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## OUR PRAYERS.

ART Thou not weary of our selfish prayers,  
Forever crying, "Help me! save me, Lord!"  
We stay fenced in by petty fears and cares.  
Nor hear the song outside, nor join its  
vast accord.

Is not the need of other souls our need?  
After desire the helpful act must go,  
As the strong wind bears on the winged seed  
To some bare spot of earth, and leaves it  
there to grow.

Still are we saying, "Teach us how to pray;"  
Oh, teach us how to love, and then our  
prayer  
Through other lives will find its upward way,  
As plants together seek and find sweet life  
and air.

— Among the Poets.

## AN EXPERIENCE OFT REPEATED.

NO. III.

"Husband, we have been thinking and talking over the results of the tent meetings, and we have learned more in the last few weeks of the real truths taught in the Bible, than in all our lives before. Martha and Mary both, and John and William have been as interested as we, and I am so thankful that the tent came here. If it had not, what would have become of us all? for our-own ministers do not preach nor teach the Bible. They say nothing about the Second Coming of Christ. What a comfort and consolation it is to know that the Lord will soon come, and that then sin will come to an end, and to know that sin and sinners will be destroyed and not have to suffer in eternal fire. That one truth is worth more to me than all our own ministers have preached and taught in all these years past.

"Yes, mother, Mary and we, and the boys have always shuddered at the thought of a God that could be so cruel as to put a person into a fire that burns, and keep them there alive for ever and ever, as has been taught us in the Sunday school lessons and and by the ministers too. It made us almost hate the Bible, God, and all

Christians too, and it is why we did not like to go to church and Sunday school. But as soon as we heard the real truth taught in the Bible, as we did in the tent, from the very first night we all were glad and interested in it, that we could not miss a single meeting. What an inspiration in the thought that God, the Creator, will and does take up his abode in us, and will lead and keep us in all our way, and too that he will use us. Let us connect with him as a co-worker in the mission of saving people out of this wicked world and taking them into his own family. Oh! we want to be good Christians from this time on, and consecrate ourselves to him and his service.

"Thank the Lord, wife, for the results of the meetings so far. I have made new resolutions myself, as the truths of the Gospel have been presented, the Bible seems like a new book to me, and I intend to live a new and better life hereafter, and I am glad and thankful you are all with me in this turning to the Lord.

"Husband, I feel an interest in our own minister. I do not see him at any of the tent meetings. I want him to hear what we do in these meetings, for he certainly does not know what good preaching and teaching we are having. I think I will go and see him. Had we not better both go together to see him, husband?

"My dear wife, you will be sadly disappointed when I tell you it will do no good to see him. I felt quite as you do, and I went at the beginning to the meetings, or as soon as I found they preached the truth, and I told him what a good meeting was being held, and to my surprise, he talked very bitter against Adventists. He said they were a little insignificant sect, just started up; that they went about into different places, and put up a tent and preached awhile, teaching false doctrines and exciting the people, and getting up an interest for

a time, and then they were gone and you would hear no more of them. He told me not to go near them; not to be so foolish. That as soon as they were gone he would show the people the truth, and expose the false teaching of the Adventists in setting a time for the Lord to come, &c. I told him that they had the Bible for all they taught. Do you know, said he, that you can prove anything by the Bible, by taking a text here and there. I did not say any more, but with a sad heart I left him, after he had advised me to keep away from the tent, and not let any of my family go to the meetings. How true it is that the evil one has blinded the eyes that men could not see, and stopped their ears that they cannot hear.

"Well, husband, I must see his wife. She is a good Christian, I think. I love her and always have; I must go to see her.

"Mother, Mary and we went to see her soon after the tent came here, and we told her about the good meetings, and asked her to come, sure to hear the good preaching. She said she would like to, but the minister, her husband, was so opposed to them and felt so downhearted because he saw so many of his flock leaving his meetings and going to the tent, that she did not have the heart to go herself, and she has never come to one of the meetings.

"Will, tell us all what Pat. and Mike say about the meetings.

"Oh, Pat. and Mike are so pleased and happy they do not know what to do. Pat. says the priest will get no more money from him for prayers and masses for the soul of his father, and his mother will pray no more to the Virgin Mary, and the saints. Since they have got Bibles to read the word of God, and learned that the soul that sinneth it shall die, and that the dead know not anything,—good-bye priest and all his teaching, said Pat. and if he had only the 37th Psalm and the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians he had enough to show him that the priests are all wrong, and lead by the evil one himself.

[To be continued.]

## Arkansas Department.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

## PROGRAMME

Of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and  
Intermediate School, Springdale,  
Arkansas.

## FIRST FIVE GRADES.

9:00 A. M.,	Chapel.
9:20,	Arithmetic, 4th grade.
9:40,	Arithmetic, 1st and 2d grades.
10:00,	Bible, 1st and 2d grades.
10:15,	Writing.
10:30,	Recess.
10:45,	Bible, 4th grade.
11:00,	Bible, 5th grade.
11:15,	Reading, 1st and 2d grade.
11:45,	Grammar, 4th grade.
12:00,	Noon.
1:00 P. M.,	Nature and Physiology, 1st and 2d grades.
1:15,	Physiology, 4th grade.
1:20,	Reading, 1st grade.
1:45,	Spelling, 4th and 5th grades.
2:00,	Geography, 5th grade.
2:20,	General Exercises.
2:30,	Recess.
2:45,	Reading, 1st and 2d grades.
3:15,	Reading, 4th grade.
3:35,	Reading, 5th and 6th grades.
4:00,	Closing.

## SECOND, FIVE GRADES.

9:00 A. M.,	Chapel.
9:20,	Algebra.
9:40,	United States History, (B.)
9:50,	Arithmetic, (A.)
9:50,	Arithmetic, (B.)
11:10,	Arithmetic, (C.)
11:30,	Recess.
10:45,	Bible, (A.)
11:05,	Bible, (B.)
11:25,	United States History, (A.)
11:45,	Spelling.
12:00,	Noon.
1:00 P. M.,	Grammar, (B.)
1:15,	Physiology, (A.)
1:35,	Geography, (B.)
1:55,	Geography, (A.)
2:15,	Penmanship.
2:30,	Recess.
2:45,	Physiology, [B.]
3:00,	General History.
3:20,	Science.
3:40,	Grammar, [A.]
4:00,	Closing.

School opened October 27, 1902, with an earnest class of pupils. The programme shows the classes now formed: The letter [A] represents the higher work and so on, to [C]. Two teachers are at work now and a third is ready to begin as soon as the attendance warrants it. The lower five grades are taught by Daisy McConnell, a student of the normal department of Keene Academy; and the upper five grades by Professor J. C. Anderson, a graduate of Union College, Nebraska. We look for an increased attendance, and are working to advance the message. Questions concerning the school will be gladly answered.

SISTER Winnie Wright, a graduate nurse of Battle Creek, is very ill at her home in Springdale, with typhoid fever. Her sister, a graduate nurse, has recently come to care for her.

SISTER M. E. Giddings, a nurse from Keene Sanitarium, has been ill for several weeks at her home in Springdale with typhoid fever. She is improving at this writing.

SISTER Carrie Wilson, a graduate nurse from Battle Creek, is ill at her home in Staunton, Arkansas.

ELDER H. Clay Griffin writes that he is now at Viola, ready to begin a series of meetings October 28, having previously closed up his work at Fairview. He organized a Sabbath school there with twelve members. Brother John F. Stringer, formerly a Baptist minister, Superintendent; Brother E. L. Pickney, Assistant; Miss Martha Songer, Secretary. He writes that the prospects for a church house at Fairview, are very good. One of the new Sabbath keepers has donated a four-acre plot of ground; two others have donated about twenty bushels of corn apiece. A few have donated five dollars, and some less, and others have agreed to work. All are of good courage and are pushing the battle, and request the prayers of God's people. There were several holes cut in the tent during the meetings at Fairview, and they came so near getting the boys that two of the number left the country. Brother Griffin's overcoat was stolen and thus far he has no trace of it.

BRETHREN J. M. Baker and W. L. Cupit have commenced canvassing and report as follows for the week ending October 24:—W. L. Cupit, 3 days; 18 hours; 3 orders; 20 exhibits; Bible Readings; value, \$6.50; helps, \$1.25. J. M. Baker, 4 days; 33 hours; 12 orders; 33 exhibits; Bible Readings; value, \$25.00; helps, \$7.75. Eddie Taylor, 24 orders; 56 exhibits; value, \$36.00; helps, \$10.00.

BROTHER Arthur Songer, formerly a canvasser of this State, has returned from Chicago. He has not made the fact known whether he intends taking up the work again. We need him and a score, or more, in addition.

"BE not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint

not." The above text comes to me as I am considering what more can be said in regard to the field work than has already been said. It almost seems to me that the subject has been exhausted as we have endeavored from week to week to place the needs of the field before the people, hoping to arouse some to a greater activity. Realizing at this writing that writing, talking, worrying, will not put workers in the field; if it would, this State would be alive with canvassers, and Arkansas would be no longer looked upon as a poor conference. Seemingly the Lord has moved upon the hearts of a few outside of our faith, to make inquiries concerning the canvassing for our literature, but evidently the most of them should be visited as we do not hear from them the second time. Evidently some must be waiting for the crops to be gathered and the money to be spent, then the general complaint will be hard times and nothing to be done in the work. May the Lord impress upon all the importance of working while it is day, for, soon, ah, soon, the night cometh when no man can work.

ELDER A. E. Field spent Sabbath, November 1, with the Gravette church. He is there in the interest of the school at Springdale.

BROTHER J. A. Gouge and family are about to locate in Springdale, to receive the benefit of the school.

DR. J. A. BOYER and Dr. J. H. Green and wife, from Little Rock, have located here. Mrs. Green's mother, Sister Bennett and husband were with us Sabbath, and they are here looking for a location.

## The Search Light Series.

THE publisher of the above series of tracts and pamphlets wishes us to announce that for the winter trade, and to stimulate the sale of his tract on Whiskey, he will send them postpaid for \$2.00 per hundred, until January 1. This is less than half rate, as the retail price is 5 cents each. This is a strong presentation of the temperance question, and is highly endorsed by some of our best temperance workers. The next few months will be the best time of the year to use this literature. Order of your Tract Society, or the publisher, D. E. Scoles, Washburn, Missouri.

## ✦ Texas Department. ✦

### The Field.

CORSICANA.—According to appointment, as published in the RECORD, we, the Corsicana church, met at Fish Tank School House on Friday night and continued over until Sunday night. We hope and trust that much good was done. Six, who held membership elsewhere, were voted in on promise of their letters. A Leader, Secretary and Treasurer were elected, and two dear youth, a brother and sister, were taken on experience and baptism, making about twenty with which to begin the new roll. A committee was appointed to write to, and labor with those whose addresses were known. Letters of dismissal were granted to the writer and family, making five in all.

We had the pleasure of commemorating the ordinances on the first day of the week, as Paul and the church at Traos did, when there were many lights in the upper chamber. However, we did not wait until after midnight, neither did we have to take up Eutychus dead; but we do hope that all will die to sin, and live lives of holiness.

Acting President, T. W. Field's sermons and labors in behalf of the church, were much appreciated by all who were present, as were, also, President W. A. McCutchen's during his visit there a short time before.

Some of the brethren and sisters took their quota of "Object Lessons", and we hope others will as soon as possible for the King's business requires haste.

Come, brethren, it is the easiest way that a church was ever asked to donate. Think of it! Value is placed in the hands of each one, with which to replace the money, besides the good religious experience that each one gets in the effort to get the precious truth to his judgment-bound neighbors.

Positively, those who will not be workers in some line, at least, cannot be saved. If all will keep humble, the Lord will greatly bless the church at Corsicana, and everywhere in the great harvest field.

ELISHA TAYLOR.

SCURRY COUNTY.—Our meeting at Bluff Creek closed the 21st. Our own people were greatly benefitted, so they

said. But the dear friends who were so much interested in us and our preaching for a time, must have lost their interest for they have quit coming out to hear the work spoken. We fear that some preacher is responsible for their falling away.

N. J. ETHEREDGE.

N. V. WILLESS.

### AN APPEAL FOR "OBJECT LESSONS"

[Continued from last issue.]

In my travels, I have found some that complain against the management of the school, and I want to say to these brethren, and all others, that the managers do not claim to be perfect. They have made some mistakes; but they do claim to be honest and are doing the best they know how.

Many nights, when we are sleeping, the School Board is grappling over questions that a large portion of us are strangers to, and are trying to devise some plan to meet their obligations and pay their debts. I feel sure that if we can get these debts paid, that the school can run without incurring further debt.

During the next month, or six weeks, will be a good time for us to sell these books, and I am afraid that if we let this time pass without selling them, we will have to pass through another year with the debt still hanging over us.

Brethren, let us pull with all our power. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and be ready to sing the song of jubilee before the new year comes; so that the new year will enter with the school free from debt.

T. W. FIELD.

### BE NOT FORGETFUL,

MEAN not forgetful of our financial obligations and pledges to the cause. At the Handley campmeeting last summer, pledges to the amount of several hundred dollars, were given to be divided between the Tent Fund and the Missionary Fund. It was plainly to be seen by all that several new meeting tents had to be provided, and our hearts were cheered at the unanimous response made to the appeal for means for this purpose. The immediate purchase of one 50-foot tent was authorized at the time; but at least three more are badly needed for the opening of the work again in

the spring. In fact new outfits of tents are needed all around. Our old ones are all worn out, and their torn, patched and ragged condition are a disgrace to the cause they represent, as well as being very unsafe for use.

There were one or two splendid interests that had to be abandoned by our ministers last fall and much lost because we did not have meeting tents to furnish them. This is too bad, and we should see to it that it does not occur again.

I sincerely hope that by the time of the opening of the spring campaign, we can have new tents for each company that is sent out. To this end we earnestly beg our brethren and sisters to send in the amounts of their pledges to this fund. And please do so early that we may have ample time to place the orders for the making of the tents, and, also, that your cotton money may not all be gone before you think of this. We are advised by the tent manufacturers that prices will be advanced after January 1; hence, wish to get our orders in before that time. But we can only go as far as the money comes in to warrant it. Also, there are pledges made for the Sanitarium equipment, which money is urgently needed just now, and I hope this will not be overlooked. Money for this purpose can be sent to Dr. P. F. Haskell, Keene, Texas. And then the "Object Lessons" money for the schools, is another item. We have been working hard on this for months past and am glad to say that a goodly number have paid up their *pro rata*, but many have not. We know crops are very short and cotton late opening this year and believe our brethren will yet make their pledges good. But brethren let us attend to these matters at the earliest date possible, and let us be mindful of all the objects above mentioned.

W. A. M.

MRS. George Chandler, of St. Joseph, Michigan, visited her daughter, Miss Mary Chandler, last week. The young lady is an invalid and makes her home with the family of A. P. Wesley. Mrs. Chandler returned home last Monday.

### Notice to Keene Church.

THE church building committee is called to meet in room 4 of the Academy next Thursday night, November 13, at seven o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

A. KUNZE, Chairman.

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Call to Battle Creek.

I HAVE just received a call to meet the General Conference Committee at Battle Creek, November 10. We will leave to meet the appointment the evening after the Sabbath, the 8th instant. I am informed of some of the important subjects that will be considered at this meeting. And let us state right here, that after a review of the prophecies and watching the movements of this work for over a quarter of a century, I am fully convinced that there are great moves to be made in this important work.

From any standpoint we may view the question, this is true, and the one who is at this time getting his affairs ready for the event, is the lucky one. Now is the time to be on the look out, as the Saviour told us to watch lest he come suddenly and find us sleeping. Now is the time, as never before, to exercise faith in this message. Important changes are being made in the workings of this people to carry forward the message. We cannot now say we will make no changes. More activity must be exercised in the work; new plans must be laid according to the changing needs of the cause. Hundreds must be sent where few have been commissioned, to foreign fields. More, and more money, must be spent in missions; more publications must

be sold; our debts must all be met; and, in short, we must get our house ready to meet the Lord.

Now is the time for the ministry to give no uncertain sound to the trumpet. The Lord and his coming should be the great theme of all the workers in God's cause at this time. Now, we ask that the Lord's people pray that more wisdom be given his servants in this important committee meeting.

G. G. R.

The Best Way to Help the Cause.

THE best way to help in the cause of God is to devise some plan by which it may fully help itself. Let those who have charge take hold and carry out the plan devised. The sale of "Object Lessons" has been one of the best means ever planned to carry the truth and at the same time help the cause and to obtain the very things needed. This plan is of Divine origin, and one that will not lose its force as long as the truth is to be carried to the people—all by the printed page.

We now have in this Conference a great work to do, and but little means to do it with, but if we will take the Lord's plan we can do the work.

This conference has undertaken the printing of one small pamphlet, "The Events of the One Thousand Years of Revelation Twenty." It sells for ten cents. It contains sixty-five pages bound in paper cover. We sold and took orders for five hundred on our trip to Oklahoma, in less than two weeks. We will deliver them through the mail in quantities of one dozen, or more, to agents, for five cents each. Now, why not sell thousands of these pamphlets in the next two months, and thus bring this important subject before the people, and at the same time, help out in printing the truth; and in helping the office to get what it needs to carry forward the work in this important field?

Send your orders at once, thus helping yourself and the people. Let us sell this pamphlet by the thousand!

G. G. R.

TAKE NOTICE.

I LEARN there are some who have sold the "Parables" that have been furnished them, and have not

made a return to the Tract Society. Or, in other words, have not sent the money to the place where it belonged. To say they have not paid for them does not express the true thought. The books were never sold to any one; they were given them to help the school out of debt—a thing that had been a reproach to the cause of God, and which the Lord's people were struggling to pay. Now, to take the money and use what the Lord had collected for this purpose and put it to a personal use, is worse still. It is more like finding a drowning man and you, in the place of helping him out of the difficulty, put your hands on him and thrust him deeper. That is an awful thing to do! I hope every one having any of this money will get clear on this point as soon as possible. There are some cases, no doubt, that may not apply to you; you may have disposed of the books in a way where you did it for good and make a turn so you could pay for them and thus help the cause. That, of course, should be paid as soon as possible. This is different to using the cash received. I look upon that thing, if done by any one, that is to use the cash obtained by the sale of the "Parables," a most terrible wrong.

G. G. R.

JOHN WESLEY

On the Sufficiency of the Bible as "A Rule of Faith."

THE FAITH of Protestants, in general, embraces only those truths as are necessary to salvation, which are clearly revealed in the oracles of God.

"Whatever is plainly declared in the Old and New Testament, is the object of their faith. They believe neither more nor less, than what is manifestly contained in, and probably by the Holy Scriptures. The word of God is a lantern to their feet, and a 'light in all their faith.' They dare not, on any pretense, go from it, to the right hand or to the left. The written word is the whole and sole rule of their faith, as well as practice. They believe whatsoever God has declared, and profess to do whatsoever He hath commanded. This is the proper faith of Protestants: by this they will abide and no other."—*Sermons, Volume 2, page 285.*

"I am distressed. I know not

what to do. I see what I might have done once. I might have said pe-remptorily and expressly, 'Here I am: I and my Bible.' I will not, I dare not vary from this book, either in great things or small. I have no power to dispense with one jot or tittle of what is contained therein. I am determined to be a Bible Christian, not almost, but altogether. Who will meet me on this ground? Join me on this, or not at all."—*Sermons, Volume 2, page 439.*

#### Fathers.

**F**ATHERS, be kind and affectionate to the mothers of your children. Never cause the fond mother whose happiness was all committed to your keeping to doubt for one short moment the fervency of your affections for her who would, if need be, die for you; let her ever be conscious of the fact that she holds the uppermost seat in your heart.

You should manifest the most active interest in your entire family. Therefore, you should instruct them in regard to their physical being, and physiological duties. They should be well posted at an early age in all the fundamental principles pertaining to the life and health of the body. This subject is shamefully neglected by most parents. Body and mind act and re-act upon each other in all their multiform movements, hence, the health and habits of the one always effect the health and energies of the other. The body must be perfect in all its parts before the mind can make upon it the sweet music of a harmonious life. A weak body always robs the strong mind of much of its wealth and power; our bodies then, should be under the most careful and healthful discipline.

Soundness of body is absolutely essential to the highest development of mind and heart and soul. The joys of earth and the hopes of heaven are not a little affected by our physical conditions.

There is also a false modesty upon the part of many parents, that leaves their children in blissful ignorance of the consequences of some sins against the body, until they are ruined by them.

Fathers, you are the proper tutors of your households. Talk much with your children about things cal-

culated to interest and instruct them in the ways of life and salvation, and you will have but little occasion to talk to them about their disobedience, ingratitude, or waywardness. Teach your boys also to be attentive to every duty of life.

W. J. GREGORY.

#### THE CANVASSING WORK IN THE SOUTHERN FIELD.

**T**HE WORK of the Christian canvasser is second to no other work in the denomination. And the man or woman who goes forth with the printed page, laden with the message for this time, working faithfully, putting in full time, is just as much a laborer with Christ as is the ordained minister or the licensed preacher.

Not only is he a laborer with Christ, but he is entitled to the prayers, sympathy, and support of our brethren and of the conference, the same as any other faithful laborer. And until we place the work of our Christian canvassers upon the same basis as the work of our other laborers we must see this branch of our cause lag, the message not carried to the masses, our publishing houses shut down, or doing commercial work, partaking more or less of the spirit of the world, while the great work entrusted to us is delayed. Unless our publications are to be placed in the homes of the people, there is no necessity for making books, and no need of a publishing house; but our publications must be placed in the hands of the people. This great Southern field must be apprised of the important events just to transpire.

What we want is literature. bristling with present truth. Many small books have been sold in this field, that, while good in morals, do not contain the clear-cut message for this time. These books, however, have undoubtedly created a good impression, and if they are now followed with larger books like "Bible Readings," "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation," "Great Controversy," and other books treating on the great themes of present truth, a mighty work may be accomplished. Let the children and those who are inexperienced sell the small books, and thus gain an experience in meeting the people, preparatory to engaging in

the sale of the more important works.

We now have the matter of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" on our hands, and we do not desire our regular canvassers to have to leave their work of selling the large books to engage for any great length of time in selling "Object Lessons." We hope that this work can be accomplished largely by those who have not been actively engaged in the work.

The next two months is the best season of the year for canvassing. Shall we all awake, and take hold of the work as never before, and carry the message to the masses who are now in the darkness?

We are sure that this would be pleasing to the Lord, and would cause his smiles and blessings to come into our hearts and homes in greater abundance, and many would arise and call us blessed for bringing to them the glorious message for our time.

~~We shall have more to say along this line in the future; but~~ let us begin at once the great work allotted to us, and receive the rich blessings that accompanies the faithful worker.—*W. J. Stone in the Southern Watchman.*

#### The Pilot is at the Helm.

**W**HEN I went down the Hudson River for the first time I was a very little girl, but I remember with how much interest I watched the new and strange and beautiful scenes through which we were passing. After going down into the cabin for a time, I came on deck while the boat was among the highlands; and I saw that we were in what appeared to be a lake, surrounded by high hills, before, behind, on either side, and so far as I could see, there was no way out.

I ran to my father and cried out,—"Father, father, what shall we do? There is no way for us to get out."

He smiled, and said, "You cannot see it, my daughter, but there is a way out. Do not be afraid, the pilot has been here before; he knows the way, and will steer the boat safely." Oh, how many times through life have these words returned to me! When hemmed in by difficulties on every side, and there seemed "no way out,"—"Do not be afraid my daughter; the pilot has been here before," came in tones of love upon my ears.

Yes; the Saviour has the helm, and there is not a spot in life's pathway but he has been over it; there is not a temptation but he knows all about it. He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

And did you ever think, reader, of the childhood of Jesus?—that he was once a child? that he remembers how children feel, and how children suffer? that his heart has been grieved as only a child's heart can be grieved? that he was tried by his companions, and tempted to do wrong?

Yes; whatever trials you may have, Jesus has been here before; he knows all about it. He can steer your vessel in the roughest sea.—*Young Reaper.*

### Is Special Training Necessary for Church School Teachers?

MINNIE ROBBINS.

**T**HE question before us is of great importance. If decided negatively the time left us in which to work for souls is too short for us to spend any of it acquiring that which is useless in our work. If affirmatively, then how earnestly should we engage in the work of preparation that we may go into the harvest at the earliest possible moment, "For the night cometh when no man can work."

But before an intelligent decision can be made many points must be considered. Among them the character, importance, and extent of the work to which the church school teacher is called; the organism of the material upon which the work is to be expended; that the workers may know what methods and means to adopt in order to bring about the desired result.

What is the work which the church school teacher is called to do? This is a question which we as teachers, and those who are about to enter upon the work, and all to whom the work relates should consider carefully. We read in Luke 14:28, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it."

In order to be able to count the cost it is first necessary to understand the character and magnitude of the work. Otherwise there is nothing upon which to base the account of cost.

So in the work of the church school teacher. There must be a clear idea of what is to be accomplished.

We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that the purpose of education, true education, is the restoration of the image of God in the soul. This then is the work placed before the church school teacher. How much this means is comprehended only in the Decalogue which is a transcript of God's character and exemplified only in the life of the Divine Pattern. When every jot and tittle of the Law is written in the hearts and minds, then, and not till then, will the work be finished. Well may we exclaim with Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

In Hosea 4:6, it says, "My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge." This shows the importance of our work as church school teachers. Proverbs 1:7 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." The fear of the Lord restores the image of God in the soul, without which "My people are destroyed." Then if we, as teachers, fail to accomplish that which we are called to do, who will be responsible for destruction of God's people? Teachers, and parents, our work, viewed in its entirety—if that is possible for finite minds—swells to gigantic proportions and is of the most vital importance.

"All we, like sheep, have gone astray," is the record in Isaiah 53:6, and to quote from Mrs. S. M. I. Henry's little book, "The Abiding Spirit," "When it says *all*, it means *all*." Does not this statement show the extent of the work of the church school teacher? "All" includes old and young, rich and poor, learned and unlearned. And if *all* have gone astray *all* have lost the image of God. And then, in *all*, must this image be restored. *All* need the true education which the church school teacher is called of God, to be the instrument in his hands, of imparting. All classes, of all people, of all ages, are included. The church school teacher must indeed "become all things to all men."

'Before a physician undertakes to prescribe for a patient, he spends months in close study of the human body, that he may be able to "pass" in the examination required by law. This is very necessary for the protection of life. Otherwise would not be

safe to follow his directions. We must know that his advice will be based upon a knowledge of the human organism, and of the effects which will be produced by the treatment prescribed, before we are justified in following his advice.

If the privilege of prescribing treatment for the body, the life of which at most, is only a few years of time, is so important a matter as to be legislated upon, of how much greater importance is that upon which depends eternal life or death.

As we take this brief survey of the work which we are called of God to do, not merely to undertake, not to *try* to do, but to *do*, we can realize to some degree, what it means to be a church school teacher, and what our attainments must be in order that we may show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed.

[To be continued.]

### Oklahoma Department.

#### Woodward Campmeeting.

**T**HE campmeeting is now a thing of the past, but we hope that the blessings received and the lessons learned, will always be fresh. The Lord came very near with His good spirit.

The outside interest was excellent. Elder Rupert did the evening preaching. He took up the prophecies line upon line and the people became very interested. The tent was well filled. Nearly all those that came out regularly were convinced of the truth and a number of them have decided to obey. One new sister was baptized. I believe that much good will result from this campmeeting. Our people that came to attend the meetings went out every day and invited the people and sold books and pamphlets to them. This kind of work will benefit our own people and bring outsiders into the truth.

I believe that such meetings always result in much good to the people. The brethren went home with new courage in the Lord. Nothing would bring more courage and power to God's people than if every one would arise and go to work. Brethren, let us go to work; let us arise and shine. May God spare His remnant people in these perilous times. Come brother, come sister to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

G. F. HAFNER.



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German Department

Lagerversammlung in Woodward.

Diese Versammlung ist nun auch wieder hinter uns. Sögeht die Zeit vorbei; eine Lagerversammlung nach der andern geht vorüber, und endlich kommt die letzte auf dieser Welt und zunächst die große Versammlung um den Thron Gottes her, wo der Herr seine Kinder versammeln wird. Möge Gott helfen, daß jeder sich dafür vorbereiten möchte. Diese Versammlung war anfangs nur schwach besucht; dies war besonders der Fall mit den Deutschen. Die meisten kamen erst in den letzten Tagen, doch freuten sie sich daß sie so lange da sein konnten. Der Herr hat sein Volk auch recht gesegnet. Aeltest. Graf von Nebraska war auch zugegen, und brach uns das Brot des Lebens; er begleichen auch Bruder Ebel und der Schreiber. Es bekundete sich so recht ein Missionsgeist unter den englischen Geschwistern. Sie gingen täglich aus unter die Leute und luden sie ein und verkauften auch gleichzeitig Bücher. Dies half mit ein gutes Interesse zu wecken unter dem Volke. Das Zelt füllte sich jeden Abend voll und mit großem Interesse lauschten Jung und Alt auf das Wort, wie es von den Lippen der Knechte Gottes kam. Aeltest. Rupert predigte Abends und die Menschen wurden

von seinen biblischen Auslegungen ganz hingerissen. Etliche entschlossen sich hinfort den Sabbat zu feiern noch ehe die Versammlung zu Ende war. Eine Schwester wurde getauft, andere wollen sich in den betreffenden Gemeinden ihre Heimatsorte taufen lassen. Das Interesse ließ nicht nach wie es dies gewöhnlich tut wenn die Leute aufbrechen und Heim gehen. Br. Rupert predigte noch zwei Abende nach der bestimmten Zeit und die Leute kamen ebenso zahlreich wie zuvor. Somit ließen wir das Zelt stehen und ein junger Arbeiter bli eb da um das Werk weiter zu führen. Diese Woche besucht Aeltest. Graf noch die Deutschen Gemeinden in Planes Co., und nächsten Sabbat und Sonntag wird eine Hauptversammlung stattfinden in Cooper. Möge der Herr sein Volk segne ist mein Gebet. G. F. H.

Brenham Tex.

den 2. November 1902.

Ungefähr zwei Jahre zurück kam ich auf den Ruf der Texas Konferenz nach Texas und im Verein mit Bruder Jakob Kiffel wirkte ich in dieser Konferenz im Interesse der Deutsch sprechenden Bevölkerung des Staates. Der Herr segnete auch unsere Bestreben und die Folge davon ist, daß hie und da Häuflein sind, die sich jetzt in der köstlichen Wahrheit für diese Tage freuen, und ich sah es für notwendig an mich nun auch mehr mit meiner lieben Familie ihnen zu nähern; denn bis vor zwei Monaten wohnte meine Familie noch in Oklahoma. Somit zog ich denn nach Keene, so daß nun auch meine Kinder die köstlichen Schulvorzüge, die daselbst geboten sind genießen können, denn das kann ich sagen, daß die Keene Schule wohl eingerichtet und mit guten Lehrern versehen ist um sowohl den Bedürfnissen Englisch wie denen Deutsch sprechender Schüler abzuhelfen. Darum, Geschwister, sendet eure Kinder.

Nun, nachdem ich mir ein Plätzchen eingerichtet hatte in Keene, ging ich nach dem Süden ungefähr 200 Meilen von Keene, wo ich auch noch jetzt bin. Hier in Brenham ist ein großer Teil der Einwohnerzahl Deutsch, die sich im Ganzen ungefähr auf 10,000 Seelen beläuft. Wir haben nun ein Kirchengebäude für welches auch die Oklahoma Geschwister reichlich beitrugen wofür ihnen auch die Geschwister hier sehr dankbar sind. In dieser Stadt haben zu verschiedenen Zeiten Arbeiter gewirkt wie Bruder A. Kunze, Schulz, und auch mein Schwager J. P. Lorenz soll einmal ein Zelt hier gehabt und Versammlung gehalten haben.

Nun, der Herr hat das Gedeihen zu dem

hier ausgestreuten Samen gegeben und letztes Frühjahr konnte Bruder Kiffel auch eine Gemeinde von 22 Gliedern organisieren, welcher sich auch einige Glieder von dem Felde südlich von Brenham wo Bruder Kiffel und ich letzten Winter gearbeitet hatte, anschlossen, so daß nun die Zahl bis auf 25 heran geschwollen ist. Dem Herrn sei alle Ehre dafür, denn bald werden wir ernten ohne Aufhören. Gedenknt auch unserer im Gebet. G. W. Miller

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

4) Die Art, wie man Wohlthaten erzeigt ist oft mehr wert, als die Handlung selbst. Man kann durch dieselbe den Preis jeder Gabe erhöhen; so wie von der andern Seite ihr alles Verdienst rauben. Wenig Menschen verstehen diese Kunst, es ist aber wichtig sie zu studieren; auf edle Weise Gutes zu tun; die Deliateffe dessen zu schonen, dem wir es erzeugen; keine schwere Last von Verbindlichkeit aufzulegen, erwiesene Wohlthaten weder auf seine, noch auf grobe Art verzuwerfen; dem beschämenden Dank auszuweichen; nicht Dank zu erbetteln, und dennoch dem dankbaren Herzen nicht die Gelegenheit zu rauben, sich seiner Pflicht zu entledigen. Der gibt doppelt der gleich zu rechter Zeit, ungebeten und mit Freuden gib. Gib gern! Es ist seliger Genuß, es ist Wohlthat, geben, zur Freude Andre etwas beitragen zu dürfen. Gibt also gern, aber verschwende nicht deine Wohlthaten. Sei dienstfertig, bereitwillig, aber dringe Niemand deine Dienste auf. Calculiere nicht, ob es erkannt und belohnt werden wird. Brauche doppelte Schonung im Umgange mit denen, welchen du Gutes erwiesen, aus Furcht, sie möchten argwöhnen, du wolltest dich für deine Mühe bezahlt machen sie dein Uebergewicht fühlen lassen, dir größere Freiheit gegen sie erlauben, weil sie aus Dankbarkeit schweigen müssen. Weise nicht die Bittenden von deiner Thür zurück. Wenn dich Jemand um Rat, Hilfe, Wohlthat anspricht, so höre ihm freundlich, teilnehmend und aufmerksam zu. Laß ihn ausreden, dir seine Sache deutlich vorstellen, ohne ihm, in die Rede zu fallen. Und kannst du ihm nicht willfahren, so sage grade heraus, ohne beleidigende Ausdrücke den Grund, warum du es nicht kannst. Enthalte dich aller falschen Ausflüchte, aller leeren Bertröstungen. A. F. R.

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