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IN THIS ISSUE we give a cut of the home of the Southwestern Union Conference, THE RECORD, and the Texas Tract Society.

The Southwestern Union Conference was first organized at the General Conference of 1901, and at that time comprised the territory covered by the old general conference district number five; but at their first union conference meeting held in Topeka, Kansas, in 1902, it was reorganized as it now stands, and covers the States of Texas and Arkansas, and Oklahoma and Indian Territories. In point of territory it is nearly as large as any of the Union Conferences, and larger than some, but the membership is small, there being but about three thousand Sabbath-keepers in its territory.

Although the smallest in membership, this Union Conference has stood in the lead for several years in the sale of our literature. Although much has been done in the past in this and other lines of work, there is still abundance of room for the present force of workers and many more.

The building shown in the cut is located just north of the Academy and faces south. The east side is occupied by the RECORD printing office, and the west side by the Texas Tract Society. The Union Conference has an office on the second floor, and the remainder of this floor is now occupied as living rooms by students and those attending the institute.

CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

It is shown in a report that citizens and former citizens of the United States have \$500,000,000 invested in Mexico, in the railroad, mining, agricultural and manufacturing industries. The bulk of this is in the railroads being four-fifths of all capital invested in the railroads. These naturally lead to the development of other industries.

EMBASSADOR Holleben has been recalled by the German government, and Baron Speck Von Stemburg, has been appointed temporarily in charge of the German embassy in Washington. The recall of the Ambassador seems to be the result of the adjustment of the Venezuelan matter.

THE Southern Railway, one of the greatest railway systems in this country, expects to spend \$4,000,000 for new rolling stock the coming year. Other great systems are preparing to do likewise, in order to keep pace with the great volume of business they each handle.

THE Farmers' Congress of Texas, will meet next July at the A. and M. college at College Station.

TWIN girls, daughters of Ole Thorson, were lost on their way home near Sisseton, North Dakota, and froze to death.

A misunderstanding of orders caused another head-end collision on the Big Four Railroad, near Bethel, Illinois. One person was killed and much property destroyed.

CZAR Nicholas is opposed to the freedom of the press in Russia. This is shown by him forbidding a recent meeting and banquet of journalists and literary men, who proposed to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first newspaper in Russia. The leaders of the move were given to understand that they would be expelled from St. Petersburg if the ban-

net and the International and Great Northern Railways, have been in St. Louis for several days conferring with the Missouri Pacific officials regarding the demands of their trainmen for an increase of wages. The movement for better wages seems to be general among the railroad men of Texas and the southwest.

THOUSANDS of cattle are reported starving on the ranches in northern Colorado. The great depth of snow around the ranches prevent them being taken away or food being taken to them, so that the ranchmen are powerless to do anything for them.

THE will of the late widow of U. S. Grant was filed for probate last week, by her oldest son, Gen. Fred D. Grant. The value of the estate is placed at \$235,000, which is to be divided equally between her four children.

REPORTS from Russian Turkestan, state that the earlier reports concerning the earthquake there, were too small. Already the list of the dead is placed at four thousand. The situation is said to be horrible, and unless immediate relief is had, many hundreds, who are without shelter will freeze to death. A relief fund has been started.

THE fuel situation is getting to be serious in the northern states. Testimony given before the grand jury in Chicago last Saturday shows that a combination has been effected between the mine owners, operators, dealers and the railroads to control

the output and force up the price of coal. At Arcola, Illinois, a train load of sixteen cars of coal bound for Chicago, was seized by the citizens and distributed to those having need. They were willing to pay for coal but could not obtain it. It is now proposed to hold a monster demonstration in Washington within the next twenty days, by which it is hoped congress will be forced to act in breaking up this combination.

THE commercial traveling men of Texas are again agitating the matter of delayed trains, and propose to bring it before the Railroad Commission once more. The traveling men claim that the trains are run so much late that no dependance can be placed on the schedules. The railroad men are preparing to defend themselves, claiming that heavy rains have made it unsafe to make fast or even schedule time on their tracks.

THE post-office at Indianola, Miss. has been closed by order of the President. The colored postmistress has resigned. The citizens deny that there has been intimidation.



quert was held as planned.

THE grand jury of Chicago, is investigating the reasons for the high prices charged for coal in that city. It is claimed that the coal dealers have entered into a combination to force up prices, contrary to law.

THE grand jury of Dallas county, Texas, recently returned over two hundred indictments for gaming. Many arrests have been made, and in one day last week forty-three persons plead guilty and were fined, in all amounting to nearly \$2,700. The Sheriff proceeded to collect the fines, and \$1,900 was collected the first day. It is hoped this will put an effectual check to this practice.

THE largest gas plant in the world is soon to be erected for New York city. It will be erected on Long Island.

THE Santa Fe railway company has granted the request of the grievance committee of the engineers for an increase of wages, thus settling amicably this matter, which has been under consideration for some time. The engineers will receive a substantial increase in their wages.

The general managers of the Texas & Paci-

Arkansas Department.

Obituary.

ALLIE L. Horton was born the 6th day of March, A. D., 1852, in the town of Oakland, County of Jefferson, State of Wisconsin, and was married to George A. Wright Christmas day, A. D., 1871, in the town of Lima, County of Rock, State of Wisconsin. Soon after removed to Ottertail County, in the State of Minnesota, which was at that time a new country. Here all of her six children, who survive her, were born, except the first one. It was born in the town where she first resided. She had the honor of being the mother of the first pair of twins here in the town. In the year 1894 the truth of the third angel's message came to her, and she, with her whole family, embraced it, except the one who was married and resided in the State of Tennessee. In the year A. D., 1899, with her husband, and two of her children, removed to Springdale, Arkansas, where she had resided up to her death. She departed this life about 5 o'clock, A. M., December 31, in the village of Springdale, Arkansas, being the first of the family to sleep the last sleep. Her faith was strong in the hope of a part in the first resurrection. On her death bed, her daughter, Bertha, asked her:—"Mamma, if Jesus should call for you soon, would you be willing to go?" Her reply was:—"Certainly, darling." She requested that we tell the church that her faith was strong and her hope was bright. Her death was the most peaceful that one could witness.

Week of Prayer at Little Rock.

THE week of prayer was a turning point of a new experience and consecration to one, and all of this place. The meetings were well attended, and the Spirit of God was in each meeting—all resolving that, by the help of God, they were going to do more in the Master's vineyard by spreading our literature, such as tracts and papers, through the City; and not only have they resolved, but have gone to work, each one taking a portion of the City to work, and placing in each home three, or more, tracts at a time, embracing all points of our faith. What work can be ac-

complished in this line, only God can know. Think of the hundreds of homes that will be reached in this manner! How long would it take to give the message in Arkansas? Brethren and Sisters, is it not time we were all going to work in this way or some other? When we go to work ourselves, we will see the need of more workers, and this will cause us to be faithful in our tithes and offerings.

Pray for the work in this place.

V. B. WATTS.

FIELD REPORTS.

BROTHER J. M. Baker, who has been canvassing in Nevada County, has moved from Laneburg to Bodcaw. He writes that he had some hard experiences the last few weeks, during the bad weather and paying high prices for his board and lodging, but his courage is good and he still is anxious to press on in the good work. He has been endeavoring to deliver as much as the weather would permit him, so he has no report. He asks our prayers for courage and strength to press on.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER J. M. Robinson has given up the work for awhile and is now employed at the broom factory in Springdale.

BROTHER J. M. Dickerson has returned to his home in Searvan.

WE are still receiving calls from various portions of the State, from outsiders, making inquiries in regard to our books and concerning the canvassing work. Whilst we keep in touch through correspondence, it is very clear that they should be visited and encouraged to start out etc.

THERE has been received, since the last issue of this paper, on the *Sentinel* fund, 50 cents from Edward Pehrson, 50 cents from Jenny Lind church, making a total of \$24.90.

BROTHER George Kerr has returned to his home in Washburn, Missouri, and is building him a new home.

THE Arkansas Tract Society has sent quite a lot of Religious Liberty tracts to Batesville to be circulated by the church there, as a number of our brethren in that locality have been arrested for working on Sunday.

BROTHER H. Klindt, of Elm

Springs, is doing colporteur work, canvassing mostly for the Bagster Bibles, and the smaller books.

BROTHER J. J. Robinson is at home with his family in Springdale.

ELDER H. Clay Griffin is at Black Rock looking after the interests of the work there.

WE hope that all will send in their annual and Christmas offerings promptly; also that all the churches will send in their reports. The following offerings have been received from the churches:

Afton,	\$ 1 65
Miami,	2 25
Gravette,	4 15
Isolated,	1 30
Little Rock,	32 79

Total, \$ 42 14

MISS MARIE Sommerville, daughter of Elder J. A. Sommerville, was married Christmas Eve, at the home of her parents in Springdale, to Robert Burton, of Fayetteville. He has a position as a railroad brakeman. They intend to locate in Muscogee, Indian Territory.

WE have received the sad news of the death of Brother J. E. Green, of Bradford. Will have particulars for next issue.

The Waste Places of the Earth.

IN HUMBLE dependence upon God, families are to settle in the waste places of His vineyard. Consecrated men and women are needed to stand as fruit bearing trees of righteousness in the desert places of the earth. As the reward of their self-sacrificing efforts to sow the seeds of truth, they will reap a rich harvest. As they visit family after family, opening the Scriptures to those in spiritual darkness, many hearts will be touched. In fields where the conditions are so objectionable and disheartening that many workers refuse to go to them, most remarkable change, for the better may be brought about by the efforts of self-sacrificing lay members. These humble workers will accomplish much, because they put forth patient, persevering effort, not relying on human power, but upon God who gives them His favor. The amount of good that those workers will accomplish will never be known in this world.—*Testimonies Vol. 7.*

Texas Department

FIELD REPORTS.

SANGER.—Thinking that, perhaps, a short report of our meeting during the week of prayer, would be of interest, we pen the following:

In harmony with a decision of the Conference Committee, I went to Sanger and began services Sabbath, December 20. It will be remembered that this is the place where Brother Cubley and I labored six or eight weeks after the Handley Campmeeting, during which time twelve or thirteen came out and took their stand for present truth. A number of these were formerly members of the Baptist church. On the first day of our services these brethren were waited upon by members of said church who informed them that they were to be tried for heresy, and wanted to know what plea they should make for them. They were informed that, up to date, they had not joined the Adventists and claimed the right as Baptists to hear any one they chose who preached the Bible, and that the Adventists had, surely, preached the truth. So trial was demanded and date fixed for Saturday, January 18. I attended their eleven o'clock services on Sunday, following our Sabbath service. During the sermon the Baptist minister(?) said that nothing could face the Baptist church, as it was founded on the principles of justification and faith; that the Seventh-day Adventists might take out the rotten logs, but this would leave them a clear church. He then quoted 1 Timothy 4: 1-4, to prove that in the last days some would depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Of course, all present understood him to apply this doctrine to Adventists and the departing from the faith of the Baptist church. Looking at the situation, as one naturally would, could not help but to think of the Saviour's saying "If they call the master of the house beelzebub, how much more his household." Such thrusts as these only served to strengthen these new converts, and made many of the respectable portion of the church feel quite sorry, for these knew those who had accepted the message were true and tried christians. I said in the presence of

some of the Baptists, that it was the first time that I had ever heard the Devil to have cleansed the church; that it was his business to corrupt it. This "once in grace, always in grace" is so fixed in their creed that any departure from the doctrine is looked upon as a doctrine of the Devil. At this juncture a verse I once read, comes to my mind:

"This once in grace, always in grace—
This Baptist bugle blast,
Will prove to them a deceptive thing
To wake up in hell at last."

This meeting was quite well attended, considering the dark nights and rough roads. From this place we went to Cedar Grove where we held quarterly meeting, December 27. While there we met our brother from the Indian Territory, whose little boy, eight years old, (Benny French) handed me forty-five pennies and wished them sent to the Orphans' Home. His father told me that the little fellow claimed a certain per cent of all chickens' eggs found and they were saved up for this very purpose.

While this boy does not understand the theory of Christianity, who know but the Lord, is teaching him by His Spirit the practical side of the instruction of the Saviour. Matthew 25: 40. So, I often think of what a blessed thing to know the theory of the Third Angel's Message; but how much more blessed it would be to others if the theory could be converted to practice. The Saviour says "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

H. B. FRENCH.

NEW HOPE.—We had the best week of prayer in the history of our church. The Lord came very near by his Holy Spirit. Elder Hopkins was with us and rendered valuable help to the church, which seemed to be very much appreciated by all. There were five added to the church and all seemed to be of good courage to go forward in the good work in the new year. To God be all the praise! Pray for the work at New Hope.

W. P. RICHEY.

DALLAS.—I thought that, perhaps, a few lines from this place would be of interest to the readers of the RECORD:

We came here early in October and commenced the work. We had some difficulties to contend with from the start. We were holding meetings in a hall and could only have it on the Sabbath. This made it difficult to

work up an interest among those not of our faith.

We worked from house to house, doing what we could to interest the people in the message for this time.

After, about two months, we rented a neat little church in which we are now meeting. Our attendance has greatly increased since making this change.

During the week of prayer we met in the homes of the brethren, and, though sometimes, there were but few present, the Lord greatly blessed us. Many renewed their consecration to God, and started in the new year determined to do more for the advancement of the message than in the past.

The quarterly meeting was an occasion enjoyed by all present. Brother Field was with us and gave us good instruction and words of encouragement.

In our work among the people here we used the envelope plan in distributing tracts and we found it an excellent way to interest the people in the truth, and to become better acquainted with them.

We sowed a few seeds in this great city, but, as yet, we can see no results from them. We leave all to God, praying that He will care for the work that has been done, and that some honest souls may accept of His truth.

Remember the work in Dallas in your prayers. E. L. NEFF.

CLEBURNE.—The writer joined Brother O. Glass at Cleburne the last day of the week of prayer and can truly say that the Lord's presence was manifested in a remarkable manner. Near the close of the meeting four precious little children, from six to fourteen years of age gave themselves to the Lord, and desire to follow Him in baptism. One dear brother who had been reared to know the theory of the truth, confessed that he had not allowed it to govern his daily life before, and expected from this time on to follow the Lord.

This was among the white brethren. In regard to the work among the colored people, I can say that it is very encouraging. Some who have often tried before and failed, have given up the tobacco habit. They are now planning to build a house of worship, and some donations have already been received. All whom the Lord directs by His Spirit are kindly and earnestly invited to drop in their contributions, even though very small, and it will be much appreciated. Brethren and sisters, let us fan the flame, and press the battle to the gates.

ELISHA TAYLOR.

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Asleep in Jesus.

Miss Pearl E. Nordyke, aged 22 years, daughter of Ben. R. Nordyke, manager of the Kansas City office of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, fell asleep in Jesus at 10 A. M., January 7, after an illness of six months with acute peritonitis. She was a great sufferer, but the Lord gave her patience, and a perfect trust in Him.

The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the family home, 121, Landis Court, Kansas City. Burial was in Union Cemetery. Services were conducted by Elder J. M. Rees, President Missouri Conference. The parents and family have the consolation of knowing "blessed are they which die in the Lord, and that hath part in the first resurrection" to meet the Lord at His coming.

The Keene Institute.

THE Keene Bible Institute has been in progress over a week. There are about twenty-five or thirty in attendance from different points over the State, besides a large number from the Keene church. A regular course of studies is pursued, and a large number are taking advantage

of this opportunity. The program followed is about as follows: A lecture of twenty-five or thirty minutes upon some Bible topic is given every morning at ten o'clock, in the chapel, to which all the students as well as those attending the institute are invited. Commencing at 2:30 P. M., and lasting until 4 o'clock Elder Rupert conducts a Bible study, which has been growing in interest from the first. Following this are classes in book-keeping and reading which are well attended. Every night at seven o'clock a stirring lecture upon some doctrinal point is delivered in the chapel. These have been well attended. The lectures are delivered by the ministers who are attending the institute. There seems now to be an assurance of a great good being accomplished, as nearly every worker in Texas, and many of the canvassers are in attendance.

How Time is Made.

STRANGE as it may seem, Uncle Sam does not make use of the sun for reckoning time, but he turns his attention to some of the regular steady going stars for "fixed stars," as they are called. Every clear night an astronomer with a big telescope looks at certain of these stars and makes his calculations, from which he can tell just when the sun would cross the seventy-fifth meridian. One of the great clocks in the observatory is called the transmitter because it transmits or sends out the signal that keeps standard time. This clock is set and regulated by the star time, and then every day at three minutes and fifteen seconds before twelve a switch is turned on, and the beats of the pendulum of this clock are sent by electricity over the wires to the telegraph offices to Washington and New York. When the telegraph operators hear this sound on their instruments, they know that the noon signal is about to be sent out, and they at once begin to connect the telegraph wires with the towns and cities until in a minute or two the "tick tick" of the clock at Washington is heard in hundreds of telegraph offices. The beats stop at ten seconds before twelve, as a notice that the next "tick" will be the noon signal and so as to give the operators time to connect their wires with the standard

time balls and clocks. There are time balls in a great many cities—usually on the top of some prominent building, where they can easily be seen. The one at Washington is on the roof of the state, war and navy department building, at the top of a high pole, ready to drop the instant the signal comes over the wire. In the government offices at Washington and in many places in other cities there are large clocks connected with the observatory by electricity. These are so arranged that when the twelve o'clock signal is flashed over the wires the hands of these clocks spring to twelve, no matter what time the clock may show. In this way hundreds of clocks are set to the correct time each day.

Well, the moment the sun is supposed to cross the seventy-fifth meridian the telegraph instruments give a signal tick, the time balls drop, the clocks begin to strike and everybody in the District knows it is twelve o'clock.—*St Nicholas*.

A CORRECTION.—In the article entitled "The Two Deaths," by W. D. MacLay, in our last issue, in the last column, a reference is made to "Christ's Object Lessons" page 84, and a little further to the same work, page 129. This should have read "Christ Our Saviour" instead of "Christ's Object Lessons."

NOTICE.

IN connection with the matter of raising money for the equipment of the Keene Sanitarium, as mentioned in last week's paper, will say that we have a first-class, new, upright piano of one of the best makes, (The Kimball, Style 5), which will be sold at \$50.00 less than cash price, and then \$50.00 of the amount given to the Sanitarium. If any of our people wish a thoroughly reliable, guaranteed instrument, at a discount price, and at the same time help the Sanitarium, the opportunity is here offered. The Kimball Piano Company has agencies, or music houses, in most of the cities and towns of much size, so the reader can ascertain as to price or quality almost anywhere. Bear in mind, in your investigations, that it is the Style 5, Kimball we have. If catalogue and further description and information are wanted, address this office.

When \$1,000 Locked Dig.

DIVIDE an amount up into parts, and you magnify it. A certain wise man took this way to give his wife an idea of how much \$1,000 is. She had no idea of money. Her purchases were enormous. It happened, one day, that her eyes fell upon a magnificent ring, and she coveted it. It cost \$1,000. But what was \$1,000 to her, in comparison with the ring? Of course, her husband consented to the purchase. What else could a dutiful, affectionate husband do? But he tried this method of educating his wife concerning the great price of the ring. He instructed his banker to send her the one thousand dollars in small pieces—pennies, dimes, quarters. In came the money, bagful after bagful. She never had such an idea of \$1,000 before. When the money was piled before her, it alarmed her; the price of the ring went up an hundredfold, and and was considered at once an extravagance, which she of her own option abandoned.—*N. O. Times-Democrat.*

From a Friend of Keene Academy.

TO THE PRINCIPAL OF KEENE ACADEMY—DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER IN CHRIST:

I have just read in THE RECORD the proceedings of the Council that met in Keene recently, and noted the straits the school is in financially. It truly made a deep conviction on my mind, that we, as a people, are not doing the very best they can.

Can it be we are, some of us, fulfilling Revelation 3: 15-17? May God forbid that I should be one of the lukewarm ones. It seems to me that we must, as a people, rally, or the Lord will spew some of us careless ones out of his mouth.

To think that the Principal must "step out for a time" for the lack of funds, is shaming.

I am going to make you a proposition; it is all I can do, and it is this: That I will cultivate one acre of cotton and give the net proceeds to the lifting of the debt on the Academy.

Will that help? If so, write me; if not, I am powerless to help. This is my only chance to help. I feel that if the people that claim to be looking for the revelation of the Lord in flaming fire, don't wake up and

throw off this deadly lethargy, the Lord will call out a people that will proclaim this message.

I never in all my life had such deep impression that WE MUST BE UP AND DOING!

Let us, one and all, work for the Lord, and not for filthy lucre!

Oh! if we all could feel about the matter as I do, the donations would be forth coming in great abundance.

Let us all think soberly and seriously and act accordingly, is my prayer.

W. J. RICH.

CENTER, Indian Territory, January 11, 1903.

Go ahead, my dear Brother, and the Lord bless you. May your noble example not only prove a great blessing to you yourself, but may it stimulate scores, yes hundreds of others to "go and do likewise."

PRINCIPAL KEENE ACADEMY.

Labors for the Unfortunate Women.

SEVERAL fallen characters were providentially brought to our notice while we were in Atlanta, Georgia. A young woman of intelligence, who has been living a disreputable, shameful, and dissipated life for years, has been rescued through some Bible readings which we gave her. She was often intoxicated, used bad language and had lived unmarried with a man for about eight years. She was rescued from a horrible pit. She now rejoices in the Saviour, and is keeping the Sabbath of the Lord, and the rest of His precepts. A good home has been procured for her in Atlanta. The power of God is able to save such women from lowest degradation. She is now ready to labor for that class of unfortunates with whom she was associated for years.

Dr. Braughton of Atlanta, has the only rescue mission for fallen girls in this large city.

Miss Pressly, Matron of this institution, who is a godly lady, came to see us about one of the girls, who had retired from her dissipated life, after having contracted the terrible disease of consumption. This poor girl, who is only twenty-three years of age, expressed a desire to die in a Christian home. We, therefore, assisted in getting a room for her in a private family, as the said institution was full. The Doctor, however, sent two of his nurses to care for this af-

flicted girl. The citizens of Atlanta, assisted liberally with donations for her support while life should last.

One day a lady came to our room weeping bitterly and asked us to help her and her wayward daughter, and said they were nearly without food. We looked into the case and found it as she had reported. They were, therefore, helped to the necessities of life. We, also, labored for their spiritual welfare, and, as a result, the mother embraced the Sabbath. We look for the daughter also, to keep it in the near future.

O, how parents ought to guard their daughters! May God protect our young people from vice!

We hope to see hundreds laboring for the fallen girls. The Saviour never turned away a harlot. None were so low, or debased, but what he had a sympathizing and encouraging word for all.

The woman who was taken in the very act of adultery, was brought before Him; He rebukes with very mild and gentle language, "Go thy way and sin no more." The ungodly and unconverted church members would have stoned her to death. John 8: 3-11.

"And to another Jesus said: 'Thy sins are forgiven, go in peace.'—Luke 7: 48-50. "To whom much is forgiven, the same loveth much."—47th verse.

Where is the compassion of a more loving being than Christ our Saviour?

J. F. BAHLER.

Light as a Healing Agent.

DAVID PAULSON M. D.

INVENTIVE genius and scientific investigations are beginning to reveal to us some of the healing possibilities that have been hid in natural remedies. It has been only a few years since a noted nerve specialist stated that there was no value in hydropathic applications, beyond their cleansing properties. Now in the great hospitals in Europe cold baths have reduced the death rate from Typhoid fever from about twenty per cent to two or three. While in this country the use of hydrotherapy has lowered the death rate in pneumonia from twenty-five to about four per cent. Think of the vast number of funerals that the wise application of Nature's own remedies has thus prevented and what has already been attained is only a suggestion of what may be accomplished in the future. Although the ancients had some con-

ception of the healing properties of light, it is only within the last few years that its magical effect in the treatment of disease has come to be clearly recognized.

From the results already attained we have every reason to hope that in the X-ray, we have an efficient agency with which to cure internal cancers.

Professor Finson, of Copenhagen, has during the last few years developed an instrument by which the electric arc rays may be concentrated upon such diseased conditions of the skin such as tuberculosis, aczema, psoriasis, and many other obstinate skin disorders, and the results have been simply marvelous.

Patients that were suffering with skin disorders that had defied all forms of medication have flocked to Dr. Finson's laboratory and in a few months time have been fully cured.

An improved method of utilizing this light has recently been invented in London, by which the same effect may be secured in three minutes, that were produced by the Finson Lamp in an hour. This instrument is known as the Dermolamp. One has been imported for the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and another for the Chicago Branch of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and without exception the results from their use have been most encouraging. The most unsightly acne on the face has been entirely cured by a few exposures to this light.

Such results only give us a hint of the possibilities that Providence has hidden in the rays of light, until men shall discover other ways of utilizing them. We should be very thankful that at this time, when sin is universal and consequently disease is so wide spread; that God is allowing us to discover the healing power that has been hidden for ages in these natural remedies.

Oklahoma Department.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER J. Butka, our state agent, arrived here in the City a few days ago in the interest of the canvassing work. It is hoped that he will encourage some of the old canvassers and also start out some new ones.

THE continued bad weather has

prevented our canvassers from doing much in the field the last few weeks.

THE Secretary earnestly urges that all church blanks which have recently been sent out be filled out and returned as soon as possible to this office.

EMMA Haffner spent a few days at O'Keene with her folks during the holidays. The O'Keene church had some good meetings during this time.

ELDER Haffner spent a few days with the Omega church during the past week.

THE "Parable" money is not all in yet. Let those who have it on hand please send it in as soon as possible.

ELDER Sommerville writes that Sister Syp is holding a debate with a Campbellite preacher out West. Brother Sommerville will assist her in her meetings.

BROTHER B. E. Miller, of the O'Keene church, and Miss Anna Mayer were married on Christmas day by Elder C. W. Miller, from Keene, Texas. We wish them a long and happy life together.

BROTHER Walker, from McCloud, was in the City and stopped at the office for some Sabbath school supplies. We were pleased to meet him.

THE church at Perry is building a good commodious house of worship. The Lord has opened the hearts of the citizens and they have helped nobly. Stormy weather and other causes have delayed the work some; but now it is advancing.

THE brethren at Enid report a good church school at that place. The teacher, Sister Knapp, is giving excellent satisfaction.

SISTERS Nellie Krater and Daisy and Florence McPhee, from the Perkins church, are expecting to join the nurses class at Boulder, Colorado, the first of the year.

FIELD REPORTS.

COLUMBIA AND PERKINS.—Since my last report I remained a number of days at Columbia; but the interest did not develop. It was more entertainment than truth that they wanted.

During the week of prayer I was at Perkins. The brethren are growing in grace and in numbers. One man who has been struggling with his

tobacco gained the victory. I am now five miles south-west of Perry looking after an interest here.

C. SORENSON.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.—I have been with several German churches in the last few days; and the Lord has greatly blessed us. The Spirit of the Lord came very near and melted the hearts of the people. New life is taking hold of our people, which is very encouraging indeed. We look for better days in the experience of this people, and the Lord is going to do a great work through them in the near future. We find as soon as they draw near to God and put more life into their meetings that their neighbors are brought in and they accept the truth. We found this to be the case in the east Cooper church, as a family has lately accepted the truth.

As long as our churches are in a lifeless condition they can not draw their neighbors in, and even if they would succeed in bringing them inside the church they would not have much desire to come back again. O brethren let us seek the Lord for more life! We have a living Saviour: He was once dead; but He is risen from the dead, and now He lives for ever more, and let us live with Him in my prayer.

G. F. H.

SEGER.—For the past few weeks I have been laboring among the churches and isolated members in the southwestern part of the territory, in the interest of "Christ's Object Lessons." I found that the most of our people had sold their quota of books and paid for them. Those who still had books unpaid for were willing to take hold of the work again and settle up. In my rounds I visited the Seeger church, and found it without an elder and disorganized. The first thing I did was to reorganize them, then I presented the "Object Lessons" work to them. Most of the brethren had sold their number and turned the money in. But there had been sixteen books sent them more than their share. We soon disposed of them. The brethren paid the money over to the librarian and he sent it in. And so the good work is onward. The Lord is in it, and He is stirring the hearts of His people to respond to the call. Let us work while the day lasts.

URIAH DAKE.

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Anmerkung: Was hier folgt über Gemeinde-Schulen ist dem Buch Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VI, entlehnt, mit Ausnahme eines Paragraphen, welcher aus dem Buch "Desire of Ages" überjegt ist.

Gemeinde-Schulen.

In Gegenden wo wenige Gläubige sind, sollten zwei oder drei Gemeinden sich vereinigen und ein bescheidenes Gebäude für Gemeindeforschulzwecke herstellen. Lasset die Kosten gemeinsam getragen werden. Es ist die höchste Zeit, daß Sabbathalter ihre Kinder von weltlicher Gesellschaft abtrennen, und sie unter die besten Lehrer bringen, welche die Bibel zur Grundlage alles Studiums machen. Wo immer sich einige Eltern befinden, sollten die Eltern zusammen stehen, einen Platz für eine Tagsschule zu gründen, woselbst eure Kinder sowie die heranreisende Jugend unterrichtet werden können. Sie sollten einen christlichen Lehrer anwerben, der als ein gerechter Missionar die Kinder unterrichtet, daß auch sie Missionäre werden. Nehmt Lehrer, welche gründlichen Unterricht in den gewöhnlichen Zweigen geben können, aber dabei die Bibel als Grund und Leben aller Studien hervortreten lassen können. — S. 198.

In manchen Ländern werden die Eltern gefesselt ihre Kinder in die öffentlichen Schulen zu senden. In solchen Ländern, insonderheit in Gegenden wo eine Gemeinde ist, sollten Schulen errichtet werden, auch wenn nicht mehr als sechs Kinder derselben bewohnen können. Arbeitet als um euer Leben, eure Kinder vom Ertrinken in der weltlichen Verderbenheit und ihrem Einfluß zu retten. Wir sind weit weit hinter unserer Pflicht zurück in dieser wichtigen Aufgabe. An vielen Orten sollten schon seit Jahren Schulen im Gange sein. Viele Gemeinden würden auf diese Weise Vertreter der Wahrheit gehabt haben, welche dem Werk Gottes Charakter gegeben hätten. Lasset nun Schulen in Gang gebracht werden, damit die Kinder und ältere Jugend in ihren eignen Gemeinden unterrichtet werden können. Es ist ein großes Verbrechen gegen Gott, daß wir in dieser Sache so nachlässig gewesen sind, während die Vorlesung uns so reichlich mit Mitteln versehen hat um dies Werk auszuführen. — Seite 199, 200.

Die gesammte Jugend sollte dieselbe Gelegenheit haben, die Segnungen und Vorrechte in unsern Schulen zu genießen, damit sie begeistert werden möchten Mitarbeiter Gottes zu werden. — S. 197.

Zweck unserer Schulen.

Unser Werk ist das einer Reformation, und es ist der Zweck Gottes durch das gute Werk, welches in unsern V. Anstalten getan wird, die Aufmerksamkeit des Volkes auf die letzte große Anstrengung, die Verlorenen zu retten, zu lenken. In unsern Schulen sollte der Maßstab der Bildung durchaus nicht gemindert werden. Er sollte höher und höher gehoben werden, bis er weit über den jetzigen hervorragt; aber der Unterricht sollte nicht nur auf die aus Textbüchern zu erlangenden Kenntnisse beschränkt sein. Das Studium aus Textbüchern allein kann unsern Studenten nicht die notwendige Belehrung geben, noch die wahre Weisheit mitteilen. Der Zweck unserer Schulen ist Fortschritten zu erstellen wo unsern jungen Gliedern der Familie des Herrn nach seinem Plan zum Wachstum und der Entwicklung ausgebildet werden können.

Satan hat die listigsten Anschläge gebraucht um seine Pläne und Grundsätze in das System von Wissenschaften zu weber, und auf solche Weise einen starken Halt an den Kindern und der Jugend zu gewinnen. Es ist das Werk wahrer Erziehung, des Satans Pläne zu verhindern. Wir sind unter heiliger Verpflichtung zu Gott, unsere Kinder für ihn anstatt für die Welt zu erziehen — sie zu unterrichten, daß sie ihre Hände nicht in die Hand der Welt legen, sondern Gott fürchten und in Liebe seine Gebote halten. Sie sollten zur Einsicht gebracht werden, daß sie nach dem Ebenbilde Gottes geschaffen sind, und daß Christus ihr Muster und Vorbild ist, wonach sie gebildet werden. Ernste Aufmerksamkeit sollte dem Unterricht gegeben werden, welcher eine Erkenntnis der Erlösung mitteilt, und das Leben und den Charakter in das Ebenbild Gottes umwandelt. — S. 126, 127.

Wir wissen, es gibt viel Schulen, wo Gelegenheit geboten ist, in den Wissenschaften unterrichtet zu werden; aber wir verlangen mehr als dies. Die Wissenschaft der wahren Erziehung ist die Wahrheit, welche der Seele so tief eingepreßt werden sollte, daß sie nie und nimmer durch den Irrtum, der überall herrscht, angebildet werden kann. Die dritte Engelsbotschaft ist Wahrheit, Licht und Kraft, und dieselbe so zu verkündigen, daß rechte Eindrücke auf Herzen gemacht werden, sollte das Werk unserer Schulen sowohl als unserer Gemeinden, unserer Lehrer sowohl als unserer Prediger, sein. — S. 131.

Es ist nicht der höchste Grad von Bildung bloße Kenntnisse zu übermitteln, sondern jene lebendige Energie einzuschöpfen, welche durch das Zusammenwirken von

Gemüt mit Gemüt, und Seele mit Seele, empfangen wird. Nur was selbst Leben hat kann wieder Leben herstellen. — Desire of Ages, chapter. 25, 5.

Erhalten unsere Kinder von den Lehrern in den öffentlichen Schulen solche Ideen, die in Übereinstimmung mit Gottes Wort sind? Wird die Sünde als ein Vergehen gegen Gott dargestellt? Wird der Gehorsam gegen alle Gebote als der Weisheit Anfang gelehrt? Werden unsere Kinder zur Sabbatschule, auf daß sie in der Wahrheit unterrichtet werden, und indem sie denn in die Tagesschulen gehen, werden ihnen Lektionen zu lernen gegeben, die Unwahrheiten enthalten. Solche Dinge verwirren die Sinne und sollten nicht stattfinden. Wenn man der Jugend Ideen eingeschränkt werden, welche die Wahrheit verdrehen, wie kann dem Einfluß einer solchen Erziehung entgegengewirkt werden?

Ist es ein Wunder, daß unter solchen Umständen manche unter unsern jungen Leuten die Wahrheit und religiöse Dinge überhaupt nicht zu schätzen wissen? Können wir uns wundern, daß sie in die Versuchung getrieben werden? Ist es ein Wunder, daß sie in solchem vernachlässigten Zustand ihre Energie den Vergnügungen hingeben, welche nichts Gutes, sondern nur Schaden wirken, indem sie ihre religiösen Triebe derart dämpfen, daß ihr geistliches Wesen dadurch verdunkelt wird. Die Gesinnung wird dem gleichen, wovon es genährt wird! die Ernte entspricht der Art des gesäeten Samens. Zeigen diese Tatsachen nicht hinreichlich die Notwendigkeit, den Unterricht unserer Kinder schon von ihren frühesten Jahren an in Schutz zu nehmen? — S. 193, 194.

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