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FROM MEXICO.

HAVE not reported to the RECORD lately, not because we had not anything to report, but because we have been very busy with our work.

Since returning from my trip through the southern part of the Republic, I have spent my time in canvassing, selling papers, giving Bible reading, nursing, and studying the language.

The Lord has been blessing us in our labors for which we praise His holy name. A few Sundays ago I sold one thousand of our Spanish papers in three hours and fifty-one minutes, or an average of over four a minute. Four hundred of this number were sold in sixty-nine minutes. A short time before this I sold nine hundred and forty-one in three hours and forty-two minutes; and the Sunday before I sold eight hundred in this same place. But I never could have had the courage to have attempted this, had I not known that the angels of God were with me. Truly it is a precious privilege to have a living connection with God, and to have an experience of our own that will enable us to trust Him at all times and under all circumstances. I realize, as never before, that every promise of God is for me, and will be fulfilled if I meet the conditions. As I think of the wonderful liberty there is in Christ Jesus, I am almost overwhelmed with joy, and I feel as though I can hardly take time to sleep, but that I must declare it to others.

A young man to whom I have been giving Bible readings, has just begun the observance of the Sabbath. He has been teacher of Spanish in the largest business colleges in Mexico City for five years; is also teacher of French in one of the government schools. In addition to this he speaks Italian and English quite well. In a few days he will finish his third year

in the medical school, where he is studying to become a physician. Our hearts were certainly made to rejoice when he took his stand on the Lord's side, for it means something for these people to take their stand for the truth, and we have many difficulties to contend with in laboring for them that we do not have in the States. I went to visit a man a short time ago, who is a Methodist, and when I asked him about having Bible readings, he said it would be impossible, as his neighbors were so fanatical that he had to be very careful.

Mrs. Bodwell is kept very busy teaching English. She leaves home at seven in the morning for Mexico City where she has classes. At about two, fifteen, or twenty, in the afternoon, she returns. She then eats her dinner, and goes to teach another class in Mixcoac at three P. M., returning home at about five thirty or six P. M. Then at seven fifteen a class of young men which she teaches, comes to our house. This class lasts till eight fifteen or thirty, when her day's work is finished. So that her time is quite well taken up.

Many times we think of our dear brethren and sisters in the States, and long to see their faces once more, and have a real heart to heart talk with them, but when we think of these poor souls in darkness, we know that we have not a moment to lose, for soon the message will have gone to earth's remotest parts and Jesus will come to take his waiting people home.

A. G. BODWELL.

It is Too Bad.

IT is too bad that men who have been called to the ministry to preach the Word should be obliged to do other work. But it is so, and the time has come when every man in the employ of the Conference should give his time to the closing up of the long hanging work of the Parables. Oklahoma has called a meeting of the Conference Committee to lay

plans to place all their laborers at this work until it is completed. This we hope to see done in the next six weeks. This is the third and last call to this work to get the Keene Industrial Academy out of debt. Now we look for a general effort on the part of all to assist in this move until it is done. Texas is also awake to the opportunity, and will follow the wise example of Oklahoma. Arkansas has been at this work in a measure for sometime, but now we hope she will come to the front and take her full quota. I said it was too bad to ask the minister who is called to labor in work, word, and doctrine to take hold of this work, but such is the case, and I hope the people will see that they are responsible for it because this is a work that cannot be done by others if they would go at it and do it. They have promised to do it in Oklahoma, but they have not done as they agreed to do. Now there must be another effort made to carry out what is not completed; and all the ministers, must leave their work to do what the people might have done. Some may shirk and not do their part, but it must be done just the same, and others who have been lifting will need to carry their part also.

This may result in one good, it will reveal the faithful and those who will not help bear burdens. As a whole this is the best plan in the world, but we are compelled to acknowledge that there are many who do not care to do what they should do in this time when help is so much needed. An effort will be made to see personally each member in the Conference who has not done his part in this move and have him do so. Pledges will be sent to all, and we hope these will be returned to the tract societies at once. All who do not pay the cash or have not paid five dollars since last January will sign these pledges to be paid at the time specified. This effort is to close up the work and have it off our hands. So let all take hold.

G. G. R.

Arkansas & Department

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER Marion Beasely, who has been canvassing in Palestine, Arkansas, has been obliged to give up the work on account of sickness. He had malarial fever a few weeks ago and was in hopes to resume the work permanently, but has been obliged to return to his home in Oklahoma. Where is the one who will take his place? He was a good worker for the short time his health has permitted him to work, and we are sorry to lose him, in fact, we cannot afford to lose a single canvasser from the field for the simple reason that we ought to have fifty where we have only a small few. Brother J. J. Wagner, of Springdale, has gone out into the field to deliver his orders taken in the early part of the season.

THREE of our old canvassers are in Chicago — Brethren Smith, Songer and East. Brother G. A. Pifer has recently taken up his work again. He is delivering Brother Pickney's orders as well as his own.

WALTER BARK, a colored brother, who is now canvassing among his own people, has been called to Memphis, Tennessee. He will continue the work on his return.

BROTHER Eddie Taylor has resumed the canvassing work in the southern part of the State.

BRETHREN J. G. Ball and G. W. Qualls, of Cline, Arkansas, are talking of taking up the colporteur work as soon as they get their crops harvested.

WE have not received any subscriptions for the *Life Boat* as yet. The October Number is a capital home number, adapted to missionary work; two cents a copy—sells for five cents. Do not some of our Sabbath schools want to order a club? Now is the time to take subscriptions for *Good Health*, just before the holidays.

Now is the time to take subscriptions for all of our publications.

THE Springdale school is moving off nicely, and we would be glad to hear at an early date, who are thinking of attending school this winter; as it is much better to commence at the beginning of the term.

THE RECORD only 50 cents a year.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM CANNON died in Joplin, Missouri, October 22.

His remains were brought to Springdale for interment. Funeral services were held at his daughter's, Mrs. G. W. Kenna's, Elders A. E. Field and J. A. Sommerville officiating. The funeral sermon was preached by Elder Sommerville, taking for his text Ps. 30:4, 5, also, citing other texts as he spoke words of comfort to the bereaved, bringing in the blessed hope of the near resurrection. Elder Sommerville has long been acquainted with the life of deceased, and spoke of his exemplary Christian character; he was familiarly known in this town as "Uncle Billie," and beloved by all who knew him. He was born in Tassel, East Tennessee, in 1824 going to Indiana in 1862, and coming to Springdale in 1878; accepted the Advent faith about seventeen years ago; he leaves six children, two daughters and four sons to mourn their loss. Sister G. W. Kennan, of this place, is the only surviving Adventist of the family. Her father, three weeks home in perfect health to visit his children in Joplin. His death was due to bowel trouble, having been ill only about a week. His beloved wife and companion died in the faith a little over a year ago at the home of Sister Kennan's, here in Springdale.

Sunday Laws.

A VIGOROUS effort has been made in most of the states, to get Sunday laws passed. Our legislature will soon convene, and the same tide of influence will be brought to bear upon them. What shall we do? Shall we let the enemy work, and we lie asleep? We have decided to send the *Sentinel of Liberty* to each member of the legislature during the time they are in session, so that they can be prepared to act intelligently on the subject. This will take some means, so we would like to have all of our people that desire to help this good work along to send in a donation. It would take at least one hundred and seventy-five copies monthly for three months, costing somewhere in the neighborhood of forty dollars to send out that number for three months. We trust that our brethren will see

the importance of helping along this branch of the work.

A. E. FIELD.

The Tithe.

IT IS NOTICABLE that the tithe is not coming in as fast as it did last year at this time. This is not as it should be. We have good crops, and if everyone will remember to lay aside the Lord's part, we would have money to keep our ministers in the field. Remember when we fail to pay our tithe we are retarding the work of the Lord. If there is no money to pay the ministers, they will have to quit preaching and work to support their families. So, may God help all our people to pay their tithes so that the work can be carried forward, and also that in the judgment we will not be set down as robbing God. May God help us all to press together and each of us carry our part of the work. A. E. FIELD.

THE WORK.

WHAT more can be said than has been said to impress our people with the importance of scattering the printed pages of truth at this time? "The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few," and what does it mean?

Brethren W. F. Guthrie, of Siloam Springs, and T. J. Murphy, of Gentry, who, last August, at the Gentry campmeeting, soon expected to enlist in the work, have not received any report from them as yet. Can it be possible that they are letting these golden opportunities pass by when they could get their crops gathered at a very little expense, and are losing more than they will gain by waiting? There is not any reason that Arkansas should stand in the shade, no reason that it should continue to be a poor conference, for its resources are fully equal to any state in the Southwestern Union Conference. The northern portion is rich in fruit and the southern part has prolific cotton crops this year. Plenty of money in circulation all through the State; but this is not going to last always, and it evidently seems as if by the time some of our canvassers get to work, it will be too late to take advantage of the prosperous year, and the result will be that they will com-

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✠ Texas Department. ✠

FIELD REPORTS.

SANGER.—We closed our regular meeting here on the night of the 12th of October, which was just two weeks ago last night. Since then we have spent most of our time visiting, reading and answering questions. We have a nice hall rented in which we meet for Sabbath school and have preaching Saturday and Sunday nights. We organized our Sabbath school last Sabbath with a membership of thirty-five. We have only two classes, and have ordered our Sabbath school helps and we are moving on nicely.

There are a few German brethren living near by, who have joined in with us, and we trust will be a great help to the company of new beginners here in Sanger. Among these is Brother Schmidt, of Hutto, who was appointed Superintendent of the Sanger Sabbath school.

Up to date we have, as a result of our efforts here, nine new Sabbath keepers, and eight more who are almost ready to take their stand, or, at least, they are convinced and are very hopeful cases.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed in giving the message here, and we thank Him for the precious fruits already manifest, and trust that the words spoken may be as bread cast upon the waters, and that it will bring forth fruit many days hence.

I have never seen as much agitation caused by the preaching of the message, as there has been here. I feel, as never before, that God can, and does, take the weak things of this world to confound the mighty.

The ministers here, have worked in every conceivable way to hinder and cover up the truth of God, but, it seems quite plain, that they have met with nothing but defeat.

Oh, I deem it an inestimable privilege to be a co-worker with the One who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.

Brother French left us two weeks ago to spend a few days at home, and then look out another field of labor.

Our work will soon close here, and then we will be ready to go and help, in our humble, stammering way, to give the warning message in some other field.

We ask a special interest in your prayers, brethren.

W. M. CUBLEY:

LEVI AND CORSICANA.—Since my last report, I have visited the Levi and Corsicana churches. At Levi I found the brethren and sisters of good courage. The church is almost broken up by removals to other places to get the benefit of church schools.

It is hard to maintain a church school at this place on account of the brethren not owning their land. The land is high and the brethren being poor they are moving where they can buy land cheaper; yet there are a few left to hold up the standard of present truth.

While at this place we held a few meetings for outsiders. The congregations were not large, yet they paid good attention to the words spoken. We trust good impressions were made. Some expressed a desire to hear more. The brethren seemed to be edified and built up.

After leaving Levi I held a few meetings at Wyatt, a little place midway between Venus and Midlothian. At this place Brother Vinson has been picking cotton this fall, and in connection with this, he has been doing regular missionary work, holding Bible readings and talking with the people. As the result of the effort he has two families keeping the Sabbath. We hope to see this work followed up a little later on. When the cotton crop is gathered, will be a good time as the people will then be at leisure.

Last Sabbath and Sunday we spent with the Corsicana church. We celebrated the ordinance of the Lord at this place. This was the first time these brethren had the privilege for over a year, owing to the fact that their Elder had removed to Keene.

The Lord came near and blessed and we enjoyed a spiritual feast. Many good testimonies were borne and some confessions were made. Six names were dropped from the church books. They were individuals that had moved away and the church had lost trace of them. Four were given letters; nine were added to the church—seven by letter and two by experience and baptism.

As a whole the meeting was a success.

The first Sabbath in November

will be spent with the Fort Worth church. Pray for the work.

T. W. FIELD.

AN APPEAL FOR "OBJECT LESSONS"

IT HAS BEEN about two years since the plan was inaugurated to sell "Object Lessons" for the relief of the schools. Since this plan was started, much has been done; many books have been sold; but there is much to be done yet, and but a short time to do the work.

It was voted and recommended at the late Union Conference, held at Topeka, Kansas, and, also, at the State Conference held at Handley, Texas, that we would dispose of the books this fall and pay off the debt. Also, when Brother McCutchen and others, visited the churches last summer, the churches, as a whole, agreed to take their quota of books.

Now, brethren, the opportune time to sell these books will soon be in the past for this year. So, what we do, must be done quickly. Let us arise as one man, in the strength and power of our God, and sell these books so the debt can be paid. Let us not have a reproach to the cause of God. We have been under reproach long enough; Let us throw off the reproach by paying the debt which is the only way it can be done.

Brethren, let us be faithful to fulfill our promises. We have said that we would take these books and sell them and turn in the money. Some of us have the books in our possession. Let us sell the books at once, without delay; or, if we have not the time to sell them at present, let us turn in the money and sell them at our leisure. I know that times are hard and money scarce, but we have no evidence that times will be better next year. So press the battle now!

This is the Lord's work and this message is from God. The plan given to sell "Object Lessons" is the most reasonable plan that was ever put on foot. The world virtually pays our debts and all that remains for us to do is to spend a little time working for the Lord.

This ought to be a pleasure to every one. Just a few hours' work for each individual, will pay off the debt. We surely can afford to do that much for the Lord and his suffering cause. So, brethren, faithfully fulfill your obligations.

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An Appeal to the Churches.

October 22, with an attendance of sixty-five in the Academic department. This number has since increased to eighty, while the church school has fifty. Among this number I know of only three or four who are preparing for immediate church school work. We need at least twenty new teachers in training to fill the calls that will surely come to us next summer and fall. Who are they? Why should not the churches having young people, send some of them to us that they may be educated and returned to the same churches to teach their church school? Let each church unite in meeting the expenses of educating at least one person.

Since these teachers will be needed soon, it will be best to select those who can be prepared in a short time. This matter is important, for, unless our churches act at once, they will be left without a teacher next year. The testimonies say that the churches should assist those who are worthy, but who are unable to meet their own expenses. If each member would do his part, every church could send at least one student. Let us do it, what do you say? *I appeal to the churches!* What better investment could you make? What better missionary work

could you do? You wish to have a part in God's work—now is your opportunity! You can remain at home, and while toiling for your "daily bread," have the satisfaction of knowing that you are educating a missionary, who in turn will educate your own children to be missionaries. This is a good investment even from an ordinary business standpoint. In fact, if this is not done, the chances are that many churches will be without schools next year. Come, let us act at once. We will see that the teachers are returned to the churches sending them, and that their wishes are complied with.

Brethren and sisters, why did God plant this institution amongst us? Was it not for training of just such a class of workers?

Will you not make one grand rally for its support? Be quick, for school has already begun, and golden opportunities are passing! Oh, that I could impress upon the youth the value of a CHRISTIAN EDUCATION! Do not ask the Keene Academy to bear your expense; it has stopped to run to run the school, and the sooner our people learn this the better. Do not ask to *work* your way through. We already have three times as many students as we can furnish work. We have put the expense at the very lowest figures in order that we may run on a cash basis.

Some have already borne their part in supporting the schools. We do not call upon these, but there are many of our people in the Southwestern Union Conference who have not done all they could for our Academy. To them I make this appeal.

Some who read this article will be impressed. I invite all such to write me at once telling me what you are willing to do.

Awaiting for an early reply, I am
Yours in the work,

ALVIN COVERT.

"Events of the One Thousand Years."

WE TOOK one hundred copies of the pamphlet entitled *The Events Connected with the One Thousand Years of Revelation Twenty* to the Oklahoma campmeeting. On the way we sold fifty at Oklahoma City. The other fifty lasted but two days

when we got to the meeting. This indicates that this is a live subject, and one the people wish to understand. And we want to add that there is no subject that is more interesting to the new beginner of Bible study, and there is no subject that is more used to sow false doctrines with than this one and others are sowing this doctrine everywhere. Why not give the people the truth. They will buy it, and glad to get it. There should be thousands of these pamphlets sold everywhere. We have printed a small edition of them, and the present outlook is that they will soon be gone. This is a subject that will never grow old, or out of date. It sells for ten cents. There will be the usual discount to agents when one dozen is ordered at a time. Send in your order at once and thus help the people at the printing office and yourself by getting the profit. G. G. R.

The Importance of Faithful Work.

TO the dear brethren and sisters who are not doing all in your power to carry the truth to the world, let me ask, has not the Lord impressed you with the importance of the canvassing work?

There never was a better time than now to sell books. We all know of the abundance of crops. Plenty of money is in circulation, and people are really stirred to read and know what the next move will be in this world's history.

Christmas will soon be here and every one wants books just now. Will not those whom the Lord has called to this work cease making excuses, fall in line, and push the work for a Christmas delivery.

To those who are now in the field, let me say in the fear of the Lord that we must arise and push the work with a greater determination than ever before. I read on page sixty-six of Manual for Canvassers that if we only knew what was before us we would not be so dilatory in the Lord's work. I am fully persuaded that there is no place in the Lord's work for drones. And I can say for one that I shall work from to-day as never before.

Those who are perseveringly pushing the work as evangelistic canvassers are among those who will have some stars in their crowns at eve when the sun goeth down.—F. E. Fairchild in *Worker's Record*.

An Opening for You.

OUR experienced canvassers will find this a most opportune time to sell "Patriarchs and Prophets," and those whose territory has been worked with other books can now advantageously take up this one.

"Object Lesson" workers who have sold their quotas, can now go over the same ground with "Patriarchs and Prophets,"—another book by the same author,—and they will be quite certain to meet a favorable and cordial reception from their former subscribers. Our sisters can speak of the book to those of their neighbors who attend Sunday school, showing their own copy and securing orders for one like it. Our brethren can talk of the value of the book and the good instruction it contains with the men who attend Sunday school whom they meet on their way to and from town, and some will find time to make a canvass of their own vicinity.

Our ministers could take up the Sunday school lesson on Sabbath afternoon, or on some evening, advertising the service as special for the study of the Sunday school lesson, and permitting questions to be asked, etc. The interested ones could be followed up then or later by some worker who could present to them the merits of the book as a "help." Our Bible workers could often place copies of the book with their readers, if they would show its value in connection with the Sunday school lessons.

Any one who has a copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets" could loan it to a neighbor, directing the attention to the special pages in the book which treat on the lesson for the following Sunday. Can you not carry out some of these suggestions? Will you not? *S. N. Curtis, in Pacific Union Recorder.*

A Good Word for "Bible Readings."

FOLLOWING are extracts from a letter written by Brother G. W. Rice, Henderson, Kentucky, under date of the 12th inst:—

"You will see from my report that I am working for "Bible Readings." There is no other book in the world that will sell like it. I have set my stakes to take one hundred dollars' worth of orders each week. I have now worked three weeks, and you

can see by my reports that I have a little more than averaged it thus far. Between this time and the holidays I shall certainly put forth every effort to reach the thousand-dollar mark. I have taken orders from the most prominent farmers in this county, and I use their names for all they are worth to help me secure other orders.

"Every county that raises tobacco ought to have at least two canvassers; for the tobacco is never all sold until April, and February and April are good months to make a delivery. I know of no better plan than to find out the best counties, or where they have raised the best crops, and send canvassers to these counties, and then encourage them to work with all their might. They will have success sure, spiritually and financially. I believe that God wants us to put forth every effort to let the people know that our books contain eternal life for them. If I cannot secure their order without it, I quote from Revelation 14:9, and say that the book will explain to them what the mark of the beast is, and I have taken orders on this when I could not have secured them in any other way."

The experience of Brother Rice is evidence of what can be done with our larger publications even in this so often called "desert field." We believe the Lord wants us, as Brother Rice says, to put forth every effort to let the people know that our literature contains eternal life for them. There is no other part of the United States where the people are so religiously inclined, as within the bounds of the Southern Union Conference. They are generally willing and glad to listen to the Christian canvasser. When our workers are thoroughly consecrated to God and his cause, it is usually an easy matter to secure an order, whether it be for a small publication or a large one. Pushing the larger books, however, gives opportunity to get the truth more clearly and fully before the people, aside from giving greater financial profit to those connected with their sale.

Of course this would not be practicable in all cases. Our smaller publications are good, and should always be used as helps. The point, however, is this: A child thinks a small bit of candy is good, but he likes a larger bit better. Just so with the books. When a man begins reading

about some subject, and gets interested in it, he is anxious to know all about it, and the more he can learn the better satisfied he feels.

We have a truth that we should be proud of; and let us not be ashamed to go forth, trusting in the care of God and of his angels, whom he has promised to send before us "to prepare the hearts of the people," with the whole of the message as he has given it to us.—*R. L. Pierce in Southern Watchman.*

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In Special Testimonies we read: "The sale of this book is the Lord's own plan to relieve our schools of the great burden of debt that is resting upon the schools."

It is a blessing to do what God has planned for us to do.

We also read that the blessings of the Lord is attending the effort being made to carry this plan to completion, and I hope that none of us will excuse ourselves by saying that we never made the debt and are not under obligation to pay it. The denomination has contracted the debt, and our schools are a necessity and we could not do without them.

In these schools men and women are educated for God, they are trained to work for the Lord, and since the Keene Academy has been located among us it has educated scores of workers for the Lord.

There are now eight students in foreign fields that have attended this school, besides many that are working in the home field. Some in the ministry, canvassing, doing Bible work, teaching church schools, and many more now in preparation.

We do not half appreciate what our schools are doing. The Keene Academy has labored under great difficulties because of the debt from the very beginning. Some have gotten the impression that this was brought about by paying large salaries to teachers, but this is not the case.

It was brought about by improvements, such as buildings, fencing and such like, that are absolutely necessary in order to carry on the school. It never has been free from debt and much of the money was borrowed to start the school at first, and we are still paying interest on the money.

T. W. FIELD.

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Oklahoma Department.

The Field.

HIGGINS, TEXAS. — Our meetings closed here Monday night, October 13. We held four weeks in all. Our meetings were interrupted four nights by rain. While there was not much accomplished here during our short stay, yet our hearts are made to praise the Lord for what he has wrought. Four persons took a stand to keep the Sabbath. Two others promised to do so also. There are a number of other honest hearts that are convinced of the truth.

We had a splendid meeting with these people. Our audiences were composed mostly of some of the best people in the community, among whom were professors and non-professors of religion, who expressed a regret that we had closed our work. An invitation was extended to us to return, which we will accept, for a short time, after the close of the Woodward meeting.

We sold \$58.25 worth of books, people of town, and received \$13.73 in donations.

The judgment will reveal the result of all this literature and seed sown. We look forward to the harvest, as the Lord has said that "we should sow beside all waters, both in the morning and evening," and it is He that gives the increase.

We are of great courage in the Lord, and rejoice that we have a part in this closing message.

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

CLAREMORE, I. T.—I have been visiting the brethren in and around Claremore for a short time since I came up here, and find them all in good courage, to press on gaining daily victory over sin and Satan.

The little company at Tiawah, who came out last summer under the labors of Elder Gregory and myself, is progressing nicely. They hold meeting all day every Sabbath.

I have noticed that where only a few of our people, can get together, they enjoy more of God's presence than in our large churches. But it is only because they feel their real weakness, and rely upon God. If all in our larger churches would do the

same, we would see a wonderful awakening all over the world. Our work would soon be done and our Lord would come. Let us awake; brethren now!

There are some here who are waiting for baptism, when Brother Gregory comes back.

I have begun a meeting at a school house seven miles east of Claremore. The attendance is fair, and we hope to see some good results from this effort.

Pray for the work and workers in this portion of the field.

Your Brother in the blessed hope.
E. L. MAXWELL.

The Woodward Campmeeting.

THIS MEETING was held at Woodward, Oklahoma Territory, from October 16 to the 26th. There were nearly a hundred of our people who attended. Elder J. Graff and Elder Haffner labored for the Germans, while Elder Sturgeon and the writer, with the help of other brethren, labored for the English speaking people. Some younger laborers were also present. All did good work and the Lord blessed and as a result there was a good meeting. The weather was fine through the entire time that the meeting was held. The attendance was better than at any meeting the writer attended this season—that is, the attendance was more regular and the interest grew from the beginning—the last meeting being the largest held. We remained two days after the meeting closed to look over the ground. Some had begun the observance of the Sabbath, and one was baptized who had never made a profession—a man fifty years old. The town seemed to be stirred with the truth, such as we had never seen before. Some will remain to follow up the work with Bible readings and house to house work. It was intended that Elder Larson would be here to keep up the meetings, but he did not come, so the meetings in the tent had to stop.

We will remark that the interest in this, campmeeting was the preaching of the prophecies. What the people want at this time is the truth. I am sorry to see our laborers devoting much of their time in preaching on practical subjects like other denominations, and lose the power they might

have by a more thorough knowledge of present truth and preach such discourses as the Lord designed they should. Some have even gone so far as to say that the time had passed to lecture on the prophecies, and, I fear, some are becoming ashamed to hang up the charts and maps, but it seems to me they make a great mistake.

G. G. R.

Responding to Appeals from Our Missionaries.

AN elder of a large church in one of the Central States writes that as they read the urgent appeals from the missionaries to the Mission Board, begging that new laborers be sent to the needy fields, they feel burdened to do something that will show that they have a practical interest in the giving of the message in the dark continents beyond.

They have decided that the best way to really help would be to adopt the plan of giving regularly to the funds for this work; so that a strong effort has been made to encourage every member of the church to give something for missions each week. Since this has been undertaken, their weekly offerings have increased manyfold. The very first Sabbath that the envelopes were collected the offering was many times more than it had ever been before on Sabbath; and since that time, it has steadily increased. They expect to carry it out faithfully until every member will have some part in this great work.

There are many other churches that have had such experiences in adopting the use of the envelopes. Let us hear from these. We would urge those who have not yet begun the use of the envelopes, to give them a trial. The Lord has told us through the spirit of prophecy that the home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions. He says further that we have not discerned that in helping to advance the work in foreign fields, we would be helping the work at home. So the way to hasten the coming of our Lord is to take hold heartily of the work in the regions beyond. One way to share in this glorious work is to provide liberally for its rapid extension to all parts of the world.

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MISSION DONATIONS.

JUST A FEW weeks ago, we ordered the little offering envelopes to all our churches in the conference. As we read the urgent appeals from the missionaries to the Mission Board, begging that new laborers be sent to the needy fields, so the Board has decided that really the best way to help would be to adopt the plan of giving regularly to the funds for this work; so that a strong effort has been made to encourage every member of the church to give something for mission work every week. Churches have adopted that plan and their weekly offerings have increased manyfold. The very first Sabbath that the envelopes were collected, the offerings were many times more than they had ever been before on Sabbath. We would urge those who have not yet begun to use the envelopes, to give them a trial. The Lord has told us through the Spirit of Prophecy that the home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way, when a more liberal, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions.

EMMA HAFNER.

German Department.

über die Verhältnisse unter Wohltätern und denen, welche Wohltaten empfangen, wie auch unter Lehrern und Schülern, Gläubigern und Schuldner.

1) Die Dankbarkeit ist eine der heiligsten Tugenden. Wer dir Gutes getan hat, den ehre. Danke ihm nicht nur mit Worten, die ihm die Wärme deiner Erkenntlichkeit zeigen, sondern suche auch jede Gelegenheit auf, wo du ihm wieder dienen und nützlich werden kannst. Fehlt dir aber dazu die Veranlassung, so entfalte ihm wenigstens durch ein unterscheidend liebevolles äußeres Betragen dein dankbares Herz. Miß dies Betragen nicht pünktlich nach der Größe der Wohltat ab, die du empfangen, sondern nach dem Grade des guten Willens den dein Wohltäter dir gezeigt hat. Höre auch dann nicht auf dankbar gegen ihn zu sein, wenn du seiner nicht mehr bedarfst, oder wenn Unglücksfälle ihn von seiner Höhe herabgestürzt, ihn seines äußern Glanzes beraubt haben.

2) Wie aber lasse dich zu niederträchtiger Schmeichelei herab, um entweder Wohltaten zu erschleichen oder für den empfan-

genen Schutz auf unedle Weise dich zum Sklaven eines schlechten Mannes zu machen. Wo Pflicht und Rechtlichkeit es fordern, da müsse dein Mund nie zum Unrechte schweigen und keine Art von Bestechung die Stimme der Wahrheit zum Schweigen bringen. Du bezahlst reichlich die Wohlthat, wenn du dafür die Pflichten eines ächten Freundes erfüllen und, selbst mit Gefahr den Schutz zu verlieren und für undankbar gehalten zu werden, dem Wohltäter sagst, was ihm nötig und heilsam ist zu hören. Eben so wenig leide, daß Jemand sich's zum Verdienste anrechne daß er dich bis jetzt hochgeschätzt, dich bei andern gelobt und verteidigt hat. Warst du dessen würdig, so erfüllte er eine Pflicht, die man auch seinen Feinden nicht versagen darf; wo nicht, so hat er recht gehandelt wie ein gerechter und verständiger Mann, selbst in Rücksicht seiner Freunde, handeln soll.

3) Es ist eine unangenehme Lage, wenn wir Jemand, dem wir viel Verbindlichkeit schuldig sind, nachher von einer schlechten Seite kennen lernen. Diesem weicht man nun freilich aus, wenn man das befolgt, was ich schon einmal gesagt habe, nämlich, daß man so wenig als möglich Wohltaten annehmen solle. Allerdings wenn wir dann wirklich in die Verlegenheit kommen, einem schlechten Menschen auf diese Art verpflichtet zu werden, so rate ich an, ihn wenigstens mit so viel Schonung zu behandeln, als mit Redlichkeit und weiser Wahrheitsliebe bestehen kann, und zu schweigen über ihn; doch nur in so fern Schweigen nicht Verbrechen ist—denn in diesem letztern Falle muß alle Rücksicht aufhören. So wie aber unter den Menschen, welche Wohltaten erzeugen, so ist auch ein Unterschied unter den Wohltaten selbst. Es gibt unbedeutende Gefälligkeit, die man ohne Furcht auch von den schlechtesten Leuten annehmen kann. Es ist dann ihre Schuld, wenn sie dieselben höher anrechnen, als was sie wert sind. In andern wichtigeren Fällen hingegen rate ich, besonders wenn man nicht vorauswies, ob man je im Stande sein wird, das Gute zu erwidern, lieber nicht anzunehmen. A. F. R.

Lavernia, Texas.

den 22. Okt 1902

Teure und vielgeliebte Mitarbeiter!
Da wir durch Gottes Gnade und Beistand nun im Südlichen Texas angefangen haben Versammlungen zu halten, dachten wir Euch einige Zeilen in diesen Spalten zu melden. Wir haben hier schon

herrliche Versammlungen gehabt. Die Leute besuchen uns auch gut. Nachdem die Versammlung geschlossen ist sagen die Leute, so was hätten sie in ihrem Leben noch nicht gehört. Auch sind einige sehr interessiert in die Wahrheit. Des Abends halten wir Versammlung und am Tage gehen wir von Haus zu Haus und sprechen mit den Leuten über die herrliche Botschaft, die Gott uns anvertraut hat. Wir fanden Aufrichtige Seelen, mit denen wir beteten, und sie hinwiesen zum Lamm Gottes. Wir sind jetzt an der Veränderung des Sabbats und dem Malzeichen des Tieres und seinem Bild!

Eure Mitarbeiteter im Wert des Herrn,
Brii. Riffel und Schiffner.

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plain that it is hard times and people have no money, etc.

Brother V. B. Watts, who is canvassing in Phillips County, in the southern part of this State, has fully demonstrated the fact, within the past few weeks that he has been in the field, that books can be sold in Arkansas, as the readers of this paper will note by his reports that have been in from week to week, and certainly half as well.

To all appearances there must be a sleeping lethargy over our people here at this time, or they would rally to the importance of the canvassing work. Possibly some are waiting for our State agent to push them out, but he has been obliged to return home and remain till his foot heals, for there is danger of his losing it if he continues using it! I trust that no one is waiting for him to start them out in work, for, as a rule, if we have to be pushed into anything we will never amount to much when we get there.

The readers of this paper are all familiar in what the Testimonies say on the line of the canvassing work; have quoted quite freely from them from time to time in this paper; so will refrain from so doing here, but simply appeal to all who have a burden for this branch of the work, to heed it while the fields are ripe for the harvest, and let us hear from you at an early date.

May the Lord burden the hearts of the people for this important branch of the work, is my prayer.

SECRETARY
Of the Arkansas Tract Society.

Evangelistic Canvassers.

GO OUT into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled."

—Luke 14:23.

If there are any missionaries among us, who can give the warning message to those found in the highways and hedges, it is certainly our canvassing agents. What opportunities the humble, praying canvasser has to give the warning while doing his house to house labor! A large per cent of the people do not attend church or meetings even when they have the opportunity, but many in the secret longings of their heart, desire to know Jesus and His redeeming love. But the way looks so hard and difficult to those who have no knowledge of God's love and His pardoning grace. Our books reveal this love, our canvassers may tell of it, live it, sow the seed, and the Lord will give the increase. It is the souls of men and women that the great heart of God is reaching out after, and he has ordained this work that the warning will may come.

Last year, when the hard times came, and drought caused crops to fail and cattle to die, perhaps our laborers felt that it was hard to struggle onward with this part of the work, but the Lord means for us to profit by these experiences and learn to lean upon him and to feel our dependence upon him continually. At every step we should inquire, is this the way? "Our success is due to the working of God's Angels upon the hearts." Christ suffered many privations, and death on the cross for us. Should we ask to have all the thorns removed? Let us walk in His footsteps.

We need new agents who will infuse new life into the canvassing work, who feel a burden for this work and will make it their speciality. When the Lord tells us that many of our canvassers who are truly converted and consecrated, can accomplish more in this line than any other in bringing the truth for this time before the people, it is now high time for many who believe the message and know that the end is near, to engage in the canvassing work. Surely there are many of our brethren and sisters who should respond to the Lord's call for evangelical can-

vassers to enter the field just now. May the Lord help his people to heed his call and make a decided move forward.
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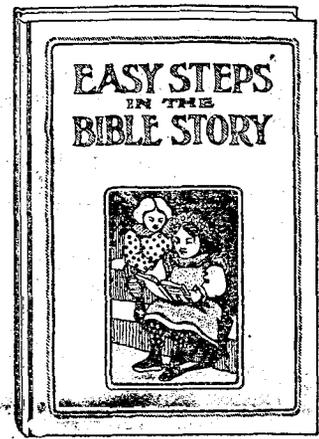
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