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CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

CONGRESS adjourned for the holiday recess on December 20 to January 5.

THE former home of Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga, will soon be made into a public park.

THE Union Pacific is a motor railroad that will put in a pension system for its superannuated employees.

COL. W. J. Bryan passed through Texas last week, on his way to Mexico with his family. He spent some time visiting friends in Austin.

THE Princess of Wales gave birth to her fourth son on the 20th instant. This makes four sons and one daughter born to the Prince and Princess.

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee, is having a very serious fire. It is thought the loss will reach one million dollars, and that several lives have been lost.

ON the 9th instant, Atlanta, Georgia, was visited by a destructive fire, which laid waste nearly a block of buildings, with a loss of five hundred thousand dollars.

ALTHOUGH the great coal strike in the anthracite coal mines, has been over for more than a month, there is still great scarcity of coal in the north. The New England states seem to be suffering the worst.

SENATOR Foraker, of Ohio, has introduced a bill ordering the Secretary of War to place marble slabs over the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in northern prisons.

DURING the football season closing on Thanksgiving, fourteen players have been killed and many have received injuries and broken bones while engaged in the "manly sport."

A FORMAL proclamation of blockade of the ports of Venezuela has been issued by the Powers. President Roosevelt has been asked to act as arbitrator, to adjust the differences.

WORK on the I & G. N. railways new line from Waco to Fort Worth, is being rushed with all speed possible, with the view of opening the line for first-class traffic with the new year.

As a result of a wreck on the Southern Pacific near Byron, California, twenty-three are dead, all of whom are identified. The coroner's jury is trying to fix the blame for the accident.

GEN. George Moorman, Adjutant-General and chief of staff to General John B. Gordon, of the United Confederate Veterans

is dead. He has been a very prominent member of the United Confederate Veterans for many years.

GENERAL Miles, commander of the U. S. Army, will retire next August, and be succeeded by Gen. S. B. M. Young, who will serve two years, and in turn be succeeded by General Chaffee.

It is stated that a large lobby will be maintained at the Texas legislature this winter by the labor interests. All branches of labor will be represented, and legislation in their interest will be asked for.

ADVICES received at Washington, state that there is abundant evidence that the United States of Columbia is preparing quietly to invade Nicaragua as soon as her own revolution is quelled.

PRESIDENT Palma, of Cuba, in a report recently made, shows a surplus of over two million six hundred thousand dollars in their government since it was established. This looks like Cuba is likely to succeed financially.

SOME of the Indians are said to be asking that the Indian school be abolished and that their children be educated with the white children, and claim that by so doing the Indians will sooner adopt civilized ways. What the effect on the whites will be is not stated.

SENATOR Jones, of Nevada, will retire from the Senate on March 4, and leave Senator Allison, of Iowa, as the Senator who has been longest in the Senate. Allison was first elected in 1873 and has been in the Senate continuously since. Previous to his election to the Senate, he had served four years in the House.

A COMMISSION of four Boers are on their way from Germany to this country. They will look for a tract of one million acres of land upon which to locate one thousand Boer families from the Transvaal, Africa. They will locate either in Texas, Arizona or Colorado.

MRS JULIA DENT GRANT, widow of the famous soldier, and former President of the United States, U. S. Grant, died on the 18th. The funeral was held in Washington on the 21st, attended by a large number of prominent persons, including President Roosevelt, members of the Cabinet and many members of Congress.

Six mail clerks running between Chicago and New York, have been stricken with smallpox, and one is already dead. The health authorities have decided to call for a thorough investigation, as it is their belief that clerks are in danger of receiving the germs through the mail, and they will ask that the mails as well as the cars, be thor-

oughly fumigated.

THE tide of homeseekers coming to Texas and the Territories, is very heavy, more so than usual at this time of the year. Last Tuesday night the "Katy" flyer brought six hundred people out of St. Louis, nearly all of whom were coming to Texas, looking for locations.

THE Humbert family, consisting of father, mother, and two daughters, have been arrested in Spain on the charge of working a gigantic swindle. During the past twenty years they are said to have buncoed leading banks and capitalists of France out of the enormous sum of over \$12,000,000, and up to the present time, without detection.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt seems to have won a majority of both houses of congress to his reciprocity treaty with Cuba. A few of the house "insurgents" are still holding out against it, but there seems to be little doubt about it becoming a law.

CONGRESS now has before it a bill for an Appalachian Park of about four million acres, to extend through the mountainous regions of the Atlantic states from Pennsylvania to Alabama. It is being strongly advocated on the ground of the benefits to be derived by the retention of large forests at the head waters of the principal streams.

MARCONI has, at last, succeeded in successfully transmitting a message from Lord Minto, the Governor-General of Canada, to King Edward VII. The distance between the coasts of Newfoundland and Cornwall, England, where the tests were made, is two thousand three hundred miles.

A SERIOUS famine is reported in Finland, and many of the people are dying. It is estimated that four hundred thousand people will be without food after Christmas. The cause of the shortage is the late spring last year causing crop failure, and serious flood disasters.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the Church of England, has just died of old age. He will likely be succeeded by the Bishop of Winchester. At the coronation of King Edward VII, last summer, the Archbishop of Canterbury caused a scene by fainting after placing the crown on the King's head.

It is reported that on account of serious trouble with robber bands and desperadoes, three provinces in the Philippines will again be placed under military rule. The police and civil authorities are unable to control the situation.

CHOLERA is increasing in the southern provinces of the Philippines. Ninety new cases are reported daily.

Arkansas Department.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER A. E. Field on his way to Ava, preached to a good congregation, the night of December 10. He also disposed of ten "Object Lessons," and continued his trip to Ava via Ola.

BROTHER C. W. Brimer, of Fort Smith, writes that he has been ill in bed for four weeks.

BROTHER M. V. Watts, who has been canvassing in Phillips County, writes that the bad weather has somewhat retarded his deliveries, but he trusts to the Lord to over-rule for good that he may be able to deliver his full number of orders. He was anxious to bind off his work by Christmas so he could take up the work at Little Rock, but he now thinks it will take him till in January. He reports his deliveries ending December 7, as follows: G C, gilt, 14; marbled, 14; library, 4; H M, 3; F M, 1; C O L, 2.

BROTHER J. M. Dickerson, the state agent, has, at this writing, arrived in Palestine, in the interest of the canvassing work. We all heartily rejoice that he is able to be about again, for his own sake as well as for the sake of the work. It is hoped that he will encourage some of the old canvassers and also start some new ones.

THE continued rainy weather has made it so bad under foot that no reports have come in from the canvassers aside from the above.

BROTHER Marion Beasely, who got his system filled with malaria from canvassing in the southeastern part of the State and had to stop his work and return home, is much improved in health, and intends soon to take up his work in the more mountainous part of Arkansas. It is a source of rejoicing for he is a faithful worker; and this state stands in need of many such. The harvest is great and the laborers are few.

BROTHER George T. Kerr is looking for a location for a sanitarium in Springdale.

SISTER Kiuzer, daughter of Brother George E. Norwood, is very ill at her home in Fayetteville.

THE following list of donations for the *Sentinel* have been received since

last issue:—

George T. Kerr	\$1.00
Little Rock church	2.25
V. B. Watts	1.00
Springdale	.25

Total \$4.50

Total received up to this time, \$18.90, a little more than half enough to send it out for the three months. The names have been sent in to the *Sentinel* mailing office, so the December number can be sent to them at their homes, giving them an opportunity of getting acquainted with the instructive articles, so when the other two issues are sent to them in Little Rock, though busily engaged they will not be so apt to throw the magazines aside but consider them worthy of their notice. We would be glad to hear from others who would like to contribute to this good cause.

THE Tract Society has a fine stock of the Search-Light series, by D. E. Scoles, at the usual price, sixteen pages for a cent; regular rates of discount in quantities. "Genesis, 51" is an allegory of Abraham, unsurpassed for religious liberty work; and especially desirable in breaking down prejudice. "Life and Death" is a very unique tract on the immortality question and the destiny of the wicked. Have sent out a list of the tracts to all the churches, as they are adapted to missionary work.

THE Secretary earnestly solicits that all church blanks which have recently been sent out be filled out and returned as soon as possible at the close of the quarter.

IT is hoped that hearty responses will be heard from the annual offering envelopes that have been sent out, for the needy fields. The same will be published in the RECORD for the benefit of all; when the contributions come in. The week of prayer will be nearly through when this issue reaches its readers, and the readings that have been sent out for that purpose should be received as meat in due season, and be the means of awakening in all a deeper missionary spirit.

A Missionary Effort.

IN more than two-thirds of the states the legislatures will be in session this winter. The lawmakers

who compose these assemblies are among the influential men of their respective districts, and what they say and do carries a great deal of weight. Many people consider a thing proper and right just because a prominent man does it. The advocates of religious legislation are active to have laws passed in favor of Sunday so they may compel people, especially Seventh-day Adventists, to cease from work on the "First day of the week." Now when the question of Sunday sacredness is brought forward in the state councils it will be an opportune time to furnish the members with reading matter on the subject. The *Sentinel* contains excellent matter at any time, but now it will be especially good as extra pains are being taken to furnish present truth upon the question of civil and religious liberty. The cost of sending the *Sentinel* will be a small item when compared to the good which may be accomplished. It will be reaching the higher and more influential classes with the truth for our times, and it will help to deepen our experience in the things of God. It will give us more peaceful times in which to spread the message to those who sit in darkness. Brethren do not let the enemy lull you to sleep in a false security. He will strive to entangle you in the affairs of this life; so you will miss the joys of working with Christ here, and the eternal life beyond. So in the name of our Saviour, let each consider what God would have us do with the strength and property entrusted to our care. You may send your donations to the Tract Society and they will be used for the purpose sent. The donations already received for the *Sentinel* have been used, and the papers sent for a short time only, to the senators and representatives. But more money is needed. Please consider well and respond promptly.

J. C. ANDERSON.

IF amidst all your studies, you do not learn to converse or commune with your own selves, whatever you know, or rather whatever you imagine you know, I would not purchase at the expense of a straw.

THE Sabbath-school lessons for the next quarter will be "Studies in the Psalms."

✦ Texas Department. ✦

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER H. Shultz was a pleasant caller at the RECORD office last Thursday. In company with Elder W. A. McCutchen he left Keene the next day for Brenham, Texas.

THE Keene church is entering with spirit into the week of prayer services. Two meetings are held each day to accommodate all, and they are both well attended. The meetings have taken an encouraging turn from the commencement, and much good is hoped for as the result.

THE church recently organized at Brenham have completed their new place of worship, and expected to dedicate it last Sabbath.

NEXT Sabbath and Sunday is the time appointed for holding our quarterly meetings. They are of more than usual importance this quarter on account of it being the time for the annual election of officers.

A. C. JONES & Son, our new merchants, have completed their building, and are now unpacking their stock of goods. They expect to open their doors to-morrow. Their advertisement will be found in another column.

As announced in our last issue, the new railroad through Keene began operations on the 20th. The indications are that the service will be all that could be expected, and this community will be greatly benefitted by its coming. Mr. Stokes, formerly of Kingston, Texas, has been appointed agent. He seems to be a very genial gentleman, and the community is fortunate in having him represent the new road.

An Announcement.

DR. P. F. Haskell wishes us to announce to the friends of the institution that on New Year's day the Keene Sanitarium will serve a Hygienic Benefit Dinner to which all are cordially invited. None should attend, however without first giving notice, and this should be done not later than the 31st inst., in order that they may be prepared to serve all who come. The price was not stated, but when it is remembered that all proceeds go to build up the

institution, any reasonable fee will not be considered high.

A Correction.

IN Professor Buxton's article in our last issue, on page five near the close of the first paragraph, he is made to say, "Nor do I attribute their condition to the teacher, in ANY case." This was a typographical error, and should have read, "in EVERY case." We gladly make the correction.

FIELD REPORTS.

NORTHEAST TEXAS.—December 1, I left home for northeast Texas, to hold a meeting near Avinger. Services began the night of the 5th, with a good attendance. Some interest was manifested to hear the message of truth, and several who attended my meetings here a year ago are deciding on the Lord's side. We also hope that others will take their stand for the truth. The church here is revived and its members are determined to do more for the cause of God than ever before. Elder Hopkins joined us last Thursday, and is rendering acceptable service. We have begun a meeting eight miles from here, where the truth has never been preached. We expect to be with New Hope and Prewitt's Lake churches during the week of prayer. There is much to be done in this part of the field, but few who are willing to do it. We are of the best of courage and are under the leading of the Holy Spirit. Pray for us. J. N. SOMMERVILLE.

An Appeal for Our Publications.

"ELMSHAVEN" ST. HELENA, CAL.,
December 6, 1902.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

JUST before us is the new year, and plans should be laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master's service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence.

The larger books, "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," "Desire of Ages," should be sold

everywhere. These books contain truth for this time,—truth that is to be proclaimed to all parts of the world. Nothing is to hinder their sale.

Many more of our larger books might have been sold if church-members had been awake to the importance of the truth these books contain, and had realized their responsibility to circulate them. My brethren and sisters, will you not now make an effort to circulate these books?

My brethren and sisters, work earnestly to circulate these books. Put your hearts into the work, and the blessing of God will be with you. Go forth in faith, as you go pray that God will prepare hearts to receive the light. Be pleasant and courteous. Show by a consistent course that you are a true Christian. Walk and work in the light of heaven, and your path will be as the path of the just, shining more and more until the perfect day.

I ask you, dear Christian workers, to do what you can to circulate the books that the Lord has said should be sown broadcast throughout the world. Do your best to place them in the homes of as many as possible. Think of how great a work can be done if a large number of believers will unite in an effort to place before the people, by the circulation of these books, the light the Lord has said should be given them. Under divine guidance, go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you, preparing the way.

The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work in the year 1903. For Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of the new year to place the precious light of present truth before the people.

Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in His service. Oh, can we not remember that there is a world to labor for? Shall we not move forward step by step, letting God use us as His helping hand? Shall we not place ourselves on the altar of service? Then the love of Christ will touch and transform us, making us willing for His sake to do and dare.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

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Money, or letters, should not be sent to individuals. All business communications should be addressed, and all remittances and money orders made payable to the S. W. U. RECORD, Keene, Johnson County, Texas.

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FOR several weeks the RECORD has been late each week. The reason for this has been that we have been pushing every moment on Elder Rupert's new pamphlet. We have been very anxious to complete this before the holidays, and in order to make time with it we have delayed the RECORD, and also a large amount of other job printing. We have had our force at work every day, and well into the night, all the fall, and we are glad to announce that we shall finish the pamphlet this week. We shall therefore make a great effort to have the RECORD issue on time hereafter. We want to begin the new year right, and maintain the standard throughout the year.

THE first number of the *Central Advance*, the official organ of the Central Union Conference, has just come to our table. It is a bright and neat little eight-page bi-weekly, and judging from the editorial staff it will stand in the front rank of our conference and union conference papers. The RECORD bids them welcome, and wishes abundant success.

THE TWO DEATHS.

JESUS saith unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he

that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?—John 11: 25, 26.

In order to closely understand the words of our Saviour, quoted above, it will be necessary to bring the light of other Scriptures to bear upon it, thus "comparing spiritual things with spiritual." The Bible plainly brings to view two deaths. "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."—Rev. 2: 11.

The whole difficulty in arriving at a correct understanding of the text at the beginning of this article, lies in confusing the first and second deaths. The universal teaching of the Bible in regard to the first death is, that it is a state of unconsciousness. A word quite frequently used to describe this condition, is the word sleep. Now, a man exists just as truly when asleep as when he is awake, but, the man who is asleep is utterly unconscious of the fact that he does exist. Consequently is a state of unconscious existence.

Therefore the first death, which our Lord himself termed a sleep, is merely a state of unconsciousness. That those who fall asleep in the first death do not lose either their identity or existence is made clear in the following language of Christ: "Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob. For he is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him."—Luke 20: 37, 38. It is very evident, from this scripture, that the Lord does not regard one who goes down into the first death as being really dead. "She is not *dead* but *sleepeth*."

The first death is the common heritage of humanity, both righteous and wicked, "it is appointed unto man once to die." And this because of Adam's transgression. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men."—Romans 5: 12. And this without regard to the character of the individual. "Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of Him that was to come."—Romans 5: 14. But what death was it that reigned

from Adam to Moses? Clearly the first death, for the second death does not take place until the close of the thousand years of Revelation 20. From the foregoing Scriptures it must be plain that the first death, which is merely a state of unconsciousness, is common to the race. The fact that there has been two exceptions to this in the past, and that there will be a large number in the last generation, who will not all sleep, does not in the least affect this position. But does the fact that some will not fall asleep, show that those who have fallen asleep were lacking in faith?

Most assuredly not. To take the position that if one has perfect faith he will not fall asleep, is only saying that there have been but two men of perfect faith since the world began. That this is not so is evident from both the Old and New Testament. Abraham, whom the Scriptures call the "friend of God," will serve as an example from the Old Testament. What says the Word concerning the faith of this man so highly honored of God? "Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith (the faith of Abraham) made perfect."—James 2: 22. From this it is plain that Abraham had perfect faith.

The experience of Paul illustrates quite forcefully the same point in the New Testament. Paul speaking by the Spirit concerning himself makes the following statement, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the *faith*." Not one doubt mars his perfect confidence in the promises of God. "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day."

Perfect faith, and confidence in God, yet despite all of this, Paul is quietly sleeping in his grave awaiting the coming of the Lord.

While it is very true that the last generation of believers will pass through fearfully trying times, there is absolutely nothing in the record to indicate that their faith will be any different from the faith which "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, and stopped the mouth of lions." It is clearly stated, however, that the remnant church will "keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus."—Rev. 14: 12. But the faith of Jesus

is precisely the faith possessed by the apostle Paul.

[To be continued.]

A UNITED EFFORT

To Scatter Tracts Like the Leaves of Autumn.

IN THE *Review and Herald* of December 9, is an important article by Elder Daniells on behalf of the General Conference Committee, introducing a great tract campaign for the present winter. Four special tracts are being issued as leaders for this movement. Their titles are, "What do these things mean?" "Signs of the Times," "The Second Advent of Our Lord," and "The Gospel Remedy for Present-day Isms—Spiritualism, Hypnotism, Christian Scientism, and Higher Criticism."

These tracts, as indicated by their titles, deal directly and plainly with the vital features of the Message. They take up the trumpet and tell to the world the glad message that Jesus is coming in the clouds of heaven, and that the Signs of the Times show that His coming is near.

PLAN OF WORK.

It is the design of the General Conference Committee that this effort should be world-wide, and that every Seventh-day Adventist should take an active part in it. There was a time, several years ago, when our tracts were sold in large editions of hundreds of thousands, when every church was astir, and all the people seemed to carry the burden for souls.

Tracts were scattered, Bible readings were held, and in many places this work was followed by Gospel meetings conducted by lay members in halls and school houses; and one of our ministers recently remarked that at that time nearly every church in his state had a great revival, and many were added to the church.

We call for a renewal of that universal effort. The church needs it for its up-building, and an unwarned world, still in darkness, cries mightily to God and to us for the light. God spoke to Israel saying, "Go forward." A few cannot do the work. All Israel must march in order when the cloud lifts and directs the way. (See Numbers 9: 15-23.)

THE PUBLISHING HOUSES.

We believe that every publishing

house in the denomination will bring out these special tracts, and use all their strength in advertising and pushing them. Copies will be sent to them for this purpose as soon as possible.

STATE AND UNION CONFERENCE PAPERS.

Can advertise the tracts, publish reports and plans of work, and assist the *Review and Herald*, *The Signs of the Times* and other general papers in their effort to carry this campaign to every home and into every heart.

CONFERENCE LABORERS.

Can take up the work, and advertise the tracts from the desk, and organize the people for work. Thousands of people are ready to work, but hardly know where to begin. Place the work in their hands and show them how to work.

TRACT SOCIETY OFFICERS.

Can correspond with church librarians and isolated members, and help them get started. In fact the success of this movement will depend largely upon the earnest, enthusiastic leadership of the tract society officers.

A SUGGESTION TO CHURCH OFFICERS.

The officers of each church should meet together, and devise plans for a definite campaign to revive the tract and missionary work. Should not the old time Tract Society meetings be revived, with their reports of work done? We believe they should. Let us all pray for a revival of good old methods.

SUGGESTIONS TO CHURCH LIBRARIANS.

1. Begin the tract work yourself with that earnest enthusiasm which you wish to see in all the members of the church. Your experience will give power to your words as you persuade others. Remember that the work in your church is not dead while you are working.

2. Counsel with the church officers frequently, and divide your work with them. This good work multiplies as you divide it.

3. Talk the work to every brother or sister or child you meet. Pray for its success constantly. At church, at home, and on the street, keep up the agitation. Say as did the prophet, "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salva-

tion thereof as a lamp that burneth."

4. Set yourself a definite task, to place some work, even though it may be very small, in the hands of every member of the church. Much of this effort must be private, individual work; but in no other way can you accomplish so much. One tract given away each week is much better than no work. This little work will lead to more. Plant a little seed, and it will grow if it has the life. This kind of personal work can be done without great ability. Let this be our motto:—

"Something for each one to do."

These tracts will be ready by January 1, when "Christ's Object Lesson" work is supposed to be finished. Now is the time to organize and plan for the tract campaign.

E. R. PALMER, Secretary,
General Conference Publishing Department.

Old Religious Liberty Tracts.

In quantities of 30 cents worth and upwards at a time, we will, so long as our stock lasts, furnish any of the following tracts, postpaid at half price. Order at once through your State Tract Society.

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 - Making this a Christian Nation, 15c
 - The Legal Sunday, 40c
 - The Rights of the People, 40c
 - Civil Government and Rel., 40c
- Any of the above pamphlets sent post-paid at two-thirds of the regular price. Address your Tract Society.

Correlation of Studies in Elementary Instruction.

BY W. H. BUXTON.

[Continued from last issue.]

There are but two sources of knowledge, viz: Revelation and Nature—the harmonious Word and the works of one God—and but two instruments for acquiring knowledge, viz: Faith and Reason. And these harmonize and supplement each other perfectly: for a true faith is always reasonable and all sound reason rests ultimately upon Faith.

We have here, then, the two centers—the Bible and Physiology—around which all instruction in the elementary school should be correlated; and of which the profounder studies of the college are seen to be natural and necessary outgrowths.

God has given us faith to employ upon Revelation where nothing else will avail; and Reason to employ upon Nature, where reason is applicable to the subject. In other words, God has revealed to us the truths which we could never have discovered by the aid of reason; but he expects us to discover by Reason all truths to which, in its nature, Reason is adequate. *To illustrate:* We could never have discovered by the aid of Reason, the origin and destiny of Sin; consequently, God has revealed that. But the functions of the spinal chord, or of the optic nerve, can be discovered by dissection and experiment; and God has left us so, to discern them. God has revealed righteousness by faith, but has left us to discover by reason the properties of triangles.

Around the Bible we can correlate the instruction in English, the ancient and modern languages, history, mental, moral and political science. Let the children learn to read the Bible in German, Spanish, or some other modern language, while they are learning to read it in English, and under a teacher who speaks the foreign language. The child of ten to sixteen years, will learn to speak much more readily and correctly than he ever can in later life. This is not supposition, it is established fact, long since proved in the experience of European schools.

Again, the Bible touches history at

every point. The most ancient, and the most modern history in the Bible, is all by implication, at least. Only by the help of the revealed word, can the events in the history of our race be rightly understood. The Bible reveals the true principles of mental, moral and social science. So, we see, that the whole realm of language, history and philosophy can be taught from the Bible. This will enable us to discard many text books usually regarded as essential, and thus wonderfully simplify the course of study.

Now for the other group of studies—Nature or Science: Every human mind is associated with, and depends upon a body, which consists essentially of a stomach and a nervous system. Through the nerves, all impressions reach the brain, the seat of mind. God himself speaks to man through the senses. "Faith cometh by hearing." Then since both God and Nature speak to us through the senses; since all the knowledge we ever have or can have, is in some unknown way conditioned upon the perfection of the body with which the mind is allied; since our happiness and usefulness depend more upon healthy stomachs and sound nerves than upon any other cause whatever, how important is a knowledge of human anatomy and physiology!

Physiology leads on the one hand, upward, we may say to facts of mind, to psychology; and the other, to facts of matter, downward through chemistry and physics to mathematics, thence back to psychology again; and so the circle of the sciences is complete.

Now, let us consider the application of these principles for a moment: Our two centers of correlation, which, remember, are really identical or perfectly harmonious, are the Bible and Physiology. In learning to read the Bible, the child acquires a knowledge of his native language, both spoken and written. But he soon learns that other peoples read and understand the Bible in different tongues; that the Bible was not originally written in English. In his Bible study, he soon learns that the lives of all the nations are not recorded in detail in the Bible; but that they are so recorded in other books, which we call history. Then, naturally, the study of the Bible leads to the study of the ancient and modern languages and of history.

Now, the child takes up his study of physiology. He soon learns the properties and uses of water, air, common salt, carbonic acid gas, gastric juice etc. But the composition and properties of water, or carbonic acid, are chemical questions. He soon learns that the gases of which carbonic acid and water consist are expanded by heat. But the expansion of a substance by heat is in the domain of physics. Now, the question arises, How much is a given quantity of gas expanded by a given amount of heat? But this last is a mathematical question. Again, he studies the muscles and learns that the bones are the levers for the attachment of the muscles.

The study of the lever brings him again through physics into that department of mathematics known as geometry. But in the study of geometry, we soon learn that the properties of a figure, say of a triangle, are the necessary result of the mode in which we conceive the figure; and that we can reason about a triangle drawn upon a board, or merely held in space by an effort of the imagination. This brings us to a study of the nature and powers of the mind, of which we may learn by both reason and Revelation.

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In concluding, let me say that in my opinion, the most serious fault in the prevailing educational system is that the instruction is not based upon the pupil's experience nor adapted to his surroundings.

My thesis is, that the studies of the elementary school should be correlated around the Bible and Physiology. Then, knowledge will be unified, scientific in the best sense; easily acquired, easily applied, and we shall have less occasion to lament with Solomon that "Much study is a weariness of the flesh."

Oklahoma Department.

A Trip to the Comanche Country.

AS WE received a call from Ad-dington to come there and do some work, and perhaps organize a church, I went there last Friday and stayed Sabbath and Sunday, but on account of the heavy rains we could hold only one meeting and that was on the Sabbath. Then, after the

meeting on Sabbath, it began to rain and continued all night and the greater part of Sunday, so that it was impossible to get the people together. But we made a few calls and we found that the people seemed to be real hungry for meetings. The most of them said that they had not been to a religious meeting since coming there and would like to attend the meeting. This proved to me that the time has come when we should go into this newly settled country. The people are not settled yet in their churches. They have come in there from different parts of the world and have belonged to different denominations and some have not belonged to any. Considering all these and other points, I believe we ought to be the first ones that should go in there and preach the message and gather the honest ones before other churches do so. We are receiving calls from different localities, but who will go and take the message to the people?

Although only a few were out on the Sabbath, we had a good meeting and organized a church with six members. There are about five or six more that will join at their next meeting. I thought the number was almost too small to begin with, but as these brethren, who have moved there, belonged to a church somewhere else, and all desired a church organization, and the material for the officers were present, we thought it best to organize and not wait any longer. They have a good set of officers, and if they will now all work together, their number will soon increase.

May God bless them!

G. F. HAFNER.

NOTICE.

If parties have tithes or donations of any kind which should be sent through the Oklahoma Tract Society, we will send them direct to the reference.

We were pleased to see him and appreciated his short stay very much.

The Field.

A REPORT.—We, as a Help Band, thought, perhaps, it would be well to give a report of the work of the Help Band of our church. We have been organized as a band since last summer, but we have only kept a systematic report of our work during the last two months. The following list will give you an idea of what we are doing. This list is for the months of October and November, and is for Oklahoma City church.

Hours spent in work,	77.
Visits made,	80.
Meals given away,	24.
Periodicals given away,	162.
Bible Readings held,	8.
Missionary letters written,	3.
Comforts tacked,	2.
Garments made,	40.
Garment given away,	30.

Cash paid to Board,	\$27.52
Cash paid out,	\$13.20
Total cash earned,	\$40.72

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in our work. We ask the prayers of His people that we may be faithful to the end.

M. A. SHIELDS, President.
F. E. BUEL, Secretary.

German Department.

Bemerkung.

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Wir möchten ein Wort zu unserer lieben Jugend sagen. Ich versprach ihnen, etwas in ihren Jugendvereinen mitzuhelfen durch den „Union Record,“ habe auch einmal geschrieben und versucht jemand zu bekommen, der jede Woche die Lektion aus dem „Youths' Instructor“ übersetzen würden; aber es scheint schwierig zu sein jemand zu bekommen, der die Sache besorgt. Wir werden es aber noch nicht aufgeben; werdet nur nicht mutlos und habt noch etwas Geduld. Während der Gebetswoche sollte die Jugend sich interessieren die Vorträge, und sonst nichts vorzunehmen. Es ist auch so empfohlen bei unseren englischen Geschwistern, daß sie keine andere Lektion nebenbei haben sollten. Somit laßt ein jedes teilnehmen an der Gebetswoche. Eine jegliche Seele suche den Herrn von ganzem Herzen. Es tut sehr not daß wir den Herrn von ganzem Herzen suchen, und nicht nachlassen bis Er uns gnädig nahe kommt und uns seinen Segen schenkt. G. F. H.

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