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THE MINISTRY.

The calling to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men is one that is unequalled. There is nothing so high, so sacred, and that brings the returns for the labor spent as does that of the ministry. Souls saved in the kingdom of God, as the result of his work, is of more value than all the gold and pearls in the world. Says the prophet, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever." Says the apostle Peter, "Feed the flock of God, and when the chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." The man that is accepted in this calling, and has fruit of his labor, which is one of the greatest evidences of his acceptance, should be above all men the most satisfied with his calling; and no one who has the evidence of his calling, by the blessing of God resting upon his work, by seeing fruit of his labor, should ever allow anything to interfere in the least degree with his work, and if he has the faith in his work that he should have, he will allow no hindrance to come in his way. But it is a truth that many are enticed and drawn away from the heavenly mission to that of the things of this world, and are trying at the same time to serve two masters, and as a result, weakness and inefficiency are seen in their labors.

Says the apostle Paul, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." "And if a man also strive for the masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruit. Consider what I lay; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." 1 Tim. 2:4-7. The lawful striving for the mastery in order to be crowned is a total separation from the affairs of this

world, that he may please him that hath chosen him to be a soldier. There is a belief on the part of many that they can engage in the ministry, and at the same time carry on a traffic of some kind pertaining to the world. This is not a lawful striving for the mastery. Says the apostle Paul, "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." We would not understand by this that the minister should not have him a suitable place to furnish employment for his family to aid in the support of the family, but it should only be such as would not employ the energies of the laborer, and produce perplexities that would draw away his mind from his legitimate calling, and in no case should speculation for the purpose of gain be entered into. God has provided for his faithful ministers that of the tithe which should be used for no other purpose. It is sacred and belongs to the ministry alone. Says Paul, "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." I have always believed in the employment of every class of laborers, the principle of good pay and good work. It is not right that the minister should be skimmed in their wages, until they are driven, in some cases, into the traffic of the world for support. Who would believe for a moment that with so important a calling as that of saving souls, a man could divide his energy and mind? Our greatest difficulty is in our inefficiency and weakness. After putting all our energies and mind into the work we can only exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?" And with so important a message as we have, committed to the messengers in these last days can we afford to divide our energies and mind with the world? Certainly not. What is the worry on the mind of the minister when he is away in the midst of a series of meetings, and a storm comes up, and he has a wife and children at home, with possibly a lot of stock to feed and care for. Is not his mind

taken from his meetings? Have we not seen them frequently leave in the midst of an interest to go home and look after these temporal things? These should all be considered in our labor. Let us not arrange our affairs so the home affairs will worry us, but fix our families as comfortably as we can and leave them in such shape that when the storms come we are not worrying about them caring for stock, gathering fuel and such things.

Christ has said, "I will never leave nor forsake thee." This is more precious to the man of faith than all the insurance companies ever devised. God has also designed that the families, and especially the sons, of ministers should take up the work where the father left it off. This is in God's order. "And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.—Exodus 28:1. "And they shall be upon Aaron and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him." God chose the Levites as a tribe to have the perpetual care of the tabernacle and out of this tribe he chose Aaron as high priest and the priesthood was to descend from him and his seed. God designed that the ministry should be perpetuated by the sons of those whom he has called to the work. This is but natural; we see this principle in life; the child partakes largely of the occupation of the parents. We see the children of the sailors imitating their father in their dress, and all their plays along the ocean shore. This is true of the sons of cattlemen, the merchant and the farmer and the

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Arkansas Department.

A LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:

I WISH to write you concerning the Sanitarium work in our State. A little over a year ago a few of our Sanitarium nurses located in Little Rock. Mr. Lee, a wealthy man that had been to Battle Creek Sanitarium, became acquainted with them, and he offered them a house free of rent to begin their work in till the business would pay; he, also, loaned them money to furnish the house. God has blessed in the work there, and they have a nice Sanitarium and are doing a good business. A little over a year ago, Dr. George connected with the work there. These workers have built up a good prosperous business: The work there began small and has grown from the first so that they have paid all the money they borrowed, and have been buying other furniture as they needed it, until, at present, they have the house nicely furnished and about all equipments they need for the winter. The work has grown so that the house they now occupy is too small, and they have rented a cottage which still proves inadequate for the work, so that it will soon be necessary for them to move into larger quarters.

The work has now grown to such proportions that all parties concerned see the necessity of a more perfect organization, and the question now arises, How shall this be brought about? As it now stands the property belongs to the workers who have accumulated it; but they, very unselfishly, are willing to turn over the proceeds of their labor to the cause of God, reserving only a small remuneration for their labor. In order to effect the necessary organization, some one must take hold of it. We have been talking about this matter. Elders Lane and Rupert, as well as others, have expressed their minds that the best way would be for the Conference to buy it. In order to do this we would have to pay the workers their back wages. The property in the institution is worth about \$2,000 and it will cost the Conference \$880.00. But the question arises, How can this be raised? Here is a plan that will not only raise the amount, but will assist in getting a building of our

own. The plan is for every one to raise an acre or two of some kind of crop each year for the next four years and sell it and donate the proceeds to this fund, and we will be able to build up a work that will be an honor to the cause in this State; also, a place where we can send our children to fit them for workers.

We are expecting Dr. Kellogg to come to Little Rock the last of this month to assist in the organization, and appoint a local board to look after the work.

We want you to pray over this and decide what you will do individually. The Conference Committee do not wish to take the responsibility of deciding the matter; but will leave it to the churches of the State to say what shall be done. We want each church to take a vote on this, whether the Conference will buy it or not. The Conference is not willing to without a hearing from the church; and we want you to call a meeting and get the opinion of each member, and then send their names and addresses together with the amount they will give either in cash or by raising crops.

As soon as you get an expression from churches, write so we will know whether we can effect the organization or not.

Now the plan of raising an acre will not press any of us, and will still do a great work. May God help us to realize the importance of taking hold of this.

Yours, for the work,

A. E. FIELD.

The above letter has been sent out to all the churches and isolated Sabbath keepers, and lest any may have been overlooked, we publish it. Now, this plan for raising money, is not intended to interfere in any way with the "Missionary Acre Fund" as that was not thought of when we were planning for the building up of the work in this State, and surely as much land is allowed to go to waste every year, we can put in a little extra energy and time and cultivate an extra acre.

A. E. FIELD.

NOTICE.

DUE TO THE RULES for all the railroads in K. C., "That where a shipment is for a town that is on any railroad that comes into K. C., no other road can take that ship-

ment, even, if by so doing, the distance and time would be shortened by one-half. For example:—All shipments for Little Rock have to go out through Kansas, down through Indian Territory, to Van Buren and then to L. R., which takes about two weeks' time on the local freight trains which stop at every station. Now, the shipment for Prescott would have to go that same round about way to L. R. and then south, on the Iron Mountain division of the Missouri Pacific, or else from K. C. to St. Louis, and then south, from St. Louis to Prescott, and farther northeast or southeast from L. R. the more time needed for the transportation. So please take notice that all freight shipments in this State should be ordered at least thirty days before they are needed for delivery. When the Frisco people get their road to L. R. and the Missouri Pacific get their Arkansas branch completed from Carthage to Cushman, it will facilitate matters very much.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

FAIRVIEW.—Elder H. Clay Griffin is continuing the meetings in Fairview, and says that despite the bad weather, the interest is still good. Had an all day's meeting on the grounds the 5th, and, although it was cold and muddy, a goodly number stayed out with us and took dinner. Two of the worst tobacco users in the county, have thrown tobacco and pipe away, and, with their wives, have begun to keep the Sabbath. Now that the weather has cleared up and the moon on the increase, the meetings will continue over next Sabbath and Sunday, and if interest demands it, longer.

BROTHER V. B. Watts, who is canvassing in the southern portion of this State, continues to send in very encouraging reports: says that he does wish our people could see the need of canvassing, for five thousand dollars' worth of books could have been sold in Phillips County this summer. He reports as follows: Great Controversy—73 orders; 39 hours; value, \$223.50; helps, \$27.25; total, \$230.75 for the week ending October 3. He lost two days on account of bad weather.

ELDER D. H. Oberholtzer, of Thayer, Kansas, preached in Springdale, Arkansas, Monday night, October 13. A large number of people from the adjacent towns attended.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

The Field.

AMONG THE CHURCHES. — After closing my meeting at Clio, I returned to Keene, and after consultation with the Conference Committee, I was asked to go among the churches in the interest of "Object Lessons." I then started out in this work.

Later, I was asked to take charge of the Conference work. I take the work with fear and trembling, and I feel and realize that within myself, I never can do the work there is to do. I, also, know that there is power in God, and, I know that if I stay close by His side, He will help me. I ask the prayers and co-operation of all my brethren and sisters throughout the State. I will endeavor, by God's help, to do the best that I can. Up to the present I have visited the following places: Corsicana, 19 to 21. At this place the Lord came near and blessed. Two more were added to the church. 26 to 28 was spent with the Poetry church. The Lord came near, especially on the Sabbath. Many ringing testimonies were borne and some confessions made. Elder McCutchen met with us Sunday night, coming from Cedar Grove where he had held quarterly meeting. He preached a stirring discourse from the fifteenth Psalm, showing what it was to live a Christian life. Good attendance from the outside and good impressions were made. Monday morning Elder McCutchen and the writer came to Terrell.

I was with the Edgewood church on Sabbath, October 4. We had good meetings. On Sabbath four additions were made to the church. While at this place, I held a few meetings for the outside in a school house, about two miles from the church. The last night of the meeting the house was almost full and they begged me to stay longer. Good impressions were made.

We had good spiritual meetings at all the above places.

The brethren expressed a desire and willingness to do all they could in the interest of the "Object Lessons."

I will spend next Sabbath at Levi. Remember me and the work at the Throne of Grace. T. W. FIELD.

ROBY CHURCH. — We held our

Quarterly meeting at Bluff Creek school house in Scurry County, October 10, and onward. A majority of our members and a good attendance from the outside, were present from the first service.

Best of all, the Lord was with us, and we had a delightful and profitable meeting.

Baptism was administered to three persons, and two others were received into the church who had formerly been baptized—one some years ago by Elder Beckner and the other one in the Baptist church. The other ordinances were, also, celebrated.

The matter of disposing of our share of "Object Lessons," was considered, and the books that had not been previously disposed of, were distributed among the members, and the money due on them will all be paid by December 1.

The church resolved to arise and build a house for the Lord.

A committee of four was appointed to take charge of the business of collecting funds, locating, and building, etc., as follows: Brethren J. F. Meeks, Chairman; Henry Meeks, of Knapp, Texas; I. J. Evans, of Ira, Texas. Sister L. C. Moore, of Knapp, Texas, Corresponding Secretary.

I give the names and addresses of the Committee, hoping that some of our brethren who want to come west and get small and good homes in a desirable country, will write to them, especially to Sister Moore as she was appointed especially to conduct the correspondence.

The first two brethren above-named have, already, cut off part of their possessions (land) for other brethren.

Several of their near neighbors are proposing to sell out at reasonable figures.

Four or five men with from one thousand to three thousand dollars, are wanted immediately. Come, brethren, and help make this church school a success.

Owing to the fact that the cotton crop is very late, the tithe paid in was very small, but there will be a much larger amount paid in next quarter.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

N. J. Etheredge, Knapp, Texas, Elder.

J. F. Meeks, Deacon, Knapp, Texas.

W. M. Sandell, Clerk and Treasurer, Aspermont, Texas.

Sister L. C. Moore, Librarian and Corresponding Secretary, Knapp, Texas.

"The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

N. J. ETHEREDGE.

OCTOBER 13, 1902.

P. S. — Preaching will continue every night during the week.

N. J. E.

CLIFTON CHURCH. — October 9, I went to Clifton to hold quarterly meeting with the brethren there, and we had good meetings on Sabbath and Sunday. The membership was only nine, but was swelled to eleven by Brother J. Jenson and wife, of Kansas, who have come to work entirely among the Scandinavian people in Texas. Brother Jenson is an old tried canvasser, having resided six years in Brown County, Kansas, and repeatedly gone over the same ground. He has proved residence canvassing a success, and hope he, by God's grace, will be able to make it a success here. His object is to prepare the Norwegian settlement in Bosque County, for tent labor next Summer. I had the exceeding great joy to see Brother J. E. Petterson, who, twenty-three years ago, under my labor, together with his parents and two sisters, took a noble stand for the truth, but who, after two years, gave it up and joined hands with the enemy, again standing in the light of God. This greatly cheered my soul and made this one of the sweetest meetings of my life to me. I have reason to hope for better days for the little struggling church at Clifton.

A. W. JENSON.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

ELDER G. G. RUPERT, President of the Southwestern Union Conference, and the writer, will meet with the brethren and sisters at the following-named places, as stated below: Fort Worth Church, first Sabbath and Sunday in November. From the 4th to the 6th, will be with the Plano Church. From the 7th to the 9th with the Dallas' Church. From the 10th to the 13th, at Farmersville. Let the brethren and sisters at the above-named places, take notice. Let us come together and enjoy a feast of good things from the Lord, and pray that God may meet with us and bless us.

Other announcements will be made later. T. W. FIELD.

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The Publishing Work.

THIS is one of the means God has devised to forward the last message to the world. While man thinks the inventions of this age are mere matters of accident the Lord has a different way of looking at it. This is the age knowledge was to increase. This is true of the sciences as well as in the scriptures themselves. The printed page will be one of the special means God will use in the work of the Gospel in the last days. It has already been one of the means of bringing many to a knowledge of the truth for this time. And now this line of the work is second to none. Were we to see the number that have been brought to the truth by the printed page it would surprise us. But the greatest results have not yet been seen from this source as the time comes when there will be a special enquiry for the truth as the time of trouble comes; then the books that have been sold even years before will then be read with interest and thousands as a result will then take hold of the truth through reading. But now is the time to do this work; when that time comes it will then be too late to do the work God designed should be done prior to it. The delay of this work delays the message itself for now God is

only waiting to have it done before he closes the work. If the world was filled with the books bearing the truth as it should be, the winds would be let loose and the time of trouble would be on us, that is to take place just before the close of probation, for in this brief period is the time when this message is to go with a loud cry. *We do not realize our power.* If those who have the light of truth at this time would use the power at their command they would stir the world. There are at this time in this Union Conference three thousand Sabbath keepers. Now let there be a united action on the part of all to push the publishing work as they should and the results would surprise us all. I notice the report of the canvassers in the RECORD of September thirteen, and there were in Texas nine, Oklahoma six, Arkansas one. There should have been many more than this. England is calling for more Canvassers to go to that field. The world is calling for them everywhere. I received a letter from Brother Palmer the other day asking if we would be willing for any more to leave us for foreign fields. Certainly we are. We can only wish from the depths of our hearts we had hundreds that were willing and prepared to go. There are seventh-day people enough to day to stir this world with the truth if they would take hold in earnest in the work. The next two months is the best opportunity there will be for nearly a year to come. Will we let this opportunity pass? Let us begin now to lay plans for thousands of the *Good Health* to be sold the coming year; it can be done by the women and children. There were at the last report we have had, two hundred of these journals being sold in Oklahoma city each month by one Brother at ten cents each. He takes monthly subscriptions and sells to all as he gets the opportunity. This could be done in all the towns and villages in the country. Our small pamphlets could be sold in the same way by those who can not leave home. We pray earnestly that we may arouse to the privileges we have from the Lord. Let us swell our book sales to that of double the amount of any other year in the past.

G. G. R.

OBITUARY.

THE following from a personal let-

ter will be a shock to the many friends of Professor and Mrs. H. E. Giddings:

"I thought the friends in Keene should know of our bereavement. Our dear boy, Louie, died Sabbath, the 11th instant, of brain fever after an illness of only five days.

"He was so strong and enjoyed his work so much that when I left him in charge of the farm to go to California, I did not think that he would be dead before I should see him again, but such was the case. He had his work done up nicely, and was ready with the rest of the family to go on to California this week, but was taken sick Tuesday and they sent me a message Friday to hurry home. I took the next train, but was too late by two days to see him alive.

"Our family circle is broken! A dutiful son has gone to rest; there is a painful vacancy in the world, and we are left to mourn!

"Our work will be in California, if the Lord is willing, and we expect to go next week.

"Our hearts are cheered amid the gloom with which we are shrouded, by the fact that his religious experience, previous to his sickness, was advancing to higher ground, and he died in peace—in the hope of the resurrection!

"We lay him to rest knowing that, if we are faithful, we will not have to wait long until we will be again united, never to part.

"Give our love and tender regard to all the friends.

H. E. AND E. M. GIDDINGS,
Fernando, California."

[Their friends in this Union Conference, will unite with us in tendering sincere sympathy in their deep sorrow.]

The Work for this Time.

WE ARE standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. There are wars, and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains."

"When the storm of God's wrath breaks upon the world, it will be a

terrible revelation for souls to find that their house is being swept away because it is built upon the sand. Let the warning be given them before it is too late. We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truths that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest.

The heart of God is moved! Souls are very precious in His sight. It was for this world that Christ wept in agony; for this world He was crucified. God gave His only begotten son to save sinners, and He desires us to love others as He loved us. He desires to see those who have a knowledge of the truth imparting this knowledge to their fellow-men.

Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue? Only a little while. If there was ever a crisis, it is now."—*Vol. 6, pp. 14, 16.*

False and True Authorities.

THE MARK of the Beast consists of false education in spiritual, temperance, and physical things, and, also, in every conceivable dogma of Catholicism.

The sign, mark, token, or true badge of God's authority is Christian education, for Christ is in the sign, or the Sabbath, and where He is, there abounds Life, and true education as a result of that Life.

He is the great educator, benefactor, and the all-wise fountain of true science.

Therefore, it will be well for us to appeal to Him for divine knowledge, and not to any thing that is fraught with elements of the Papacy.

J. F. BAHLER.

Corsicana Church, Attention.

ACTING Conference President T. W. Field and the writer, expect to be at Corsicana and celebrate the ordinances with the church on the last Sabbath in this month, October 25. Meetings will begin on Friday night and continue over Sabbath and Sunday. Will all the brethren and sisters there arrange to attend the meetings? We earnestly request this as at that time we expect to call and overhaul the church roll, as is being done at the Keene church at the

present time; and it will be taken for granted that those who do not appear in person, or report by letter or otherwise, do not care to have their membership retained, and, consequently their names will be dropped from the roll. It is recommended that those living near there, and holding membership elsewhere, will at once get their letters and unite with this church. This plan is recommended and urged throughout the conference.

ELISHA TAYLOR, Church Elder.

Travels in Alabama.

ABOUT twenty years ago I had the privilege of visiting many of the cities and towns in the old state of Alabama. The writer is now making a tour through the same country.

It is very remarkable and surprising to see how many of these places have been improved by the erection of cotton mills and manufactories of different kinds.

Especially have we observed a vast improvement in the people; this is doubtless owing to the good schools and educational system. We were greatly pleased to see this.

In Birmingham many educators both of the white and colored races, have recently been holding meetings to promote education. Notwithstanding, we see some traces or effects of slavery here, more than we do in Texas. Yet we are thankful to God that many remarkable improvements, in the line of erecting schools have been made, and are being operated for the good of mankind. The world is seeing the necessity of education at this time.

Nebuchadnezzar, the king, also in his day saw the importance of teaching certain ones to assist him in his kingdom.

We who possess the truth ought to educate ourselves as never before. What a grand sight it would be to behold the young, middle-aged, and aged in the Keene Academy this coming year to study and become useful men and women in Christ Jesus, who will work in His vineyard with untiring effort and thus glorify God in doing the work.

J. F. BAHLER.

Church School at Poetry.

IT may be of interest to the readers of the RECORD, and especially those

who are interested in the educational work, to hear what the Poetry church is doing in that line.

The latter part of August a meeting was called and a six months' term decided upon. A committee was elected as follows: J. M. Haggard, Chairman; F. O. Eastman, Secretary; J. G. Williamson, A. L. Williamson, W. L. Seat and Martin Beaty. Since then preparations for the school have been going on. Miss Minnie Robbins has been employed to teach, and efforts are being put forth to open the school November 1.

There are some repairs to be made about the building and grounds, such as canvassing and papering, making seats and desks, digging a well, etc., and, owing to the busy season, the work goes slowly, but all are interested, and we hope to have a profitable school.

There will be somewhere about twenty pupils among the church members, and one or two outsiders are talking of sending their children. Most of the pupils are small. Several more could be accommodated.

Should any brother be desirous to move his family here to secure school advantages, any of the Committee will be glad to correspond.

J. M. HAGGARD,
Poetry, Texas.

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mechanic. It ought to be doubly true of the ministry, and would be if God's people were properly educated on these questions. Some have supposed because the sons of Eli were unfitted, and because Eli did not do his duty that all are of the same character. There are those that are not faithful, but a principle never changes. I am glad the Lord has so many true messengers in the last days to bear a message of mercy to the world. I have often said Seventh-day Adventist ministers as a body, were the most self-sacrificing and liberal class of men as a body in the world. I still believe this. This would not be a true message if this was not the case, but we can improve on our present condition. May the Lord in his pity and mercy help us by His grace till we are fully what we should be, and may the people learn to esteem them highly in love for their work's sake.

G. G. R.

Oklahoma Department.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

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STATEMENT OF THE OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY, AUGUST 1, 1902.

Resources.		Liabilities.	
Bills receivable,	\$ 438.66		
Furniture and fixtures,	260.45		
Due from individuals and Societies,	5681.87		
Stock on hand Aug. 1, 1902,	791.67		
Cash,	\$ 22.45		
Due individuals and Societies,	4100.56		
Present worth of Society, Aug. 1, 1901,	2096.73		
Net gain from Aug. 1, 1901 to Aug. 1, 1902,	952.91		
	\$ 7172.65		\$ 7172.65
Total sales, \$13220.20.			
Total profit,	\$ 1504.88		
Expense,	551.97		
Net profit,	952.91		
Worth of Society, Aug. 1, 1901,	2096.73		
Present worth of Society Aug. 1, 1902,	\$ 3049.64		

NOTE.—The total sales as shown by the books are \$13220.20. Taking from this the "Parables" sold at retail price, \$5255, and to the remainder adding 50 per cent. making it the retail price, we find we have sold \$15930.40 outside of the "Parables." Adding to this the amount of the "Parables" sold, we find that our total retail sales for the year have been \$21185.40, which is about three times what they were for the year previous.

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1902.

Receipts.		Expenditures.	
Receiv'd on Tithe from Churches,	\$ 8640.95		
Receiv'd on Tithe from individuals,	1359.37		
Donations,	34.70		
Tent Fund,	115.45		
Campmeeting Fund,	386.04		
Building Fund,	809.25		
Old book account,	271.51		
Poor Fund,	49.53		
Deposit,	150.00		
	\$11826.80		

Wm. Olmsted's fare to England,	\$ 200.00
Tithe S. W. U. Conf. Laborers,	853.56
Campmeeting expense,	7302.45
Building Fund,	563.80
Expense,	762.20
Old book account,	109.30
Poor Fund,	248.30
	35.55

Accounts,	100.00
Deposit,	110.00
Loan,	25.00
Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1902,	1516.64
	\$11826.80

REPORT OF TITHES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1902 BY OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Alva,	\$ 180.25	Osceola,	\$363.64
Altona,	157.40	Orlando,	2.80
Ardmore,	245.82	Perry,	195.54
Anvil,	237.21	Parkland,	38.79
Banner,	267.89	Ruth,	49.90
Concord,	72.51	Stillwater,	97.32
Carney,	54.15	Seger,	250.68
Claremore,	244.25	Shawnee,	193.01
Cashion,	85.50	Shattuck,	113.07
Dover,	161.90	Salem,	115.00
East Cooper,	516.76	Stroud,	10.85
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Gage,	113.64	Wright,	3.05
Gip,	28.69	Wilburton,	107.26
Individual,	1369.37	Watonga,	44.30
Isabella,	189.61	Jennings,	107.12
Kingfisher,	41.45	Linden,	74.74
Lehigh,	14.65	Lahoma,	530.54
Mt. Zion,	180.29	Miami,	46.54
Noruan,	34.35	Woodward,	2.50
O'Keene,	587.74	West Cooper,	38.85
Oklahoma,	1367.84	Waukomis,	168.71
Omega,	468.35		
Total,	\$10010.32		

Oklahoma Church Schools.

The time is near when you expect to open your school, still final arrangements have not been made for your teacher. There are several good teachers yet to be obtained, but of course, the best are first spoken for: so do not wait until the last moment and expect then to find the best teacher. They do not stand idle in the market place. Write the undersigned concerning your needs.

C. SORENSON,

Box 239, Oklahoma City, O. T.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THIS morning's mail brought us over \$127.00 in tithes, besides the offerings. That is surely encouraging. We hope all our people will remember to bring what is the Lord's.

MORE canvassers wanted to enter the work at once. There is abundant room for more in Oklahoma.

REMEMBER we have two State Agents in this Territory, Brethren Butka and Harzman. These men are of strong courage. If any one wishes to enter the canvassing work, write to them; they will be glad to give you

all the help and information they possibly can.

BROTHER Uriah Dake is holding tent meetings at Cement. He says "I have begun with the meetings; having just a fair crowd. The nights are so cold that I think we will have to put a stove in the tent soon."

LET all librarians and church clerks be sure to make out their reports right away, and send them to this office, so that we can make out our reports. If you can't make a full report, fill out all you can and send it in.

WE have a few "Parables" in German and in English in stock yet. Write us if you need a copy or two.

THE sale of our books will be a very important factor in the work of the message till the very close.

REMEMBER the three-fold blessing in the sale of the "Parables;" one to the buyer, one to the seller, and one to the colleges.

BROTHER Bagby returned from Heaven to the City a few days ago, to move his family to Woods County. We surely will miss Brother Bagby and family in our church and Sabbath school. May God's blessing attend them in their new home.

LAWRENCE Madison, from Kansas City, and Miss Mary Williams, of this city, were married recently by Elder Rupert in Oklahoma City church. They have gone to Kansas City, Missouri, to make it their home for the present. We wish them a long and happy life.

A Sabbath School Convention was held last Sunday at Oklahoma City church. It was good. Different subjects were discussed. The Convention was followed in the evening by a harvest in-gathering in which the young people and children took an active part.

Trust in Him.

WHEN thy heart is burdened, sad,—
When scarce dear things make thee glad,—
Then has come thy time to say,
"New, Thy mercies every day;
While I count them o'er and o'er,
Grows the precious, heavenly store,"
When thy trials thicken fast,
Press thee down to earth at last,
Then is thy own time to sing,
"Neath the shadow of Thy wing,
Lord to Thee, in loving praise,
Gratefully my soul I'll raise."

German Department.

Arbeit für Jesus.

(Fortsetzung.)

„Warneſt du aber den Gottloſen von ſeinem Weſen, daß er ſich davon bekehre, und er ſich nicht will von ſeinem Weſen bekehren, ſo wird er um ſeiner Sünde willen ſterben, und du haſt deine Seele errettet.“ Heſ. 33: 7-9. Der Herr verlangt das Blut der Gottloſen von ſeinen Knechten, wenn ſie dieſelben nicht warnen. Somit iſt ihre Verantwortung ſehr groß. Denn wir ſind Gott „ein guter Geruch Chriſti, beide unter denen, die ſelig werden, und unter denen, die verloren werden. Dieſen, ein Geruch des Todes zum Tode; jenen aber, ein Geruch des Lebens zum Leben. Und wer iſt hierzu tüchtig?“, 2 Kor. 2: 15, 16. Mit Zittern geht der Knecht Gottes an dieſe Arbeit, eingedenk der Verantwortung, die auf ihm ruht.

Die nächſte Frage iſt: Was wird von denen verlangt, die bei den Ihren zu Hauſe bleiben? Haben ſie auch etwas zu tragen von der Laſt? Ruht auch Verantwortung auf ihnen, oder verlangt der Herr alles von der einen Klaſſe? Sollen jene die Arbeit allein tun? Sind ſie allein Mitarbeiter Chriſti? Wenn ſo, dann werden ſie auch allein Lohn empfangen. Aber es iſt nicht alſo. Die daheim bleiben haben auch ihr Teil zu tun. Wie einſt Aaron und Hur die Hände Moſis unterſtützten, ſo ſollen auch ſie die Hände der Knechte Gottes mit Gebet und mit ihren Gaben unterſtützen. Sie brauchen Hilfe. Sie brauchen die Gebete der Kinder Gottes. Paulus ſchreibt an die Gemeinde Gottes: „Und betet ſtets in allem Anliegen mit Bitten und Flehen im Geiſt, und wa- chet dazu mit allem Anhalten und Flehen für alle Heiligen, und für mich, auf daß mir gegeben werde das Wort mit freudigem Auftun meines Mundes; daß ich möge kund machen das Geheimnis des Evangeliums, welches Bote ich bin in der Kette; auf daß ich darinnen freudig handeln möge, und reden wie ſich's gebühret.“ Eph. 6: 18-20.

Dann kommt die Unterſtützung. Laßt uns auch in dieſem hören, was der Herr ſagt durch die Propheten und Apoſtel; denn die Gemeinde Gottes „iſt gegründet auf den Grund der Apoſtel und Propheten, wo Jeſus Chriſtus der Eckſtein iſt.“ Eph. 2: 20. Somit muß jede Lehre auf dieſen Grund gegründet ſein. So kommt nun die Frage: Hat der Herr geſorgt, daß ſeine Knechte, die ihre Zeit und Kräfte ſeinem Dienſte weihen auch gebührend unterſtützt werden? Ganz gewiß. Und Er tut

es, indem er einen Teil von allem Einkommen für ſich beansprucht. Wo dieſe Lehre vom Zehnten—denir das iſt der bibliſche Weg auf dem Gott ſeine Knechte unterſtützt—ihren Anfang genommen hat, läßt ſich nicht gut nachweiſen, doch ohne Zweifel wurde ſie im Anfang der Welt feſtgeſtellt für jedermann. Zu Abrahams Zeiten finden wir des Zehnten zuerſt erwähnt; nicht etwa als ein neu Gebot, ſondern nur als etwas, das er tat. Es ſcheint ihm eine bekannte Lehre geweſen zu ſein. Er gab Melchiſedek den Zehnten von allerlei. Melchiſedek war ein Prieſter Gottes, des Höchſten. 1 Moſe 14: 18-20. Er iſt verglichen mit dem Sohn Gottes. Chriſtus iſt ein Hoherprieſter nach der Ordnung Melchiſedeks, und weil dem ſo iſt ſo zeigt der Apoſtel, daß auch Chriſtus den Zehnten nimmt. Vergl. Ebr. 7: 1-8. Beſonders den 8ten Verſ, wo es heißt: „Und ſie nehmen den Zehnten die ſterbenden Menſchen; aber dort empfängt einer ihn von welchem gezeugt wird, daß er lebt, (engl. Überſetzung).“ Dieſ wird noch ferner klar gemacht im nächſten Verſ: „Und daß ich alſo ſage, es iſt auch Levi, der den Zehnten nimmt, verzehtet durch Abraham.“ Levi hatte ebenfalls einen Befehl bekommen, den Zehnten zu nehmen von ſeinen Brüdern. 4 Moſe 18: 21.

Es iſt klar bewieſen, daß beide Prieſterſchaften den Zehnten empfangen; und dieſe beiden Prieſterſchaften decken die ganze Gnadenzeit. Wir leſen nur von dieſen beiden. Die eine iſt aufgehoben; die andere iſt noch und bleibt in Ewigkeit. Ebr. 6: 20. Beide ſind beſtimmt den Menſchen das Evangelium zu bringen, und ſie zu belehren auf dem Wege des Lebens. „Denn des Prieſters Lippen ſollen die Lehre bewahren, daß man aus ſeinem Munde das Geſetz ſuche, denn er iſt ein Engel des Herrn Zebaoth.“ Mal. 2: 7. Jeſus ſelbſt iſt im Himmel als Prieſter tätig aber er verrichtet ſein Werk hier auf Erden durch ſeine Knechte. 2 Kor. 5: 20. Und er hat für ihre Unterſtützung geſorgt. Denn „alle Zehnten im Lande, beide vom Samen des Landes und von den Früchten der Bäume, ſind des Herrn, und ſollen dem Herrn heilig ſein.“ 3 Moſe 27: 30. Paulus ſtellt folgende Frage: „Wiſſet ihr nicht daß, die des Altars pflegen, genießen des Altars?“ 1 Kor. 9: 13. Und was war ihr Teil? Der Zehnte. 4 Moſe 18: 21. Dann fährt er fort: „Alſo hat auch der Herr befohlen, daß die das Evangelium verkündigen ſollen ſich vom Evangelium nähren.“ Verſ 9. Derſelbe Plan ſoll jetzt befolgt werden. Es iſt Gottes Plan, und gerade weil es Gottes Plan iſt, iſt es der beſte Plan. Die Phariſäer ha-

ben ſtreng den Zehnten bezahlt; ſogar von Münze, Zill und Kümmel, und Jeſus hat dieſ nicht verachtet, ſondern gut geheißen. Er ſagt: Dieſ ſollte man tun aber jenes nicht laſſen, nemlich das Gericht, die Barmherzigkeit, und den Glauben.“ Matth. 23: 23. Der Herr verlangt, daß ſeine Zehnten ganz bezahlt werden, und ſo lange dieſ nicht geſchieht, ſagt der Herr immer noch: „Ihr ſeid von eurer Väter Zeit an immerdar abgewichen von meinen Geboten und habt ſie nicht gehalten. So be- kehret euch nun zu mir, ſo will ich mich zu euch auch kehren, ſpricht der Herr Zebaoth. So ſprecht ihr: Worin ſollen wir uns be- kehren?“ Es kam ihnen wie es ſcheint überrafchend vor, daß der Herr ſolche Auf- forderung an ſie ſtellte, denn ſie rühnten ſich ja bekehrt zu ſein. Sie hatten ſich vielleicht ſchon in ihrer frühen Jugend „bekehrt,“ und doch verlangt der Herr ſie ſollen ſich bekehren. Er fragt weiter: „Iſt es recht, daß ein Menſch Gott täuſcht wie ihr mich täuſchet?“ Aber ſie können auch dieſe Frage nicht verſtehen, und ſo ſtellen ſie wieder eine Gegenfrage: „Wo- mit täuſchen wir dich?“ Die Antwort kommt klar und deutlich: „Am Zehnten und Heboffer.“ Dieſer Prophet ſchreibt einem Volk das da lebt vor der Zukunft des Herrn, wie aus dieſem Kapitel und dem folgenden zu erſehen iſt. Und gerade jetzt lebt ein Volk das dieſe Lehre nicht gerne verſtehen mag. Viele glauben, das Zehnten entrichten habe aufgehört als Chriſtus kam. „Jetzt ſind nur Opfer verlangt,“ ſagen ſie, und die werden auch nur ſpärlich gebracht. Die Kinder Iſrael waren ziemlich bekannt mit dieſer Lehre, und wie wir ſchon geſehen haben, hatten die Juden den Zehnten genau bezahlt zur Zeit Chriſti. Der Herr redet hier zu ſei- nem Volk das da lebt vor ſeinem zweiten Kommen, dem dieſe Lehre unbekannt zu ſein ſcheint. „Denn wer wird aber den Tag ſeiner Zukunft erleiden mögen? Und wer wird beſtehen wenn er wird erſcheinen?“ O laßt uns die Mahnung des Herrn an- nehmen, und zu ihm gehen und unſere Sünden bekennen, damit der Fluch nicht länger über Gottes Volk hängen bleibt. Dieſ kann aber nur getan werden wenn wir den Zehnten ganz in ſein Kornhaus bringen. Er fordert uns noch auf, ihn zu prüfen hierin, ob er nicht des Himmels Fenſter auf- tun werde und Segen herab- ſchütten die Fülle. Mal. 3: 7-10. Wie viele haben den Herrn ſchon geprüft in dieſem—haben den Zehnten ganz gebracht von allem Einkommen des Landes und der Rinder, und Schafe und was auch das Einkommen mag ſein? Der Herr verlangt den Zehnten. Er gehört ihm, und wir haben kein Recht ihn für uns zu ge- brauchen. G. F. Daffner.

(Schluß folgt.)

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