churches. The Kingfisher church was disbanded. The name of the German Alva church was changed to Avart and the Wanamaker to Hennessey. Adjourned to call of the chair.

The tenth meeting opened at 6 P. M., August 28, with the President in the chair. After the usual opening exercises the Conference Treasurer's Report was read. The report of the tithes, received from each church, was also read. Elder Rupert stated that the German brethren, according to report, were not paying the large proportion of the tithe that he had always thought they did; that they were not even paying as much according to their number as did the English speaking people. He, also, spoke of the fact that our city churches were paying a larger tithe than were the members of the country churches

[To be continued.]

German Department.

JEDER IN SEINER ECKE.

In der Welt ist's dunkel;
Leuchten müssen wir,
Du in deiner Ecke,
Ich in meiner, hier.

Sieh an jedem Orte
Gibt es was zu tun,
Wo die echte Liebe,
Wie kann müßig ruh'n.

Auf die kleinen Dinge
Hab' besonders acht;
Tue sie stets gründlich,
Dann ist's wohl gemacht.

Wirke du im Stillen,
Fröhlich da und dort,
Tue Gottes Willen
Gern an jedem Ort.

Mit der Treu' im kleinen
Ehre deinen Herrn,
So nur wirst du leuchten
Als ein heller Stern.

Viele solche Lichter
Werden eine Macht,
Strömen goldne Strahlen
In die dunkle Nacht.

Hört's drum, Groß' und Kleine,
Jesu ernstes Wort:
„Lichter seid auf Erden,
Treu an jedem Ort.“

Der deutsche Arbeiter.

AUFRUF AN ELTERN.

Die Bibel, Gottes großes Textbuch, gibt den Eltern nicht mißzuverstehende Anweisungen betreffs der Vorbereitung, die sowohl Eltern wie Kindern not tut, ehe sie zu der himmlischen Familie zugelassen werden können. Eltern, lauscht auf das Wort des Herrn:—„Höre, Israel, der Herr, unser Gott, ist ein einziger Herr. Und du sollst den Herrn, deinen Gott, lieb haben von ganzem Herzen, von ganzer Seele, von allem Vermögen. Und diese Worte, die ich dir heute gebiete, sollst du zu Herzen nehmen; und sollst sie deinen Kindern einschärfen, und davon reden, wenn du in deinem Hause sitzt oder auf dem Wege gehst, wenn du dich niederlegst oder aufstehst; und sollst sie binden zum Zeichen auf deine Hand, und sollen dir ein Denkmal vor deinen Augen sein.“ 5 Mose 6, 4-8.

„Nun, Israel, was fordert der Herr, dein Gott, von dir, denn daß du den Herrn, deinen Gott fürchtest, daß du in allen Seinen Wegen wandelst, und liebst ihn, und dienest dem Herrn, deinem Gott, von ganzem Herzen und von ganzer Seele;

daß du die Gebote des Herrn haltest und seine Rechte die ich dir heute gebiete, und auf daß dir's wohlgehe?“ 5 Mose 10, 12, 13.

Wäre das Gesetz Gottes den Kindern daheim eingeschärft, und der Gehorsam gegen dasselbe von ihren frühesten Jahren von ihnen verlangt worden, oh wie viel anders würde die Welt heutzutage sein! Mäßigkeit, Fleiß und Sparsamkeit würden sich allenthalben zeigen. Das Böse würde vermieden, und die Tugend hochgeschätzt werden.

Die citierten Schriftstellen sind uns zur Belehrung und zur Warnung gegeben. Leider sind sie bis dahin nicht beachtet worden wie sie es hätten sein sollen. Die Nichtbefolgung des göttlichen Planes liegt der Entziehung des Segens Gottes von Eltern und Kindern zu Grunde. Manch ein Familienhaupt; sowohl Vater wie Mutter, hat schwere Verantwortungen, die ihm vorgehalten werden, wenn dereinst es vor dem Richter aller Welt stehen muß. Sie gehorchen eben des Herrn Stimme nicht. Sie lassen das gottlose Treiben ihrer Kinder zu. Ihre unbändigen, ungezogenen Kinder sind Zeugen von der Eltern Pflichtveräußerung.

Gott nimmt die Aufführung jener Familien wahr, welche Christen zu sein behaupten. Falls je evangelistische Arbeit vonnöten war, so tut sie heutzutage not, sowohl in unseren Familien, wie in unsern öffentlichen Anstalten, wie zum Beispiel, Schulen, Sanitarien, Verlagshäuser u. ä. m. Nehmen wir das zu verachtende Werk kurz in Betracht, Väter und Mütter bedürfen der bekehrenden Kraft Gottes an sich selber. Ihr Wandel bedarf der Läuterung. Es gibt gar viele Glaubensbekenner, welche noch nie nach dem Vorbilde Christi umgestaltet worden sind. Darum kann der heilige Geist nicht auf ihre Herzen einwirken.

„Darum will ich euch richten, ihr vom Hause Israel, einen jeglichen nach seinem Wesen, spricht der Herr, Herr. Darum bekehret euch von aller eurer Uebertretung, auf daß ihr nicht fallen müßet um der Missetat willen. Werft von euch alle eure Uebertretung damit ihr übertreten habt, und machet euch ein neu Herz und neuen Geist. Denn warum willst du sterben, du Haus Israel? Denn ich habe kein Gefallen am Tod des Sterbenden, spricht der Herr, Herr. Darum bekehret euch, so werdet ihr leben.“ Hefek. 18, 30-32.

„Und will (zur gegenwärtigen Zeit) rein Wasser über euch sprengen, daß ihr rein werdet. Von all eurer Unreinigkeit und von allen euren Götzen will ich euch

reinigen. Und ich will euch ein neu Herz³ und einen neuen Geist in euch geben, und will das steinerne Herz aus eurem Fleisch wegnehmen, und euch ein fleischern Herz geben; ich will meinen Geist in euch geben, und will solche Leute aus euch machen, die in meinen Geboten wandeln, und meine Rechte halten, und darnach tun. Und ihr sollt wohnen im Lande, das ich euren Vätern gegeben habe, und sollt mein Volk sein, und ich will euer Gott sein.“ Hefek. 36, 25-28.

Frau E. G. White.

(Fortsetzung folgt.)

LEBENSREGELN.

Zeige, so viel du kannst, eine immer gleiche, heitere Stirn. Nichts ist reizender und liebenswürdiger, als eine gewisse frohe, muntere Gemütsart, die aus der Quelle eines schuldlosen, nicht von heftigen Leidenschaften in Tumult gesetzten Herzens hervorströmt. Wer immer nach Witz hascht, wenn man es ansieht, daß er darauf studiert hat, die Gesellschaft zu unterhalten, der gefällt nur auf kurze Zeit, und wird bei Wenigen Interesse erwecken. Er wird nicht aufgesucht werden von denen, deren Herz sich nach besserem Umgang und deren Kopf sich nach praktischer (d. h. philosophischer) Unterhaltung sehnt.

Wer immer Spaß machen will, der erschöpft sich nicht nur leicht und wird matt, sondern hat auch die Unannehmlichkeit, daß, wenn er einmal grade aufgelegt ist, seinen Vorrat von lustigen Kleinigkeiten zu öffnen, seine Gefährten das sehr ungnädig aufnehmen. Bei jeder Mahlzeit, zu welcher er gebeten wird, bei jeder Aufmerksamkeit, die man ihm beweist, scheint die Bedingung schwer auf ihm zu liegen, daß er diese Ehre durch seine Schwänke zu verdienen suchen solle; und will er es einmal wagen, den Ton zu erheben und etwas Ernsthaftes zu sagen, so lacht man ihm gerade in das Gesicht, ehe er mit seiner Rede halb zu Ende ist. Wahrer Humor und ächter Witz lassen sich nicht erzwingen, nicht erkünsteln, aber sie wirken wie das Umschweben eines höheren Genius (Engel) wonnevoll, erwärmend, Ehrfurcht erregend.

Adolf Freiherrn Knigge.

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