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HE THAT HATH CHRIST HATH LIFE.

LIFE is the gift of God, and the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.—Gen. 2:7.

If man had not sinned, he would have lived here, on earth, always. He had free access to the tree of life.—Gen. 2:16.

And even, after the fall, if he had been permitted to partake of the tree of life he would have lived forever.—Gen. 3:22, 23.

But now we see he is lost, and lost forever. He has forfeited his right to the Life Giver. But God looks down on this world that He had made so perfect. It was soon to be without man, and God so loved man that he gave him another chance, and so he gave His only son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

It was sin that brought death into the world, Romans 5:12, and death passed upon all men. So you see if we remain Adam, we will die.—1 Cor. 15:22.

We are all condemned to death, but we find in John 3:16, that the Lord says that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish. Again he says, in John 8:51, Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Could you ask for anything plainer than this? But we see his professed people did not believe His word. [Next verse.] Then said the Jews unto Him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.—John 8:52. Christ taught the same to Mary. He says: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?—John 11:26. Mary did not, but she did believe in the resurrection, [Verse 24.] but when

Christ asked her if she believed the living that believed in Him would not die? She answering, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. [Verse 27.] You see she did not believe in not seeing death by her answer; but isn't it a fact that Christ tasted death for every man? He says so in Hebrews 2:9. If he tasted death for you, why do you have to die? If death came by sin, Romans 5:12, and Paul says in Romans 8:1, 2, There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit? Why? For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath (present tense) made me free from the law of sin and death. Then if you are free, why are you going to die, if you have been born again? For he that is born of God, doth not commit sin. What is there, then, to bring death?

God has had representatives in every age, to show it is possible to live on earth and be translated, if you have faith to be translated.

God never saves a man when he does not want to be saved, and neither will he translate a man who does not believe in translation; for according to your faith be it unto you.

It was by faith Enoch was translated, (Hebrews 11:5) and it will be by faith the one hundred and forty-four thousand are to be translated. If you believe in the resurrection you will go like Abraham and Isaac. Go to the grave and come up in the first resurrection. But God gave His only begotten Son to save man from perishing.—John 13:16. It means the gift of eternal life in the gift of the Son, 1 John 5:11, 12, and this is the record that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in the Son, (verse 11). He that hath the Son, hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life, (verse 12). This means the bringing into the mortal flesh the power to stand forever.

P. DARNELL.

"The Roaring of the Sea."

MEXICO has been visited by earthquakes, storms, and a tidal wave. On the 23d ultimo, seventy shocks were felt at Salina Cruz, the Pacific terminus of the Tehuantepec National Railway. Then a furious gale and storm arose. Measures were taken to insure the safety of the port works, and the Titan crane, which was out on one of the breakways; but "at 10 o'clock at night the storm had increased to a severity never experienced within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. A huge tidal wave leaped forward from the sea, lifting thirty and fifty-ton blocks like cockleshells and sweeping the Titan crane over into the sea. The wave invaded part of the town, destroying some of the houses." The event could not be foreseen or provided against, as it was one that scarcely happens once in a century. The loss of the crane and sea-wall is estimated at half million dollars.

The Saviour spoke of "the roaring of the sea and the billows" among the signs that should show that we are in the last days. Is it unreasonable to class this terrible storm with these signs?

SISTER R. C. Mead, whose husband died so suddenly in South Africa, while away from home, last October, writes that she feels no disposition to leave that field, but rather to put forth all her energies to forward the work they went to Matabeleland to perform. She writes: "I do truly feel attached to Africa, and, while we cannot make things different, we can have a cheerful spirit and look to the Lord to direct us in the way He would have us go."

FEAR God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man.

Arkansas & Department.

The Springdale Church and Intermediate School.

SPRINGDALE is located in the northwestern corner of the State of Arkansas, and here is where the intermediate school may be found. Plenty of good water and fresh air contribute to the students' welfare. While the crop of fruit is not as large as it was last year, still there is an abundance. Apples are from twenty to eighty cents per bushel. Wood is \$1.40 to \$1.60 a cord, and other things are in proportion, except rent and a few minor articles. The rent is reasonable, the climate is moderate, scarcely ever going below zero. Good board is about \$2.00 a week; tuition, is about \$1.00 to \$2.00 a month; board and tuition will be \$10.00 or less, a month. The Bible is taught in every grade, and children are pointed to their Creator. The common branches are studied in addition to the Bible and other books. It would be well for those coming to write for particulars. Bring your Bibles, school books, and any other books you desire for reference. The school will open October 27 and continue seven months, with vacation during the week of prayer. Parents, you may well consider and send your children to a good school near home. Questions will be gladly answered.

A. E. FIELD, Chairman.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

J. M. DICKERSON (State Agent) would be glad to correspond with any who may enter the canvassing work. His address is Searvan, Van Buren County, Arkansas. He is remaining at home while under the Doctor's orders, until his foot is entirely healed.

COTTON is selling for eight cents and the seed is selling for \$17.50 per ton, nearly twenty-nine cents per bushel, which averages about \$50.00 per bale of cotton for the farmer now. Why not show him a "Daniel and the Revelation?" Most all the farmers of the State have raised corn and peas for feed, so that the cotton money will not have to go for that as was the case last year. Let us get them to buy good books with a part of it at least.

ALL will welcome Brother J. J.

Robinson's name on the list again. He is one of our old, tried canvassers and we cannot afford to lose him. He reports from Hartman, Johnson County, three days work ending September 20, as follows: Twenty orders; thirty-four exhibits; eighteen hours; value, \$60.75; value of helps, \$3.75; Swedish and French, \$10.00. Total, \$74.50.

BROTHER C. W. Brimer has been very ill with malarial fever, but is now convalescing and is in hopes soon to take up the work again.

BROTHER V. B. Watts has gone to Helena, Phillips County, in the southern part of the State, and will canvass for "Great Controversy."

THERE are portions in the mountainous parts of the State in which there has been no work of any kind done toward getting the truth before the people, crops are good and the people have not been troubled much with book agents. We should place a goodly number of books in their way this winter. There is also some fine territory in the southern part of the State. We would be glad to see a good corps of workers in that part of there this fall and winter.

Let Them be Trained Up for God's Service.

WHY SEND our children to the church school when we have to pay taxes to support the public schools, any way? Is a question in the minds of many Seventh-day Adventists. "Yes," adds another, "Brother Jones' daughter teaches our school, and I would rather she would teach my girl than to send her to a church school." We pay taxes for government expenses. This includes schools and it is right that we should. The Lord works through man and he has ordained that there should be rulers. These should be properly supported and then all children should be educated. A true adventist cannot, or would not, teach the same in a public school as in a church school. We are waiting for our Lord and should be preparing to live in his kingdom. But before He comes the world must be warned. Who is to do it? Let the children be trained up for God's service. Let them be taught in the home how to be patient, obedient, clean, industrious and economical. Let them learn from Nature and the Bible, and when old enough send them to a church school

and let their education be continued. Encourage them to work for others, and they will be benefitted by it. It will cost you less money and care to save your children, than to convert so many heathen. Besides your well-regulated and educated family will do more for the cause than any preacher could do. "Train a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

J. C. ANDERSON.

The Canvassing Work.

WE BELIEVE that the opportune time has come for Arkansas to put forth every effort to push this branch as never before. I have been out among the farmers and as a rule find them of good courage; crops are good in most every part of the State. I shall be glad to see those who intend to canvass this fall get out as early as possible so that they can get a good list of orders and deliver before the cotton money is all spent. And let those who are in the field push the work with all the power they can command; and, brethren, this means much when we think of it. All the power that we can command when connected with Heaven means the power of God. So let us use this power of God to push the work and I believe we will even be surprised ourselves the way the work will move onward. So let us take hold of the power that comes from God trusting in Him. A great work is to be done in our Conference. God has given you and I a part in carrying this work forward. I am glad this is so, are not you? Brethren, are you not glad you can answer—"Here I am send me." And are you not glad, too, that He who called us has promised to be with us all the way? Says that "He will not fail, nor be discouraged," then why should we for He is our co-worker in this grand work; so let us press on carrying the precious truths to those who have not heard it. Of good courage in Arkansas? Yes; for the Lord is with us and has blessed the people with a good crop, and the cotton crop is bringing a good price, so that the people will be able to buy books if we only will take them to them and show them what the work contains and do this in the fear of the Lord. This done and success will follow.

JAMES DICKERSON.

✧ Texas Department. ✧

The Object Lesson Campaign.

IT was mentioned in the RECORD a week or two ago that we were planning a campaign in the interest of the Object Lesson work in the State, with the view of finishing the work and closing it up for good in this Conference. Christ said concerning his Father's work, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work". John 4: 34. The Saviour here shows that he recognized the fact that God had given him a distinct work to do, and that he must finish the work—that he must not let it lag nor close up his career with the work unfinished, but that he must present a finished work to the Father. Moreover it was his meat to do it. So likewise the Lord has given us a distinct work to do in this very matter of selling our quota of Object Lessons and we must finish the work and not let it drag longer. Upon this campaign we have entered. Besides planning to visit as many places as possible we have sent out to all the churches and isolated ones whose addresses we have, the following letter:—

DEAR BROTHER:—You will remember a recommendation was passed at our Conference in August asking that each one's quota of Object Lessons be sold, or the money for them be paid in by November 1. We feel in duty bound, in justice to the Academy and its needs, and as a matter of right and duty to God's cause, to finish this work and close up the matter during this fall season. In asking the churches and individuals of the State during the past months to take these books, which you cheerfully agreed to do, we did not insist on you selling them until fall. But now that time is here and you know if they are not sold now very shortly, while the cotton money is in the country they will not be sold this season. And if this fall is allowed to go by without their being sold, when will they ever be? Will we have to carry the burden and condemnation of debt and the annoying knowledge of it for another year? I hope not. Shall we not rather get free and sing the jubilee this very fall?

With the view of having the matter definitely closely up by a given time,

and so that we can know what we can depend upon, I send you herewith a slip which I would be glad to have you sign and return to us, unless of course you have sent or now send the money instead. Remember the basis is four books or \$5.00 per member for each church member in the family or church. If you wish to furnish the money some other way than by selling the books it is all right, only we would be glad to have the definite promise of it by the time indicated on the slip. Send all signed slips and money to E. Harris, Keene, Texas.

We are getting returns from these letters and some are showing a commendable spirit of sacrifice in the matter. One brother who lost his entire crop and two horses by the overflows of the past summer signed the slip for his family for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and returned to us, arranging to borrow the money from the bank if the books are not sold or the money in hand from other source by the time specified. May the Lord bless these dear self-sacrificing souls, and let us all come up to the Lord's expectation and finish up this work promptly.

W. A. M.

BELOW is a copy of the slip referred to in the above article. If the reader has not been presented with one, or received one through the mail, will he or she please clip this out, fill in the blank space \$5.00 if a single individual, or for a family, \$5.00 for each church member in the family, and return to the Texas Tract Society, Keene, Texas.

..... 1902.

This is to certify that I pledge my honor to pay to Keene Academy, on or before December 1, 1902, \$ by the sale of Parables, as planned for that purpose, or otherwise.

..... Address.

Obituary.

A PRIVATE letter from Brother F. M. Millican brings the sad news of the death of his aged wife, Elizabeth Millican, at McKinney, Texas, on the 23rd ult. She was

sick just one hundred days, the first six weeks with typhoid fever: after this a chronic kidney and stomach trouble developed which the Doctors were unable to control. She died at their old home near McKinney, Texas, and we, have reason to believe she sleeps in Jesus. Brother Millican expresses his strong hope and trust in the Saviour, and hopes soon to be reunited with her in the new earth. They have many friends in this conference who will extend sympathy to Brother Millican.

Tent Fund Pledges.

At the Handley Camp Meeting pledges to the amount of about \$400.00 were taken to be equally divided between the Tent Fund and the Spanish and general missionary work of the Southwestern Union Conference. These pledges were nearly all given with the understanding that they were to be paid this fall. The needs of the Spanish work in Texas is daily becoming more apparent, but the Union Conference is crippled for want of funds. We have the manuscript in hand for several tracts, already translated into Spanish, but it takes money to have the type set up, and to buy paper. We shall, therefore, be very glad to receive these pledges as soon as it is convenient to pay them. They should be sent to the undersigned at Keene, Texas, when the proper credit will be given on the pledges and receipts sent. The part belonging to the Tent Fund will be turned over to the conference treasurer.

C. N. W.

The pamphlet, "The Inspired History of the Nations—Past and Future," will consist of two hundred pages, nicely bound. Price, twenty-five cents. A large number of the people have already placed their orders for this pamphlet. It is something that every Seventh-day Adventist, and everyone else, should read as it is truth for these times. It will be out in about three weeks and will be translated into the German and Spanish languages as soon as circumstances will permit.

Now is the time to study the truth, and there is an ocean of light for us if we will seek for it. G. G. R.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

MRS. J. N. Sommerville returned to Keene from Alvord last Friday,

Mrs. Lee Adams returned to Keene with Brother Couch and wife yesterday.

Brother W. M. Cubley is spending a short time in Keene. He reports the work still onward at Sanger.

Elder G. G. Rupert went to Oklahoma City last night. He will attend the Woodward, Oklahoma, camp meeting, and afterwards intends remaining in the Territory until about the first of November.

ELDER McCutchen spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the Denison church and reports a good time with them. They have lately erected and have nearly finished a nice little house of worship.

BROTHER B. F. Woods has lately purchased machinery and is now boring an artesian well opposite his residence in Keene. He hopes to strike a good flow of soft water, and intends, if necessary, to go down 2,000 feet.

A YOUNG minister, brother E. L. Neff, and wife of Virginia, will arrive in Dallas this week to engage in the work in that city. We welcome them to our State, and bespeak for them the confidence and co-operation of the Dallas church.

Brother Eugene Couch and wife have returned to Keene after spending the summer in Oklahoma and Kansas. Brother Couch will have charge of the cooking at the Home, and will also act as steward the coming school year.

THE brethren at Dallas have secured a hall for meetings temporarily until they can get a church erected. We hope the coming help to them, in the persons of brother Neff and wife, will be of material assistance to the church and work in that city.

THE brethren at Sanger, Alvord, and Madge, Coleman County, all report continued good interests in the meetings being held at these places. In fact brethren French and Cubly report that the interest at Sanger is a remarkable one, such as they have never had or seen before. We hope for good results from this and all the other meetings in progress.

A terrible coal famine is prevailing over all the northern States, as a result of the strike in the anthracite or hard coal mines in Pennsylvania. The situation has become so serious that President Roosevelt made an effort to get the mine owners and strike leaders to effect a settlement last week. His efforts were without result, so far, and there is strong talk of a special session of congress being called to enact special laws to control the situation. The mine owners claim, as stated by the daily press, that they have agreed to arbitrate the matter, but the strikers refuse this unless their union is recognized. Coal is reported as selling in Washington at \$20.00 a ton, and scarce at that. Great suffering will result unless a speedy settlement of the matter is effected.

Notice to Church Clerks.

A BLANK has been sent to each church clerk to enable him to make out his quarterly report and forward the same to me. I must have these reports as soon as ready so that I can make out my record, and publish a notice, of the progress of the churches, in the RECORD.

I insist on the laborers making out their reports and forward them to me. If you have not received a blank please let me know and I will mail you one at once.

A. M. WOODALL,
Secretary of Texas Conference,
Keene, Texas.

An Experience Oft Repeated.

WIFE, I hear that the Advents have come, and are putting up a tent right in the center of our town, and that they are going to hold meetings and preach every night. Now, I want you and the children to keep away from them. Don't go near the tent."

"Why, husband, who and what are the Advents? and what do they teach and preach, that we must not go to hear them?"

"They are a set of cranks. They think they know everything, and the rest of the world don't know anything. They keep Saturday for Sunday, and say the world is soon to be destroyed, and that the Lord will soon come to this world, and that the world will be destroyed, and that there is no hell; and that we have no immortal soul.—There comes one of them now. I will stop him, and give him a piece of my mind and a little advice."

"Hello! Say! You! Mister! Stop!"

"Is it me you wish to see?"

"Yes; excuse me; but arn't you one of those Advents that have come here to put up a tent to preach your new-fangled doctrine?"

"Yes, I am with the tent that is being put up."

"I want to give you a little good, friendly advice."

"Very well; I am always glad to get good advice."

"Let me tell you. We do not want any of your Advent doctrine preached in our town. We have plenty of good preaching already every Sunday and Sunday school too. We have a quiet, peaceful community of Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Unitarians, and Christian Scientists; all satisfied to let each other alone, and hold their own meetings, and teach their own doctrines. And that is enough. We don't want any of your Advent doctrine to disturb our quiet citizens. Do you Advents keep Saturday, the old Jewish day for Sunday? As I hear, you teach that the Lord is soon to come to this world, and that the world is to be destroyed; and that there is no hell; and that man has no immortal soul to be punished eternally; and too, that people must change their mode of living to be good citizens; that they should not

eat ham, or pork, or flesh meat, nor drink tea or coffee, and that it is a sin to use tobacco in any form. We don't want to hear any such preaching. As though religion had anything to do with what I eat and drink. We think you are a set of cranks, and that you think you know everything, and that the rest of the world don't know anything. Why was not all this found out before now? I advise you to pull up your stakes, and take your tent and leave town, and quit this way you all have of stirring up strife and discord in quiet communities. Why was not all this found out years ago?"

"My brother, I thank you for your kindness in telling me honestly and freely the condition of things in your beautiful town, and your own personal mind and wish. Have you a family?"

"Yes, a good wife and nine children, all good Christians."

"Are you a Christian?"

"Yes, I belong to the Methodist church and have for years."

"You believe the Bible then?"

"Yes, of course, I do."

"You take it for your guide?"

"Yes, to be sure, I do."

"Well, my brother, we Adventists believe the Bible, and we preach the Bible, and nothing but the Bible. You love your wife and children, and they love you and look to you for everything that is needful for their good and happiness in this life. And it is a pleasure for you to furnish them with everything possible for their good here from time to time. Have you instructed them in the Bible, and furnished them with the light of truth that leads to the better life beyond this? Think seriously on this matter, my brother, and ask yourself if you have done your duty to yourself, your wife and your children. Your example and teaching, with the help of the Lord, will have wonderful influence for good upon your children, and now as they are just entering childhood, womanhood, and manhood is your time to exert a good Christian influence over them for all the future. You have been the means of bringing them into this world. Does not a fearful responsibility rest on you to train and educate them for the Lord, who gave himself for our sins? Now, my brother, take my advice. Don't let

prejudice keep you from our tent meetings. We have come here not to stir up strife and discord, but to do you good—to give you the word of God—the message for this time, the last message of warning that is to be given to this sin-cursed earth. Come to the tent. Have your wife and children come, and bring your Bibles, and see if we do not preach and teach the Bible truth during the meetings. We will tell you why we believe as we do. Why we are Seventh-day Adventists, and answer all the questions you have asked, and why these things were not found out before now. Come to the tent meeting to-night, and every night with your family, and we will do you good. Good bye, may God bless you.

UNCLE BEN.

Christ's Object Lessons.

THOSE who will do their best as the Lord's helping hand, to circulate "Christ's Object Lessons," will obtain an experience that will enable them to be successful laborers for God. Very many through the training received in this work, will learn how to canvass for the largest books which the people need so much. All who engage in the work aright, cheerfully and hopefully will find it a great blessing. The Lord does not force any to engage in His work, but to those who place themselves decidedly on His side he will give a willing mind. He will bless all who work out the spirit which he works in. To such workers He will give favor and success. As field after field is entered new methods and new plans will spring from new circumstances. New thoughts will come with the new workers who give themselves to the work. As they seek the Lord for help He will communicate with them. They will receive plans devised by the Lord himself; souls will be converted and money will come in. The workers will find waste places in the Lord's vineyard lying close beside fields that have been worked. Every field shows new places to win. Let us have faith in God. In His name let us carry forward His work without flinching. The work that he has called us to do, He will make a blessing to us, and when the work pointed out has been fully accomplished, He will indicate us what to do next. As long as the message of mercy is to be

given to the world, there will be a call for effort in behalf of other institutions and enterprises similar to that for the relief of our schools. As long as probation continues there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work. There will always be places to labor and hearts to receive the message. —*Testimonies, Volume 6.* Wherefore, "Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not"—Gal. 6: 9. We note the text says, "well doing." We can claim the promise if we heed the injunction.

Love in the Home.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

True love is precious. It is heavenly in its influence. It is deep and abiding. It is not spasmodic in its manifestations. It is not a selfish passion. It bears fruit. It will lead to a constant effort to make others happy. If you have this love it will come natural to make this effort. It will not appear to be forced.

A house with love in it, where love is expressed in words and looks and deeds, is a place where angels love to manifest their presence, and hallow the scene with rays of light from glory. Then the humble duties have a charm in them. None of life's duties will be unpleasant to the wife and mother under such circumstances. She will perform them with cheerfulness of spirit, and will be like a sunbeam to all around her; and she will make melody in her heart to the Lord.

"When Christ ascended to heaven, He promised His disciples to send the Holy Spirit upon them. But there was also the injunction, 'Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.' They not only believed that the promise would be fulfilled, but acted out their belief. And they all continued with one accord in supplication and prayer. Although the outpouring was a matter of promise, they sought it in humble supplication, and they sought it unitedly. So it must be in regard to the promised latter rain. It will come upon those only who humbly seek it with prayer and supplication."

—*Selected.*

It is only a little over two weeks until the opening of the Keene Academy. The prospects seem to be flattering for a good attendance.

Oklahoma Department.**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

BROTHER J. A. Malone says in one of his letters, "I am of good courage. This is my first experience in canvassing. I am delighted with the work. Pray for us that we may not be hindered from giving the printed page to hungering souls."

ELDER Rees, President of the Missouri Conference, stopped a few days with us in the office. His stay was on account of business matters. He occupied the pulpit at the church Sabbath. The congregation was stirred as we have not seen them for sometime, as the burning truth was poured forth.

SISTER Fay Eagle attended the Michigan Summer School. She had left for Woodson County, Kansas, to visit her brother and sister. She is now visiting her parents at Oklahoma City.

BROTHER R. E. Doherty says in his letter: "We came here to Weber's Falls last Wednesday, and began canvassing Thursday. The Lord has blessed our efforts. Crops are good here, and people seem to be willing to buy our books."

The Woodward Campmeeting.

Remember the Campmeeting at Woodward, October 16-26. Let all come who can. We will have preaching both in the English and German languages. We expect Elder Shultz at the meeting to help in the German work.

G. F. H.

Field Reports.

WRIGHT, OKLAHOMA.—We pitched our tent at this place, one and one-half miles from where I held meetings last winter. The weather has not been very favorable part of the time. Still the attendance has been quite good, and several nights there has been a large attendance. We are reaching the testing truths of the message now, and we trust several will cast their lots with the remnant people.

C. SORENSON.

HIGGINS, TEXAS.—We came to Higgins September 12, pitched our tent, and began meetings Sunday night, September 14, with a good at-

tendance. The people have attended very regularly every night, and seem to be deeply interested. We have had but one thing to mar our meetings since coming here, and that happened Tuesday, the 16th. Having failed to rope the equinox out on the plains northwest of us, he came sweeping down upon us and blew our tents down doing some damage. During the time, the Baptist people were generous enough to let us use their church for two evenings while we were repairing our tabernacle. Everything is going smoothly now, and the Lord is blessing in the work, for which we praise him very much.

The following editorial from the "Higgins News" will show what the people think of the meeting:

"The Seventh-day Adventists began a series of meetings at this place last Sunday night under the canopy of a large tent. The services have been well attended, and great interest is being manifested by the people of Higgins in the meeting. The sermons are logical, full of meaning, and telling on the audience."

We have now reached the critical time when the testing themes will be presented, and we feel the need of the wisdom from above, that we may make no mistakes. Therefore, we ask the prayers of God's people in our behalf,

D. F. STURGEON,
J. B. HAMPTON.

THE Oklahoma Tract Society has ordered a supply of Bagster Bibles, and they are expected soon. Catalogues will be sent to those who will devote some time to securing orders for them. We wish canvassers and librarians to assist us in getting these Bibles out among the people between this and the first of January. Send for catalogue and terms.

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

[Continued from last issue.]

who owned large farms and were better-to-do than most of those in the towns. Professor Kunze advocated the plan of reading the names of the members and the amounts of tithe paid by each at the quarterly meetings. He had tried the plan and knew it to be a good one. A resolution to this effect was presented and adopted.

A report of the Tract Society was read and accepted.

It was voted to ask the Conference Committee to appoint our delegates to the next general conference.

The resolution with reference to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Leitch in granting us the use of their grove, and the many favors shown us by them, was read and heartily responded to by all.

The 11th and last meeting of the Oklahoma Conference was called to order at 9:00 A. M., August 29. The following resolution was read:

II. *Resolved*, That we ratify the action of the Southwestern Union Conference in establishing a corporation to be known as the Southwestern Union Missionary and Benevolent Association.

After considerable discussion on all sides of the question, this resolution was finally adopted.

Another resolution with reference to the establishment of a sanitarium, or treatment rooms in Oklahoma City, was read. It was the design that something should be established, but that no debt was to be incurred; that the work was to go no further than the means in hand would permit. This question was freely discussed, and finally a vote was taken, but as it was not unanimous, it was voted to drop the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned sine die. G. F. HAFFNER, President,
E. JOSEPHINE RUPERT, Sec.

Workers for Jesus.

The Lord calls everyone to work for Him, and He also calls them to a certain line of work. He calls for ministers, Bible workers and canvassers, to spread the truth; and others are called to work with their hands that they may support those who go out. So they too, are called to work for Jesus. Then everyone, whether, a business man, or minister, or Bible worker, or canvasser, or farmer whatever line of work he or she is engaged in, can be a fellow-laborer with Jesus. What a blessed thought it is that we may work for and with Jesus. Then let us work on with all the power the Lord gives us, that the message may go with great power, and the time soon come when we shall see Jesus as He is, for then we shall be like Him.

G. F. HAFFNER.

THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD, only 50 cents a year.

AUFRUF AN ELTERN.

(Schluß.)

Gott fordert von uns eine gründliche Reinigung bzw. Heiligung oder Weihung in unseren Haushaltungen und Anstalten. Es tut uns not nicht nur an einer Erweckung, sondern an einer Reformation. Jegliche Gemeinde bedarf derselben mehr wie noch nie zuvor. Scheint dann das herrliche uns von Gott verliehene Licht in seinen menschlichen Werkzeugen wieder, so wird ein großes Werk der Umgestaltung vor sich gehen. „In Beweisung des Geistes und der Kraft“ wird dann die Wahrheit in hellen, deutlichen Zügen hervortreten. Aber der Anfang hiervon muß im Heim jedes einzelnen gemacht werden. Wird nun diese Arbeit im häuslichen Kreise richtig angegriffen, so werden die Eltern ein Erweichen und Zergehen der Herzen an sich selbst erfahren. Entfremdende Vorurteile welche seit Jahren unter den Geschwistern in den verschiedenen Gemeinden gehegt und gepflegt wurden, und die ihre bösen Früchte Jahre lang getragen haben, werden überwunden werden und verschwinden. An deren statt wird eine herzliche, aufrichtige Gesinnung eintreten, die mit Christi Geist übereinstimmt. Dann wird das Volk Gottes seine hartnäckige eigenwilligkeit fahren lassen, noch länger seine persönlichen Ideen ändern beizubringen suchen; denn sie werden zur Einsicht kommen, daß sie stets in der Gegenwart des Sohnes Gottes sind.

Ich ersuche die Eltern in unseren Gemeinden flehentlichst durch Reue und Bekennen ein feierliches Bündnis mit Gott zu machen. Bekennet eure Versäumnisse, die hinter euch sind, und nehmt das Werk der Erziehung eurer Kinder in Gerechtigkeit in der Furcht Gottes auf euch. Denkt ihr nicht, daß es hoch an der Zeit ist, den Herrn von ganzem Herzen zu suchen (Jer. 29, 13) und in Gemeinschaft mit ihm für das Heil eurer Kinder tätig zu werden? Der Herr wird keine Versäumnisse, die Lämmer zu weiden, ungestraft lassen.

Lehret die Kinder, daß sie die jüngeren Glieder der Familie Gottes sind. Lentet ihre Füße auf den Pfad der Heiligung. Führt sie Gott zu. Wachtet alle Zeit über eure Worte und Handlungen, auf daß ihr durch Beispiel sowohl wie durch Vorschrift, die Lehren, welche der Herr euch zu erteilen aufgegeben hat, auch mitteilen werdet. Kommt der Leitung des hl. Geistes selbst willig nach. So werdet ihr auch euren Kindern den Weg bahnen, ihrerseits seiner Führung sich bereitwillig zu unterziehen.

Ach, Eltern, um eurer und eurer Kinder willen mache ich diesen Aufruf an euch.

Mein Herz ist gar schwer bedrückt. Der Schlaf flieht mein Lager wenn ich über die Versäumnisse der Eltern und deren fatale Folgen nachdenke. Ich bitte Gott, daß ihr die Wichtigkeit dieses Wertes, von dem so sehr viel abhängt, einsehen möget. „Siehe, ich lege euch heute vor den Segen und den Fluch; den Segen, so ihr gehorchet den Geboten des Herrn, eures Gottes, die ich euch heute gebiete; den Fluch aber, so ihr nicht gehorchen werdet den Geboten des Herrn, eures Gottes.“ 5 Mose 11, 26-28. Dies ist für euch die Zeit der Prüfung. Von dem was euch jetzt noch anvertraut ist, müßt ihr bald Rechenschaft ablegen. Schickt euch an, Christo zu Hilfe zu kommen, indem ihr seinem Vorhaben mit euren Kindern treulich gerecht werdet. Unternehmet das Werk mit ernstem Gebet und treuer Ausdauer. Machet euch und die Euern bereit auf die Zukunft des Herrn. Bestellet eure eigenen Herzen, und wirkt mit feierlichem Ernst für eure Kinder. Gänzliche Hingebung zu Gott wird die Beseitigung jedwedes Hindernisses, das dem freien Lauf der himmlischen Gnade so lange im Wege gestanden, zur Folge haben. Wirfst du dein Kreuz auf dich nehmen und Christo nachfolgen, bringst du deinen ganzen Lebenswandel in Uebereinstimmung mit dem Willen Gottes, so werden auch deine Kinder bekehrt werden. Die Welt wird dann wahrnehmen, daß sie mit Jesu waren und von ihm gelernt haben. Beides mit Worten und mit der Tat werden sie Zeugen von der Kraft der Gnade Gottes sein.

Frau E. G. White.

ARBEIT FUER JESUM.

Der Herr ruft jedes seiner Kinder zur Arbeit. Dies ist uns deutlich gezeigt in dem Gleichnis von den Arbeitern im Weinberge. Das Himmelreich wird mit einem Hausvater verglichen, der am Morgen ausging Arbeiter zu mieten für seinen Weinberg; und da er mit den Arbeitern eins ward um einen Groschen zum Tagelohn, sandte er sie in seinen Weinberg. Er ging um die dritte, die sechste und die neunte Stunde aus, fand jedesmal Leute müßig auf dem Markte stehen, und sprach zu ihnen: Gehet ihr auch hin in den Weinberg; ich will euch geben was recht ist. Um die elfte Stunde aber ging er wieder aus, und fand noch andere müßig stehen, und sprach zu ihnen: „Was stehet ihr hie den ganzen Tag müßig?“ Sie sprachen zu ihm: „Es hat uns niemand gedinget.“ Er sprach zu ihnen: „Gehet ihr auch hin in den Weinberg, und was recht sein wird, soll euch werden.“ Matt. 20, 1-7.

Hier sehen wir wie der Herr jeden zur

Arbeit ruft. Auch verheißt er einem jeden Lohn. Wer arbeitet empfängt Lohn. Es wäre wirklich töricht von einem Lohn zu erwarten wo er nicht gearbeitet hat. Der Apostel sagt: „Wer nicht arbeitet soll auch nicht essen.“ Und wiederum lesen wir: „Siehe, ich komme bald, und mein Lohn mit mir, zu geben einem jeden, wie seine Werke sein werden.“ Der Herr will uns belohnen nach unseren Werken, obwohl uns der Lohn nicht aus Werken, sondern aus Gnade zugerechnet wird. Röm. 4, 4. Denn den Lohn, den er uns verheißt hat, können wir niemals verdienen. Er hat uns das ewige Leben verheißt. Dies ist die größte Gabe. Aber „die Gabe Gottes ist das ewige Leben in Christo Jesu, unserm Herrn.“ Röm. 6, 23.

Die Erkenntnis dieser großen Gaben bringt die Liebe Jesu in unsere Herzen und mit Paulus können wir ausrufen: „Die Liebe Christi dringt uns also; sintemal wir halten, daß so Einer für alle gestorben ist, so sind sie alle gestorben, und er ist darum für sie alle gestorben, daß sie alle durch ihn leben sollen.“ Jesus ist das Leben; und „dies Leben ist erschienen und wir haben gesehen, und zeugen, und verkündigen euch das Leben, das ewig ist, welches war bei dem Vater und ist uns erschienen.“ 1 Joh. 1, 2. Also wenn wir dieses Leben erkannt und empfangen haben, so treibt es uns zur Handlung. Und die Triebkraft zur Handlung ist die Liebe Jesu. Wir sind dann seine Zeugen und bezeugen der Welt, was wir gesehen und gehört haben.

G. F. Haffner

(Fortsetzung folgt.)

EIN RUF UM HILFE.

Wir bekamen kürzlich einen Ruf von unserem alten Bruder Butler, der früher Jahre lang Präsident der General Konferenz gewesen, und gegenwärtig Präsident der Südlichen Unions Konferenz ist. Er verlangt unsere Hilfe für jenes Feld. Wir haben schon mehrmals von Schwester White gehört, wie jenes Feld im Süden so vernachlässigt ist, und daß mehr getan werden sollte. Sie bedürfen mehrere tausend Dollars für die Druckerei dort, um dieselbe zu betreiben wie es sein sollte. Sie werden sehr gehindert das Werk zu leiten aus Mangel an Mitteln. Und so wird dieser Ruf jetzt an alle unsere Geschwister gesandt, begleitet von einem Zeugnis von Schwester White. Wahrscheinlich wurde der Brief an die verschiedenen Gemeinden geschickt, und so möchte ich nur noch sagen: Laßt uns in diesem guten Werk mithelfen, und der Herr wird uns dafür segnen.

G. F. Haffner.

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