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CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

TEXAS sells fifty million dollars worth of beef cattle every year.

THREE shots were fired at the King of Belgium on the 19th, by an Italian anarchist named Rubino. No one hurt.

BISHOP Thompson, of the Episcopal diocese of Mississippi, is dying at his home in Jackson, Mississippi.

THE revolution which has been in progress in Venezuela, has collapsed, and President Castro has made a triumphal entry in Caracas.

MARCONI claims to have received complete messages across the Atlantic, by means of his system of wireless telegraphy.

THE last of a shipment of 120 cars of high-grade Hereford cattle has just been made from Hereford, Texas, to eastern markets.

PREPARATIONS are being made by Chicago capitalists to settle one thousand American families on crown land in Canada, within the next few months.

IT is now conceded as practically settled that Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, will be elected Speaker of the next House of Representatives.

A big strike of textile workers, involving thirty-five thousand operators, in Philadelphia, is threatened. They demand a reduction in hours worked.

CHANCELLOR E. Benjamin Andrews of the Nebraska State University, refused to have his salary increased from five to six thousand dollars a year.

THE first question submitted to the Hague conference has been settled. It was a dispute between the Republic of Mexico and the United States.

WILLIAM R. Hurst, owner of the "New York Journal" one of the greatest news gathering agencies in the world, has just been elected to Congress from that State.

THE Trinity River at Dallas, Texas, rose twenty-one feet in twelve hours, after the heavy rains last week. The damage in Dallas county alone is estimated to be twenty thousand dollars.

UNUSUAL rains have fallen over Texas during the past week. The Sabine river, north of Tyler, is reported several miles wide. Other rivers and creeks, are bank full, and rain is still falling in many places.

THE Fruit Growers Association of east Texas will hold a two-days' meeting at Henderson, December 2 and 3. Quite a full programme has been given out, and a large attendance is expected.

THE Single Statehood executive committee, of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, has called a convention to meet at Claremore,

December 3. Five hundred delegates are expected to attend.

THE Strike Commission, appointed by President Roosevelt, has been busy at work and is taking great pains to get at the facts, and the operators have agreed to abide by their decision.

MR. Roberts, director of the mint, says that the gold production of Alaska for the past ten months, has been nearly nineteen millions, or about four million more than for all of last year.

THE Methodist Episcopal Missionary convention at Cleveland, raised three hundred and twelve thousand dollars for mission work all over the world. They are trying to make it an even half a million.

GENERAL William Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, has purchased thirty thousand acres of land in West Australia. Upon this he will plant a large colony of Salvationists recruited in the slums of London.

THE last spike on the extension of the International and Great Northern Railway to Fort Worth, was driven on the 19th. With this line completed this road will have close to one thousand miles of road in Texas.

IT is estimated that the cost of extending the rural free mail delivery to all parts of the United States, will be about twenty-four millions. After it has been extended, it is thought that the postoffice department will be as nearly self-supporting as at present.

LORD Kitchener, of South African fame, will shortly take up the duties of commander-in-chief of the British army in India. This is the best paying position in the British army, the salary being \$30,000 a year, and it may be retained for seven years.

FIRE destroyed the Southern Pacific depot and ferry-slips at Oakland, California, together with the pier and a large number of passengers coaches. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. Quite a number of men have been missing since the fire.

WE Texans have not a monopoly of oil gushers. Even far off Alaska, at Coletta, a gusher was struck September first, at a depth of two hundred feet and the oil rose to the height of about two hundred feet in true Texas style. Our Texas friends at Nome and other Alaska points will feel more at home with a gusher at their very doors.

THE south is rapidly coming to the front in manufactures. During the past twenty years one hundred and thirty millions of dollars has been invested in cotton manufactures alone, and it is estimated that this year southern mills will manufacture nearly as much cotton goods as those north of Mason and Dixon's line. In iron manufactures also the South is rapidly coming to the front.

General Land Office has added 2,300,000 acres to the Bitter Root forest reserve, in the State of Idaho. With this addition this magnificent forest reserve will have a territory comprising 5,300,000 acres, or a little larger than the State of Massachusetts.

THERE will be a strong effort made at the coming session of congress to enact some anti-trust laws. Senator Cullom has, for some time, been engaged in compiling the best part of all the trust bills offered in congress for some years past, and is enthusiastic over the prospect of immediate action in that direction.

MGR. FALCONIO, who has been appointed to succeed Mgr. Martinelli as apostolic delegate to the United States, is expected to arrive in Washington this week. With his coming the Vatican will be represented in the United States for the first time by an American citizen, he having been naturalized at Buffalo, New York, in 1872.

FIVE hundred students of the University of Colorado, went on a strike. They revolted over lessons during the quarto-centennial celebration now in progress. The students had a class meeting and voted unanimously not to attend classes during the celebration. Girls who attended were threatened with ostracism and boys told that they would be ducked in the lake.

NEWS from Washington state that, practically, the last obstacle in the way of completing the negotiations for the Panama canal route, have been removed. If this proves true the President is expected to incorporate a positive statement to that effect into his message to congress next week, and that the United States is now in a position where it can begin operations on this great work.

AT the election November 4, Texas, voted an amendment to the State Constitution limiting the right of suffrage to those who had paid the poll tax for the year. Great things are hoped from this amendment in raising the standard of the voting citizen, in eliminating the purchasable element from the election, and incidentally as a revenue raiser. If it accomplishes all that it is hoped to by its various advocates, it will indeed be a wonder worker.

THE new government printing office in Washington is large enough for our needs for sometime to come. It is four hundred and eighty feet long and one hundred and seventy-five feet wide and seven stories high, and contains four hundred thousand feet of floor space. In it about four thousand people will be employed. The building is fire-proof, and will cost about two million four hundred thousand dollars.

Arkansas Department.

Shall We Canvass Through the Winter?

IT HAS BEEN the custom in the South especially, when the canvassers have made their deliveries in the fall, to quit the field until the next summer, thinking that in the cotton country it is scarcely worth while to take orders as it would be almost impossible to deliver them, the money being spent by the first of the year. It is true that money is more plentiful while the cotton is being marketed, but is it true that it is impossible to deliver books enough to pay the canvasser for his time, say nothing of the good a consecrated canvasser will do. A few figures may help us to see it in a different light. I think there are but few, if any, of our workers, if they would average over forty hours per week who could not take ten good orders, with the helps sufficient to pay expenses. Now, suppose these orders are all for the cheaper bindings, say "Bible Readings," canvassing six weeks and allowing two weeks for delivering at each delivery, he would have sixty orders. Commencing January 1 and continuing six months, which is the time most of them are idle, he would have three deliveries, making one hundred and eighty books he would place in the hands of the people, each book containing one hundred and sixty lessons or sermons, making a total of twenty nine thousand one hundred and sixty lessons that the people have received, and you collect three hundred and sixty dollars, one hundred and eighty for the tract society and the publishing houses, and the same for yourself, which is more than most of them make if they stay at home. I do not think that you will say that this estimate is too high, yet we see that it will pay the canvasser financially, saying nothing about the good the truth contained in the books and helps will do, and the blessings the worker enjoys.

Brother Workers, let us consider this matter and see if we can afford to leave our post of duty for the winter and spring while the people are perishing for the light our books contain. Can we see if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people.

May the Lord help us to realize the importance of this work and give each one strength to act accordingly, is my prayer. JAMES DICKERSON,

Searvan, Arkansas.

It is truly to be hoped that the above timely remarks may be heeded by the very few that have been and are at present in the field for certainly this large State comprising seventy-five counties, many of which have never been touched with our literature, souls perishing for the want of the saving knowledge of the truth, we can ill afford to have the workers take a winter's vacation. And those whom we have been anxiously expecting would take advantage of the fall campaign and thus far failed to do, we most earnestly beseech that any temptations to defer taking up the work till next summer will be speedily vanished, for the same reasons will confront you that have retarded your labors thus far this season! Do we realize that we are rapidly approaching the time when all avenues will be hedged, rendering it impossible to get our books before the people, and that the Lord will hold us responsible for neglected opportunities? Then let us not lose any time in lamenting over past failures, but 'to work while it is day, for soon the night cometh when no man can work.'

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ONLY one report from the field this week, as follows:—V. B. Watts, 40 order; 38 hours; value, \$80.75; helps, \$3.75; week ending November 7.

BROTHER Eddie Taylor, who reported a few weeks ago as having taken up the work, writes that he is about to give it up for the winter, and go to school. Is there not some one to take his place?

WE have sent out a circular letter the past week to all of our people in the interest of getting the "Sentinel" before the members of the Legislature prior to its convening in January, thus enabling them to act intelligently on the passing of Sunday laws. We hope that it has been read in all the churches and will meet with as hearty an endorsement as here in Springdale. An impromptu collection was taken after the reading of the letter, to the amount of \$2.60 with the promise of more. If all will respond as promptly, the good that

may be accomplished, eternity alone will reveal, for the influence will go beyond the setting of the House in Little Rock.

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

WE ARE glad to see that many are taking hold of this branch of the work, but realize that others should follow, for the time is rapidly approaching for the closing up of this work, only one month more. And the Lord forbid that any of us will have to say, "too late!" We will quote a few extracts from Professor Magan's letter just received on that line of work: "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong; neither yet bread to the wise, nor riches to the man of understanding, nor favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to all.

"We do not win our Christian races because we are swift; we are not victorious in the battle of our Master because we are strong; riches for the benefit of God's cause are not given to men because of great understanding; nor is it because Christ's ambassadors are skillful that they gain favor with the men of the world. Time and chance happeneth to them all.

"It is during the *time* that God is moving upon the hearts that things should be done. Then it is that the 'chance' to accomplish things which God speaks 'happens unto us' if undertaken then, there will be great success. 'Now is the appointed time' to finish up the 'Christ's Object Lesson' work. The Spirit of God is moving upon the hearts of our people to do it. Soon His Spirit will be leading their minds to other things, and then it will be too late for us to do what we ought to do for 'Christ's Object Lessons.'"

While the above appeals to us to improve present opportunities, He also refers to the fact that the final battle for the Relief of the Schools, calls for a large number of the books, and Relief Fund for the publishing of the book, is deficient. Are there not some who can respond to the call? "The Lord has promised us that when this work is done, we should sing the Song of Jubilee." Therefore let us all engage in the warfare, accomplishing the work that was originally designed, thus being able to add our voices with the shouts of victory.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

FIELD REPORTS.

The first Sabbath and Sunday in November, Brother McCully and the writer spent with the Fort Worth church.

Sabbath we had a good spiritual meeting. The Lord came and blessed. Brother Brooks was ordained Elder of the church. The church had been without an Elder for sometime.

On Sunday we made a house to house visit among the brethren and sisters, talking and working in the interest of the "Object Lessons." The most of them agreed to sell their books.

After leaving Fort Worth we stopped a few hours with an isolated family at Grand Prairie. The Sister had already sold her quota of books. She said that she enjoyed a blessing while selling the books. She had enough faith in the work that she agreed to sell the books for her husband and her sons. So it is when we work for the Lord—we get an experience.

Brethren and sisters let us take courage from what this sister has done and do likewise, not only to sell our own books, but to help others to sell their portion, but especially let us do our part.

We next went to Plano. Here we found the brethren financially discouraged, owing to the fact that their crops were destroyed by the worms, yet when we talked up the "Object Lesson" work many of them expressed a desire and determination to make an effort to sell the books, even though they would have to leave their own settlement to do so.

Our next visit was to Dallas. Here the brethren and sisters were of good courage. On Sabbath the Lord blessed us in presenting His truth. We all felt and realized that we ought to live on a higher plane, and have joy in our faces—more genuine christianity in our lives. The worst feature of the Dallas church is that they do not have a place to meet for worship. At present they are meeting in a hall on a third-story floor, which makes it very inconvenient. They are planning to build a church.

Some of the brethren and sisters had already sold their books. Others pledged that they would in the near future. Some have not taken any

part yet.

Brother Neff, who is located in Dallas as a Bible worker, in connection with his work, will work for the "Object Lessons."

We will be at Avinger next Sabbath. Pray for the work.

T. W. FIELD.

BRENHAM, TEXAS.—I will let you know how we are getting along. We have the frame part of the church nearly up. The lumber costs so far \$195.00. I think we will have nearly enough money to finish the church, painting and all, if we do all the work, which we intend to.

Yesterday we held quarterly meeting, and the Lord came very near. Many tears of joy were shed. Last night I also held services and some outsiders were in, and they were attentive.

C. W. MILLER.

AN APPEAL FOR THE TITHE.

OWING to the shortage of crops, this will be a hard year for Texas in a financial way. And whatever affects us financially, effects the tithes and, thereby, affects the work of the Lord, for this is God's means to carry on His work on the earth.

The funds, in the treasury, are low at the present time, and, unless we are all faithful, some of the laborers will have to stop their work and engage in other pursuits to enable them to support their families. Let us come up and do our duty and keep the work moving on.

Our working force has been increased. In addition to our regular workers we have placed upon our list Brother Neff and Brother Felter. Others are ready for the work if we had means. Brother Neff is located at Dallas, doing Bible work. This is badly needed. He will, also, be a source of help and strength to the Dallas church. Brother Felter is located at Houston. We hope that through these two brethren the Lord will do a great work in these two large cities.

Let us support them with our prayers and not withhold our tithes and hinder the work in that way. There is a great work, and the time is short in which to do it. The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few, then let us hold up the hands of those that do faithful work.

There are calls for help coming from every quarter. I want to see the time come, and that early, when God's people will get the real burden for the message and rise as one man and give the message to the world.

We have had good reports from all our workers since campmeeting. The Lord has blessed their efforts, and souls have been gathered into the fold.

Brothers French and Cubley report nine new Sabbath keepers at Sanger. Brother Jenson reports nine at Austin, and five joined the church.

Brethren Hale and Sommerville report that some have taken their stand in Wise county.

Brethren Etheredge and Willess report good meetings and three baptized at the quarterly meeting at Knapp. Brother Etheredge is working up the school interests. He reports two church buildings and church schools. I, also, received an encouraging letter from Elder Riffel.

It would be too bad for any of the laborers to have to stop their work, on account of us failing to do our duty.

So, let us bring in our tithe into the storehouse of the Lord!

When the means come in, we, as a committee, will do the best that we can to use the means to the best advantage. We will act with the best judgment we have in the fear of the Lord. Let us be perfectly united in this great work of closing the third angel's message, and hasten the time when Jesus will come and take His people home.

Brethren, pray for the work.

T. W. FIELD.

KEENE, ATTENTION!

PROFESSOR W. H. Buxton, of the Department of Mathematics and Physical Science in Keene Academy, will deliver a lecture entitled "Some Notable Experiments in Physics," in the Academy Chapel, on Sunday evening, November 30. This lecture will be illustrated by the use of the physical apparatus lately purchased for the Academy Laboratory, and will be both entertaining and instructive. The proceeds will be wholly devoted to the benefit of the institution, for the purpose of paying for the apparatus already in place. Programmes and admission fee will be published later.

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"The Inspired History."

WORK on Elder Rupert's pamphlet entitled, "The Inspired History of the Nations" is progressing nicely. All the time that can be spared from the work on the RECORD by the office force is given it, and the presses are kept busy all day and well into the night nearly every day. We hope to have it ready for the binders in the near future.

Adventists Stirred Up.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE GLOBE-DEMOCRAT:—

WASHINGTON, November 4.—The case described in these despatches recently of the Seventh-day Adventist who was dismissed from his clerkship in the office of the appraiser at the port of New York because he refused to work on Saturday seems to have pried the flood gates ajar, if it has not actually opened them. Great inroads have been made into the membership of other pioneer denominations by a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist who has been holding tent meetings in this city for two or three seasons past. The members of his following have generally yielded to the "custom of the country" rather than

obey the sterner dictates of their awakened consciences in continuing to work on Saturdays as on other days and taking their rest on Sunday, but the dismissal of the appraiser's clerk has had the same spiritual effect as the death of the martyrs in the days of the early church.

The officers of some of the larger departments are now daily getting petitions from one quarter and another for permission for certain employes to observe Saturday as a Sabbath. Hitherto these appeals have come directly from individuals; but to-day a senator noted for the care he takes of his constituents already in the government service or anxious to get into it, has come forward in behalf of a clerk who hails from his state and is employed in one of the auditor's offices. This employe is reasonable enough to propose that he shall take his thirty days' annual leave spread over as many weeks, one Saturday at a time, and for the other twenty-two Saturdays of the year he shall be allowed to absent himself from the office at his own expense. As he is a very satisfactory clerk, whose services can be dispensed with only at a sacrifice, the secretary of the treasury will have an interesting problem to solve when he comes back from the West. It is not unlikely that a test case will be made of this man's plea and that the opinions of the civil service commission and the attorney general may be obtained with a view to making up a case for presentation to the President, who may have to make the ultimate decision and establish a precedent.

The public service now contains a number of Hebrews, who are content, as a rule, to take things as they find them. If the government only admits its liability to change the routine of departmental work in response to conversion to the Seventh-day idea it is feared that the consequences may become pretty serious. Some of the administration's officers are feeling uncomfortable now on account of the publicity given to the New York case, in view of its sequel.

AN EXPERIENCE OFT REPEATED.

NO. IV.

[Concluded.]

"And Mike says he is going to lead a Christian life, and since he has read the 14th and 15th chapters of John, he is going to be a co-worker with Christ, and that he wants all the Catholics to know what the Bible does teach, and that he is going to prepare himself to teach and be a preacher

like the minister who was here with the tent, and they are in favor of the course, and are encouraging them, and I believe they will both make good missionaries."

"How thankful I am, husband, for all we have experienced in the last three months, and that we have such good teaching."

"Wife, in the very first talk I had with the minister, before the meetings began, I was so impressed by his words and manner, as he told me to see if I was not obeying the commandments of men, and then he quoted the Scriptures, 'In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.' The Scripture so fastened on my mind that I could not think of anything else. I read what the Bible said on that subject, and that led me to the tent, and I saw they had the Word of God for all their teaching, and I am so glad you are all with me—of the same mind. Our old minister will be still more troubled and sad, if he does not change, when he sees our new church and knows the Truth came here to stay."

"O, are we going to have a Seventh-day Adventist church here, Father?"

"Yes. There are already over thirty of us, who are going to be baptized and form a Seventh-day Adventist church; and our plans are already laid for a church building. We all mean business in this matter. The ministers are going to draw the plans, and our site is selected on a lot given by our old class leader. The lumber is provided for and nearly all the material. Most of the ones interested are the farmers out of town, and men that have never joined any church, and are hustlers, and say we will have the house ready for meetings before cold weather."

"Good, Father! We are glad to hear this. How glad and thankful we are! And besides all this, the good papers we are getting."

"Yes Husband, the 'Signs of the Times' and the 'Review and Herald' which we get every week, are so instructive. Maud thinks the Youth's Instructor is such a good paper for her, and the little ones are delighted with the 'Little Friend.'"

"The tent has made a wonderful change for good in our town. Thank the Lord!"

UNCLE BEN.

DANGER OF FISH EATING.

THE increase of leprosy in Japan should not be a matter for surprise. There are more lepers there than in any other country in the world. The reason is that fish is taken with every meal; and the poisons contained in fish are the most subtle and dangerous of those engendered by the rapid decay of animal matter in the bodies of those who eat it. Now they have come to believe that by taking flesh blood they will grow taller, and the punishment of their delusion is beginning to be felt. They have only four leper hospitals. In England, in the Middle Ages, there were ninety-five first-class leper hospitals. This continued till the introduction of health-giving vegetables by Catharine of Aragon, which was the beginning of the rapid decline of the disease in England. Leprosy, scurvy, and consumption are kindred diseases, and the only cure for them is the free use of salads and fruits, with exercise in the open air.—*Selected.*

Now is the Time.

THE long evenings have returned, and many of the people spend them in reading. This is the time of the year when books for the winter's reading are generally selected. It is the best time to sell all kinds of books. Book agents are not unwelcome to a large class of people at this time of the year. They are rather a convenience in the selection of books.

We have an excellent list of books from which to select suitable reading for all classes in all places. All these books contain vital truths for this time, and they can be placed in the homes of the people with a little effort, and at the same time afford a fair remuneration for the services of the solicitor. The Lord has promised to supply the qualifications necessary to success in the sale of the books containing the message for this time, and has clearly stated that the placing of these books rapidly before the public is the very work that he would have his people do at this time.

We suggest that every member in every church in every conference

arrange for immediate missionary book work. If we can spend only one hour a day on the smallest and cheapest book, let us plan definitely to do that now. Let the people—the whole people—begin now to do the work the Lord would have them do, and there will spring up a great and mighty revival of the work in all its departments. The greatest need the cause has to-day is for a people with a mind to work for the dissemination of the printed message. It has ever been the experience in the work of our people that whenever the book work was prosperous, all branches of the work were in good conditions; but when there was a lack in the circulation of literature, there was a corresponding depression in all departments. Let the people feel a personal responsibility in the general prosperity of the special message for this time, and let them go forth as individual workers for the printed message. D. W. REAVIS.

Doing Things.

If you ever find yourself where you have so many things pressing upon you that you hardly know how to begin, let me tell you a secret: Take hold of the very first one that comes to hand, and you will find the rest all fall into file and follow after, like well-drilled soldiers; and though work may be hard to meet when charged in a squad, it is easily vanquished if you bring it into line. You may have often seen the anecdote of the man who had accomplished so much in his life. "My father taught me," was the reply, "when I had anything to do, to go and do it." There is the secret—the magic word "now."—*Helpful Thoughts.*

CHARACTER.

CHARACTER, whether it be good or bad, is soon engraved on the face and outlined in the features of its possessor. And there is always a very imperfect character delineated in the face, when there is a mental or moral malady to be found in the soul. It requires a steady, stalwart character to stand the shocks and survive the wrecks of this wicked world. It is Christianity's crowning grace.

Girls, do not be the dupes of fashion; never become her slaves; bow not before her shameless shrine! She demands entirely too much of the precious time and talents of her devotees. And upon her merciless altar lies too much faded beauty; too many ruined opportunities, and too many worse wasted lives.

Only serve at her shrine and she will soon brush the peach bloom from off your cheeks, and leave your fair but feeble flowers to fade before the sun of life shall have reached its meridian glory. At her altar, the eyes which now sparkle with merriment, will soon lose their luster, and grow dull and languid. The hearts, now buoyant and free, will have lost, ere long, their wonted hope and lie lifeless in the arms of despair. The silly, simpering daughter of fashion, feeds upon its follies and is soon as fickle as the food upon which she feasts.

W. J. GREGORY.

MONEY COMING IN.

I AM GLAD to report that some money is coming in on the Tent Fund, but not enough yet to go very far towards buying tents. Will those who pledged to this fund please hasten the payment of the amounts pledged.

And I would like to ask in this connection, if there are not a few of our well-to-do brethren who would deem it a privilege and a service to God's cause to pay for a tent themselves to be used in preaching the message for this time? It will be remembered that Brother J. F. Bahler made the first offer to pay for one as an individual at our last campmeeting. Since that, our brethren in the drouth-stricken West, under the leadership of Brother N. J. Etheredge, have raised a fund for the purchase of a tent to be used in that section.

Are there not other individuals or churches and communities that will emulate the good example of Brother Bahler, and the brethren of West Texas in this respect? No better service could be rendered the cause; and the brother who is able and will buy a tent, will find a blessing in it. Who will do it? Let us hear from you. And let not those who pledged smaller amounts to this fund fail to respond as early as possible.

W. A. MCCUTCHEN.

Oklahoma * Department.

The Field.

GOODMAN, O. T.—As I have not previously reported, I will do so now. The 10th of June I went to Trail, O. T., to assist Brother Sturgeon in a series of meetings at that place. I labored with him till campmeeting, holding meetings at Trail, Seiling and Guy. A few accepted the truth. After campmeeting, accompanied by my wife, I went to Quinlan. At that place we were joined by Brother Braley who assisted me in holding a series of meetings. We commenced our meetings September 8. We had a very good attendance from the first. We continued our meetings four weeks. As a result one man accepted the truth. Several others who could not attend all our meetings, are deeply interested, and we hope to see them take their stand for the truth in the near future.

We organized a Sabbath school with twenty-one members. After our meetings closed, Brother Braley remained a few days to follow up the interest in house-to-house work. We left Quinlan October 7 for our home in the Kiowa and Comanche country. Upon arriving here, we found the people very busy picking cotton and getting their fall work done. I thought best not to commence a series of meetings at once; but will do so in the near future. I have an appointment for Sunday night, November 29. Pray for the work at this place.

Yours in the blessed work,

EZRA FILLMAN.

GUTHRIE.—I have been visiting the brethren at Guthrie during the past week, in the interest of "Christ's Object Lessons." They are pretty well through with their "Parables" work, but I secured cash pledges for all the remaining books except one, the Brother who purchased this being out in the country picking cotton. The church is needing some work badly. They really need to be re-organized. I go next to Shawnee to assist in the clearing up of the "Parable" work there.

E. L. MAXWELL.

Understanding of the Times.

AMONG the men who came to help King David, especial

mention is made of the sons of Issachar because they had understanding of the times. We find that was not simply a theoretical knowledge, but it led them to engage whole-heartedly in the work before them. Also they of Zebulon receive especial distinction because they could keep rank and and were not double hearted.—I Chron. 12: 32-35.

Now, we, as a people, claim to have understanding of our times. As these things were written for our admonition, may we examine ourselves in the light of their experience. Does your knowledge of the truth lead you to do what you ought to do in selling the "Object Lessons?"

Are you keeping with the army of the Lord?

This work will succeed! The song of jubilee will soon sound. We cannot afford, as in the case of Meroz, (Judges 5: 23) to have any discord in that song because some one has not come up to the help of the Lord. Truly, the present presents golden opportunities to show our loyalty to our Great Captain.

C. SORENSON.

NOTICE.

Let all the Oklahoma canvassers west of the Rock Island Railroad, remember that Brother Harzman, who had charge of that Territory, has left the conference and gone to Keene, Texas, to attend school. Now, Brother Jamé; Butka has charge of the whole Territory. So please write to him when you want anything. He would like to keep in close touch with every canvasser. G. F. H.

"PARABLE" CAMPAIGN.

AS I WAS out among the churches and worked in the interest of the "Parables," I thought I would report a little of my experience. I find the brethren still willing to push this work until it is completed. Some churches have about finished their part, and others are still back, but they are determined to settle up before the year closes. Now, brethren, I am glad to see that willingness on your part when we do come around, but why should we wait so long before we pay for the books? Why wait until a minister comes around and talks to us? Would it

not be better to pay before any one comes around and encourages us to do so? Now, if our church elders would go to work and see to it that each member would pay his share, it would save the conference the expense of sending a man around to straighten up this work. I do hope that our churches will not wait until some one comes around and stirs them up, but go to work now and sell the book, collect the money and send it in.

Dear Brother and Sister, come now, and settle up your account, and be done with it; then you will enjoy the blessing of God better. G. F. H.

Conference Laborers.

I would like to ask our workers to be more prompt in sending in their monthly reports. When you ask for money we would like to know what you are doing, and how much time you have put in. Therefore, let each one send in his report at the end of the month.

We have received a notice from the "Pacific Press" calling our attention to a special number of the "Signs of the Times"—a Thanksgiving Number—to be issued November 26, 1902. From the notice we understand that it will be par-excellent and a good number to be used in missionary work. Now let all the churches send in their orders at once to the Tract Society. Now is the best time to do missionary work, sell papers, books and tracts. The price will be as follows: Ten to twenty-five copies, two cents each; fifty, or more, one and one-half cents.

When you write to the office, state plainly what you want. Mention everything. Don't think that the one in charge at the office can guess what you want. Don't forget to sign your name to the order plainly.

G. F. H.

Bearing the Monotony in Life.

THERE is a fatal monotony in all our lives. We have to set ourselves morning after morning to tasks that look to be utterly insignificant and disproportionate to the power that we bring to bare upon them—like elephants picking up pins with their trunks; and yet we may make all our commonplace drudgery great, and wondrous, and fair, and full of help and profit to our souls, if over it all, our shops, our desks, our ledgers, our studies, our kitchens, and our nurseries, we write, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me."—Alexander McClaren.

German Department.

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

Hast du aber einen Freund gefunden, der sich der Erziehung deines Sohnes annimmt, so ist es auch nicht genug, daß du ihm ausgezeichnet freundlich, ehrenvoll und dankbar begegnest; du mußt ihm auch freie Macht lassen, ohne Widerspruch seinen Erziehungsplan durchzusetzen; und von dem Augenblicke an, da du dein Kind in seine Hände lieferst, hast du den wichtigsten Teil deiner väterlichen Rechte auf ihn übertragen — doch dies alles gehört mehr in ein Werk über Erziehung, als daß hier der Ort wäre, weitläufig davon zu handeln. Ich schweige daher auch von dem Betragen der Lehrer und Hofmeister im Umgange mit ihren Untergebenen und eile weiter.

6) Ueber den Umgang mit Schuldneru und Gläubigern habe ich wenig zu sagen. Man sei menschlich, billig und höflich gegen die Erstern. Man glaube nicht, daß Jemand, der uns Geld schuldig ist, deswegen unser Sklave geworden sei, daß er sich alle Arten Demittigungen von uns müsse gefallen lassen, daß er uns nicht abschlagen dürfe, noch überhaupt, daß der elende Bettel, der Mamon, einen Menschen berechtigen könnte, sein Haupt über den andern emporzuheben. Seine Gläubiger bezahle man pünktlich und halte sein Wort treulich. Man verwechsle nicht den ehrlichen Mann, der von billigen Zinsen leben muß, mit dem jüdischen Wucherer, so wird man immer Kredit haben und, wen man sich in Verlegenheit befindet, billige Menschen antreffen, die uns ohne ihren Schaden aus der Not helfen.

A. F. R.

Jugend Vereine.

Motto: „Denn die Liebe Christi dringet uns.“ Zweck: Die Botschaft der Ankunft Christi zu der ganzen Welt in diesem Geschlecht!

Wöchentliche Versammlung.

Als junge Leute haben wir ein Teil zu tun. Wenn es ein Vorrecht war in den Tagen zu leben als außerordentliche Welt-ereignisse offenbart wurden, wie diese in der hl. Geschichte verzeichnet sind, wie zum Beispiel in den Tagen der Babylonischen Gefangenschaft, als Daniel und seine Gefellen für Gottes Wahrheit zeugeten,

oder in de Tagen der ersten Ankunft Christi, oder in den Tagen der Großen Reformation, so ist es viel mehr ein Vorrecht in der Zeit der letzten Welt-ereignisse zu leben. Keine Jugend in früheren Zeiten hat je so viel Grund gehabt sich eifrig für Gott zu zeigen, oder Ernst zu machen, als wir. Das Studium in jeder Versammlung sollte sein, wie eines dem andern zu einer willigen Hingabe und zum bessern Dienst aufmuntern und helfen kann. Es ist erstaunend, welche gute Versammlungen auch nur eine kleine Gesellschaft haben kann, sogar mit einer einfacher Bibel Lektion und Aussprachstunde, wenn jeder zur Versammlung kommt um Hilfe zu empfangen und zu geben. Eine interessante Reihe von Studien kann man in der Geschichte von der hebräischen Jugend und ihren Charakteren in der Bibel finden und deren Entwicklung folgend, in späteren Jahren ihres Mannesdienstes. Die Charaktere in der Bibelzeit, welche für Gott gezeugt haben in ihrem Mannesalter waren gewöhnlich treue Kinder und Knechte in ihrer Jugend. Sie waren treu und gewissenhaft in ihren täglichen Angelegenheiten, und auch treu wenn große Dinge getan werden sollten.

Die Jugend Jesu.

Zuerst laßt uns das Leben betrachten, welches das Musterleben für alle ist, — das Leben Jesu. Drei Glieder können ungefähr den Gegenstand folgender Maßen aufnehmen, — können diese Stellen oder auch noch andere benutzen als eine praktische Lektion, welche unsere Herzen für die Pflichten die vor uns sind zu lernen begeistert, so daß wir durch die Gnade Gottes zu Männern und Frauen in Christo Jesu heranwachsen mögen:—

1. Die Kindheit Jesu — Luk. 2; Matt. 2.

Das studierende Leben Jesu. 5 Mose. 9: 4-9; Jes. 50: 4, 5. Matt. 4: 1-11.

Illustrierende Vorgebenheiten in seinem Predigtamt. Luk. 4: 4, 16-22; Joh. 4, Matt. 15, 21-32; Mark. 4: 3-8; Mpg. 10: 38; Joh. 18: 37; Jes. 50: 9-20.

Anmerkung. — In diesen oben angeführten Schriftstellen gibt es vieles zu lernen. Erstens, von seiner Kindheit. Er hat keinen Unterricht in den Judenschulen genossen. Seine Mutter war sein erster Lehrer. Dann, zweitens, studierte er fleißig und wurde also mit Gottes Wort vertraut. Drittens, finden wir in seinem Predigtamt, daß er jedem half der zu ihm kam. Er predigte zuweilen zu großen Scharen Menschen; aber auch manchmal hatte er nicht mehr als einen Zuhörer.

Es wäre gut wenn der Führer eines

Jugendvereines im voraus die Schriftstellen unter die Glieder etwa eine Woche vorher austheilen würde. Ist die Schriftstelle zu lang, daß es vielleicht ein ganzes Kapitel einschließt, dann sollte der betreffende Leser derselben sich so vertraut machen damit, daß er eine Darlegung davon geben kann. Dies kann geschehen indem man die Stelle aber und abermal liest, und die Hauptpunkte herausucht. Sind es aber nur wenige Verse, so können sie gelesen oder auch auswendig hergesagt werden.

Auch könnte manchmal ein Aufsatz darüber geschrieben werden oder man kann aus den Zeugnissen vorlesen über den Gegenstand der in Betracht ist. Es sollte alles getan werden um die Versammlung so interessant als nur möglich zu machen.

Die Lektion und Bemerkungen sind etwas lang diese Woche weil es die erste ist, die im „Union Record“ erschienen ist; fernerhin wird nicht ganz so viel geschrieben werden. Doch möchte ich die Jugend noch aufmuntern zu berichten. Wenn irgend jemand etwas Interessantes mitzutheilen hat, so berichtet es doch. Laßt bald von euch hören.

G. F. H.

„Life Boat“ Responses.

Brushy Mountain Prison,
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David Paulson,
Chicago, Illinois,
Dear Brother:—

Yours of recent date received. I was very glad to hear from you again. The twelve copies of the *Life Boat* also came safely to hand and I have placed them in the hands of persons who I believe will read them and take good care of them; and they all express themselves as being very much interested in the literature and I believe that it will be of great help to them. Some of the men I let have the papers say that they intend to open up correspondance with you at an early date. If they do, I trust that you will be of much spiritual help to them and that they may prove worthy of your assistance.

I have read every word of the *Life Boat* and it has greatly benefited me. Besides the good lessons it teaches, it affords me much pleasure in educating myself how to work for my fellow men, and the time I spent in reading it was a pleasant hour with me. I am trying to do all the good that I can and am trying to live up to all the duties of a Christian. I need

a Bible. At the present time I have none, not even a Testament of my own to read for my own benefit or to my associates, and I have no money to buy it with. What chance have I to obtain the Scriptures? Even the very cheapest Bible or New Testament would answer all purposes with me and would be thankfully received and very highly appreciated.

I am highly pleased to know that you have my name on file and will refer me to some good Christian gentleman as soon as possible, and I will be glad to hear from him at an early date.

I desire an interest in your prayers. Awaiting your reply, I remain
Your brother in Christ.

WORD received from Elder Rupert states that the General Conference committee has fixed the time for holding the next General Conference at April 2-22, 1903.

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