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THE ACRE FUND.

AT OUR last general council of the Southwestern Union Conference there was a vote taken to ask all who would plant an acre, or more, of land, or even less, and donate the proceeds to the liquidating of the debt now over us, to have them do so. While this is called the "Acre Fund," it will include any enterprise to help pay off the debt of the Union Conference. I am glad to report that the debt was reduced last year some seven thousand dollars; still there is considerable left, and one more year with energetic effort, will let us out. If all had sold their quota of books, we would have been out, or nearly so, but so many have not taken hold of it. Now, whether they will take hold of it, in addition to the other, is to be seen. One thing sure, the faithful will ever be found doing all they can to clear this matter till it is done. They will then hear said "well done, good and faithful servant." And that will be worth more than silver or gold in that great day. Now is the time for those who will plant or do something to help, to lay their plans. Let the "Object Lessons" work still go forward; there is a steady stream coming from that source all the time. Texas has had a hard time the last two years on account of crop failures, but harder times will come if Texas, as well as the rest of the world, continues to dishonor God. Droughts will be more and more frequent till the end. So let us expect it and do what we can to help the Lord's cause, for in so doing it will keep the Devourer from our door till the last moment.

We are glad to report good courage and while all is not being done that could be, we have reason to be thankful.

Be strong and of good courage, is the command. G. G. R.

"The Parables."

A few evenings ago, at a meeting, a Sister came forward and wanted to know why I did not say more about "The Parables;" that her portion was troubling her as they were not sold. There will be many who will wish too late they had been more faithful. Ministers feel sometimes they have said enough to clear their souls on some subjects and now the responsibility is with the people. I feel something like it in the "Parable" sale. I feel we have said now until there is a spirit of rebellion to hear more. When probation closes there will be those who will run from north to south and from sea to sea to find the word of the Lord, but shall not be able to find it, for probation will have closed. Now let us do what we now find for our hands to do with our might. G. G. R.

THE daily papers to-day tell of a severe cold wave and snow storm which began last night and has extended over a large area of the United States. In the southwest, from various places, the cold is reported the most severe for years. The fall of snow in Texas is reported about four inches, and in many places it is badly drifted. In the panhandle country of Texas, and the cattle ranges further north, great suffering and heavy loss of stock is reported. Considerable suffering is also reported among the poor people in many places, but everything possible is being done to relieve this.

GREAT DANGER.

THE TROUBLE with Israel of old, was the fact that they could not discern the Providence of God in the things that occurred around them. Is not this equally true with us at this time? It seems to us that if a thing in the world would stir us

up, it would be the fact that the year nineteen hundred and two marked the most disastrous year in the destruction of life of any year for many centuries. The *Signs* reported that probably one million souls went down to death by floods, earthquakes, fires, storms and tidal waves. And now, nineteen hundred and three, opens its record with a tidal wave in the Society Islands destroying thousands more.

The Lord has said "The judgments of God are abroad in the land." Now, if we are not careful we will fail to discern this as we should, and these judgments will come upon our people and we will not even see it then till it is too late. Yet they are telling us to do the Lord's work quickly. How many will heed the warning and set about to put his house in order? It means that we should work harder than ever before to get the truth before the people, and by so doing save our own souls and those of our house. This can only be done by carrying on the work in the way the Lord has directed! The Lord has lately said to us "the canvassing work would be revived this year." If it is, there must be recruits to the workers. Who will join the ranks now to swell this line of the work?

I am glad to report that there are many entering the work in Texas. There is at this time a good class in the Institute, now being held in the Academy by Brother McCully. Who will send us their names as being desirous of entering the work and state what book you want to handle? Now is the time to do something for your neighbors—get something into their hands on the truth; not some story book, but the truth itself. Hold readings with them and by so doing you will become interested yourself, and save your own soul as well as others. G. G. R.

No chain is stronger than its weakest link.

Arkansas Department.

FIELD REPORTS.

WE are glad to welcome Brother E. L. Pickney to the work again. He sends in the following report for the week ending February 6: Bible Readings, 11 orders; 26 exhibits; 21 hours; value, \$27.50; helps, \$3.25. Bible Readings, 5 orders; 19 exhibits; 13 hours; value, \$10.00; helps, \$2.50. The latter is Brother W. A. Heathcote, a friend of Brother Pickney. He writes that the work is new to him, and, from the short time he has put into it, he feels that he has had good success. Brother Pickney writes that they were canvassing in Sharp county, and at the end of a week started for home, there having been a heavy fall of rain on the previous day. When they reached the creek they found the foot bridge had washed away, and so they took off their shoes and waded through; did not know how the thermometer stood, but it was very cold. They ran against a town quarantined on account of the smallpox. So they surrounded that; found that the river had overflowed and had to wade through water up to their knees, and finally came to a stand still, which reminded him of Moses and the children of Israel when they were told to "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." The way was opened, for then a man came along with a boat and took them across to the hills. They reached home about 9, P. M., having walked about thirty-five miles that day. They report that they are of good courage and praise the Lord for His keeping power, and are anxious to scatter the printed pages of truth amongst the people. May the Lord abundantly bless them, and, also, burden the hearts of others to enter the field!

DOES NOT some one want a copy of Bible Readings for missionary work? We have a few damaged ones on our shelves in library, gilt and in marble that we will sell at fifty per cent. discount plus the expense of mailing, —the binding is slightly damaged, that is all. Also, have a few damaged Christ Our Saviour, which will be sold at the same rate. We have, also, quite a stock of A. I. books as follows: Bible Readings, gilt and Morocco; Great Controversy, library,

cloth, and Morocco; Daniel and the Revelation, gilt; Desire of Ages, gilt and library; also smaller books, including Steps to Christ, Heralds of the Morning, Best Stories, etc. We would be glad to lessen our stock, thereby lessening our indebtedness to the publishing houses, as well as to see the important pages of truth scattered amongst the people, instead of becoming shelf-worn and benefitting no one. We, also, have a fine lot of Bagster's Bibles, prices as follows: \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25. These are good reference Bibles with concordance.

JANUARY 20 to February 2, I was at Texarkana. Held two meetings a day in a private house. We found some nice people there and they seemed to enjoy the truth as it was presented. There were two or three Sabbath keepers there and they had been doing some missionary work. The interest here was the result of their work. Two were baptized and two others began to keep the Sabbath. We left them all of good courage in the Lord. We organized a Sabbath school. We are rejoiced in seeing the work start up in that City once more. May God bless in the work there.

A. E. FIELD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brother J. E. Green, formerly connected with the Sanitarium at Little Rock, and who spent the fall and winter in Springdale, has gone to Eureka Springs to take charge of the treatment rooms. He is accompanied by his wife who has gone there for her health.

BROTHER Scott Sommerville, son of Elder J. A. Sommerville, is stopping in Springdale with his mother. He recently returned from Louisiana.

ELDER W. F. Martin, of Washington, is visiting his parents in Springdale. He preached for us last Sabbath. His friends were all glad to see him.

BROTHER J. B. Robinson, of Vinita, Indian Territory, is stopping at J. J. Robinson's in Springdale. He is here looking for a location.

BROTHER V. W. Watts is at Siloam Springs, making preparations to build him a house.

SISTER S. Clement and family, who went to Colorado last summer, expect

soon to return to Gentry, Arkansas. SISTER M. E. Giddings contributes one dollar to the "Sentinel" fund, thus adding her name to the list of donors.

BROTHER T. B. Adams contributes one dollar; M. W. Moss fifty cents, to the Memorial church, in Washington, D. C. Are there others that would like to contribute before I send the above?

This Will Interest You.

THE Correspondence School for Nurses connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School, will begin a new class the first of April, 1903. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regular course at one of our sanitariums. This is the fifth year this work has been in progress, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Our pupils, during the year of 1902, nearly doubled in number those of any previous year. Studies in eleven subjects are given, among which Christian Help Work, and care and treatment of the sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been rewritten and enlarged and are in every way improved.

The tuition fee is five dollars. This amount is to cover the cost of sending out the lessons, correcting the replies, and returning the reports to the pupil. The few text-books required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall organize a new class in April which will continue one year. By taking double lessons some students finish in six months. We shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars, also testimonials from those who have taken the course, will be sent free on application.

Address — Correspondence department Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Michigan.

POLISH on the heels of shoes is a truer test of thoroughness than shine on the toes. The canvasser who goes up a by-way, or tramps across a field to reach an out-of-the-way house, is doing better work than the one who hastens along the thoroughfares only, though he may take more orders in a given time. The command is to go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city. The by-ways as well as the highway are to receive attention. —*Central Advance.*

Texas Department

New Hope Church School.

THIS CHURCH and school are located in Cass county, one and a half miles from Marietta and nine miles from Naples, the nearest railroad station.

The school has been in operation four years and will be a permanent thing. It now has an enrollment of thirty-seven with some others that will be in next year.

Perhaps there are some brethren who do not have the privilege of the church school, who would like to locate and help to build the church and school. The land here is not the richest in the State, but is rich enough to make a bale of cotton per acre and fifteen to twenty bushels of corn. Fruits and vegetables of all kinds do well, especially peaches and berries of various kinds.

There are a few good farms near-by that can be bought at a moderate price if secured in the near future. Land, however, is rapidly advancing in price.

We have no room here for people who are not in earnest about church schools, but good, earnest Adventists who are willing to put their shoulder to the wheel and help push the work along will be heartily received by the brethren of New Hope.

We want no one deceived concerning this matter, so we insist on your coming and seeing for yourself.

I would be glad to correspond with anyone who wishes to locate near a good church school.

Address me at Marietta, Cass county, Texas. W. L. ADAMS.

FIELD REPORTS,

December 24, 1902, I left Keene for Austin to take up our abode here for sometime at least. As soon as we found a house and got settled in it, I took sick, and, up to date, February 8, I have only been able to be out from home about two weeks. I see much to be done and have my hands full of work and my heart full of praise to God for His condescension in calling me to the work and for the many tokens of His blessings I see every day and everywhere. "O, Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusted in thee."

We are contemplating having two tent meetings here, one in English and one in Swedish, and we are now planning for the work to precede the tent effort. O, for more consecrated seed carriers to sow the seeds, so that sowers and reapers may at last rejoice together. I am of good cheer looking forward to a rich harvest of souls here.

Yours in the love of Jesus,
A. W. JENSON.

SANCTIFICATION.

WHAT IS IT and by what means is it brought about? God's answer to these two questions will make the subject very clear and of great benefit to all who are sincere.

To the first question, WHAT IS IT? All lexicographers give the primary meaning to be "Separation, or setting apart of anything for any special purpose or use." And from the following Scriptures it is clear that this is the Lord's meaning of it: "And when a man shall sanctify [set apart] his house, or a part of his field to the Lord."—Lev. 27: 14-16. "All the firstling males * * * thou shalt sanctify [set apart] unto the Lord."—Deut. 15: 19. "For thou chargedst us saying, Set bounds about the mount and sanctify" [set apart].—Exodus 19: 23. "Thou shalt sanctify [set apart] the altar and the laver."—Exodus 40: 10, 11. "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it" [set apart] from the other six days as His own.—Gen. 2: 3, Ex. 20: 10. "They shall sanctify [set apart] my name and the holy one of Jacob.—Isa. 29: 23. "Sanctify [set apart] the Lord God in your heart."—1 Pet. 3, 15. Much more evidence could be produced, but the above seems to make it clear that God, by the word sanctify, means separation, or setting apart, and that He means the same in speaking to, or of men, as in speaking of a house, a field, a calf, a mount, an altar, or Himself to be set apart in the human heart as the supreme ruler, seems self-evident. We will, therefore, leave this question as settled, and go to the next, and after this simply call it SEPARATION.

By what means, then, is this separation of men and women from the service of Satan accomplished? To this question we have, at least, one straight "clear-cut" answer from Je-

sus, when He said, "Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy word is truth."—John 17: 17. Here it appears as clear as anything can appear, that the Word of God is the means, and the only means, whereby we are separated from our old master, Satan, and set apart to the service of our new and rightful master, God; but only on one condition can the Word of God produce this separation in our case, namely, when we hear, believe, and obey it. *To illustrate:*—Once in life all Seventh-day Adventists were in the ranks of Sunday, or no day keepers, to-day we are separated from that "old crowd," standing together keeping the Sabbath of the Lord. How came this change? Simply by God's word informing us of the fact that the seventh day was the Sabbath.—Ex. 20: 8-17, and we, believing and obeying His word on this point. So far, at least, are all Seventh-day Adventists separated from the world and set apart to keep the seventh day. But the same God who, by His word, informed us of the right day, and by the same word informed us how to keep it right, namely, holy as He gave it to us—free from every secular thought, word or action. [See Exodus 20: 8, and Isaiah 58: 13.] Is God's Word upon this subject believed and obeyed by us and, thereby, separating us from the Sabbath-breakers and placing us among the Sabbath keepers? If not, our separation from the world is not real, for the Lord has given us the Sabbath and the right keeping of it as a sign whereby we may know, for sure, that our present separation from the world is of, or by Him. [See Exodus 31: 13, Ezekiel 20: 20. Therefore, the only conclusion in reason is that, as long as we, knowingly, persist in keeping the day wrong, we might as well keep the wrong day. Furthermore, the Word of God has spoken to every Seventh-day Adventist and has said in clear language: "All the tithe of the land is the Lord's, and, like the Sabbath, it is holy unto the Lord and should be brought, or sent, into the Lord's storehouse ready for use when needed. [See Leviticus 27: 30-32, Malachi 3: 10. In Mal. 3: 8 the Lord gives the trumpet no uncertain sound, but accuses somebody of robbing him in tithes and offerings, and as a result his curse is upon them.

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THE New England conference have sold their full quota of "Parables" and can sing the song of freedom, as far as they are concerned, but they have experienced such a joy and blessing in the work that they are going to keep right on selling the books while there are any to be sold.

A Noteworthy Example.

THE faculty and students of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) school have been setting a good example for our other schools, in the "Parable" work. They are really acting up to the best light we have concerning this work, and the whole school,—teachers and scholars—are in the field selling this good book. Since about the last of January they have all been at work, and a daily bulletin has been issued giving the experiences of many of them. Some have had wonderful success, while others have not done so much, but all have felt that they were in the line of duty, and as far as we have seen the bulletins, they have all borne ringing testimonies for the work. They expect soon to sing the song of jubilee. Would this not be a good plan for our schools in the Southwestern Union Conference to adopt? Many have sold their quota, the

work lingers, and the money is badly needed.

"THE Pilgrim's Progress," with illustrations; new edition; large pages; handsome embossed cloth covers; 237 pages all gilt edges. Publishers price, \$2.00; we will sell it while our stock lasts for \$1.25 post-paid. Order now from your State Tract Society, or Pacific Press, Kansas City, Missouri.

Value of an Honest Eye.

A BUSINESS MAN said that he once devoted half a day to bring a man whom he needed in his office. In answer to his advertisement a great many applicants called. He rejected the first because he would not look him in the eye.

"The second man," said the merchant, was armed with a double barreled recommendation from his pastor, with testimonials as to his business ability and good character; but, though he looked me in the eye, I saw that we could never hope to get along well together, and so I dismissed him. The third interested me the moment he stepped inside the door. He was poorly dressed, and though his clothes were whole, they were at least two sizes too small. It was evident that his attire troubled him not the least, for he held his head high and as he approached my desk looked me squarely in the eye. He said that he had no recommendation, that he had no business experience, but that he was willing to do his best to please me. In an instant it dawned upon me that before me was the man that I was looking for. He had nothing to recommend him save an honest, bright eye and a pleasant face, but that was sufficient. I engaged him on the spot.

"Since then I have seen fit to advance him over a man who had been with me three years. The latter grumbled, but there was reason for my move—the new man had proved himself worthy of promotion."

Instances might be indefinitely multiplied of the value of an honest eye. That wonderful window of the soul, the eye, is a sure index to character. If you have it not, cultivate a bright, honest, straightforward look. It will more than repay your effort. Look up and fearlessly meet the eyes of those with whom you converse. Many

a choice position has been lost through an indifferent, flinching eye, and many coveted position has been won through a fearless, honest eye. That kind of eye is better than a hundred recommendations.

"The Gathering of Israel."

This pamphlet is being sold by the hundred. One hundred were shipped this week to the Island of Jamaica. Several agents are taking one hundred of them to sell. It is proving itself to be the truth for this time. Price per single copy, 25 cents.

Many hundreds of the "Events of the One Thousand Years" are being sold. Send ten cents to the RECORD office for a copy. Agents are wanted to sell these pamphlets everywhere.

G. G. R.

Oklahoma Department.

The Field.

IT has been quite a while since I have reported through the RECORD. I have not been permitted to be in the field all the time on account of work at home. Now I have things so arranged that I can be in the work most of the time.

In the little time I have been able to be out, the Lord has wonderfully blessed, several having made a start, giving their hearts to God. A number have united with the church.

I am now at Muscogee, Indian Territory, to help the company here. I find them very much in need. Some here seem to sense the importance of connecting themselves with the all-power of God; that a great work can be done through them. Whilst others are unconcerned and almost listless to their own condition. Many who are professing the light of the Third Angel's Message, are found living in a cloudy atmosphere, and are suffering from the effects of the malaria of sin, when it is their blessed privilege to get above the clouds and tempest, and to know the love of God that passeth knowledge. Some seem to be waiting to see some manifestation of great power, some great sign, before they will bestir themselves. I would like to say to such, that the greatest and most convincing thing is to see and have the power of God in-wrought in the soul. The great

et miracle of to-day is a convert. d. from most all parts of the country. cart, so that blind eyes may see.

I expect soon to be at work in Oklahoma City.

M. H. GREGORY.

ITEM OF INTEREST.

DO NOT forget the canvassing institute to be held at Perry, Oklahoma, beginning March 5 and ending on the 26th. Let those come to the institute who have the love of souls in their hearts and are anxious to get the truth contained in the books into the hands and hearts of the people.

BROTHER Parker, from Hobart, was in the City a few days last week. He came to the office to see us while here. We were all glad to meet the Brother. He is thinking somewhat of locating here.

THE Oklahoma City church librarian would be glad to receive any clean copies of our publications not dated earlier than January, 1903. Any one having such will please send them pre-paid, addressed to the Oklahoma City Tract Society.

BROTHER N. Graves reports good meetings at Isabella church. While Elder Haffner was there, he wrote that the Lord came very near and they were blessed greatly. The Brethren confessed their sins and God forgave them. Love and joy are again flowing in the Isabella church. We praise God for His rich blessing.

ELDER Howe, of Battle Creek, has been staying in Oklahoma City several days. He spoke in the Oklahoma church Sabbath forenoon. His text was Revelation 1: 3. The sermon was practical and meat in due season for the Oklahoma City church.

BROTHER James, of Nebraska, is visiting his brother who lives ten miles east of Oklahoma City. He also called at the office.

A BROTHER of Sister Haffner called at the office during the days the cattle men held their convention in the City. She was glad to see him.

A NUMBER of the Oklahoma City church members made themselves useful in selling the *Sentinel* and *Life Boats*, and scattered some other periodicals among the crowd, which were gathered together during the days of the cattle convention. It was a grand opportunity to scatter the truth, as people had come here

The streets, hotels, everything, was overflowing with people.

NO DOUBT, it would be pleasing to our Oklahoma Brethren to learn how much the annual offering has been in the past year, up to January 30, 1903. It amounted to \$589.16. That is good, but let us not forget to do still better.

Die Weissagung Daniels oder die Weltgeschichte im Lichte der Bibel

ist ein vom Ältesten L. R. Conradi verfasstes, 352 Seiten starkes, mit mehr als 50 gediegenen Illustrationen beleuchtetes, von der Internationalen Traktatgesellschaft in Hamburg bereits im Jahre 1901 in zweiter Auflage veröffentlichtes vortreffliches Werk, welches auch von der hiesigen (Texas) Traktatgesellschaft (Keene, Tex.) zu einem Dollar per Exemplar durch die Post bezogen werden kann (Porto frei), und ist allen Freunden kurzer, bündiger und zugleich gründlicher Erklärung dieser höchst wichtigen Prophezeiung aufs Beste zu empfehlen. Das Buch ist schön gebunden in Leinwand; der Vorderdeckel ist mit Stempeldruck in mehreren Farben schön verziert und stellt den Propheten bei dem Wasser stehend beim Aufkommen der vier Tiere seines Gesichtes, dar. Nach gründlichem Durchlesen des größeren Teiles des Werkes möge ich nicht länger mich frei zu Gunsten des Werkes auszusprechen nicht nur, sondern dasselbe gänzlich und allein auf seinen gediegenen Wert hin einem Jeden dem Studium der Weissagungen Beflissenen dringend anzuempfehlen. Gerade gibt es ein solches Werk not, denn wir haben keine Zeit zu vergeuden durch ausgedehnte Dissertationen uns hindurchzuarbeiten um den Kern einer Prophezeiung zu erlangen, welcher hier in kurzgefassten vortrefflichen Worten uns ohne Weiteres in Erklärung der verschiedenen im Buche Daniels berührten Weissagungen vorgeführt wird.

Die Texas Traktatgesellschaft hat noch zehn oder zwölf Exemplare übrig und kann diese ohne Verzug an solche schicken gegen Einsendung des Barbetrags (\$1) bis der Vorrat abgesetzt ist. Ein zweiter Band aus derselben Feder, in Auslegung der Offenbarung, ist gegenwärtig auf der Presse und solche, die auch diesen Band wünschen, werden hiermit ersucht ihre Bestellung desselben der Texas Traktatgesellschaft zuzuschicken oder sich direkt an die Internationale Traktatgesellschaft, Hamburg, Grindelberg 15a, zu wenden.

A. Kunze.

Ueber den Umgang mit den Großen der Erde, Fürsten, Vornehmen und Reichen.

Suche nicht, dir das Ansehen zu geben, als gehörtest du zu der Klasse der Vornehmern, oder lebstest wenigstens mit ihnen in engster Vertraulichkeit. Rühme dich nicht ihrer Freundschaft, ihres Briefwechsels, ihres Zutrauens noch deines Uebergewichts über sie. Wenn eine solche Verbindung ein Glück ist — ich meine, man kennt hierüber meine Grundsätze — so erfreue man sich in der Stille dieses unbequemen Glücks. Es gibt Menschen, die durchaus dafür angesehen sein wollen, eine größere Figur in der Welt zu spielen, in höherem Ansehen zu stehen als wirklich der Fall ist. Sie führen auf Unkosten ihres Geldbeutels den Luxus der Vornehmen und Reichen in ihren Häusern, oder drängen sich in deren Zirkel ein, wo sie eine elende Figur spielen, nur hinterher laufen müssen und keinen frohen Genuß haben, indem sie lehrreichern und süßeren Freunde und weise Menschen von sich entfernen. Die geizigsten Leute sparen zuweilen keine Kosten, wenn sie Gelegenheit finden können, Zutritt in großen Häusern zu erlangen und hungern gern Monate hindurch, um einmal einen Fürsten bei sich zu bewirken, der dieses Opfer gar nicht gewahrt wird, nicht dankbar dafür ist, vielleicht Langeweile bei ihnen hat. Alles sehr bürgerlich findet und nach vierzehn Tagen wohl gar den Namen des törichten Wirts vergessen hat. Andre lassen es sich wenigstens angelegen sein, die nichtsbedeutenden und verderbten Sitten der Großen pünktlich nachzuahmen, ihre hochmütige Herablassung, ihren geschäftigen Müßiggang, ihre Zerstreung, ihr Wichtigtun, ihre leeren Vertraulichkeiten, ihre seelenlosen Gespräche ihre Zweizügigkeit, Windbeutelerei, Gefühllosigkeit, Nachahmung der Ausländer, die Verachtung ihrer Muttersprache, ihre fehlerhafte Schreibart, ja sogar ihre lächerlichen Gebarden, Gewohnheiten und Gebrechen, ihr Stammeln, Lispeln, Achselzucken, ihre Grobheit gegen Niedere, Kränklichkeit, ihr Podagra, ihre schlechte Hauswirtschaft, ihre dummen Launen und mehr dergleichen herrliche Vorzüge zu kopieren und sich eigen zu machen. Ihnen ist der beste Beweis für die Güte einer Sache der, daß sie sagen: Jedermann von Stande handle so und nicht anders, als wenn das eine Narrheit heiligen könnte. — Handle selbständig. Verläugne nicht deine Grundsätze, deinen Stand, deine Geburt, deine Erziehung, so werden Hohe und Niedere dir ihre Achtung nicht versagen können.

[Fortsetzung folgt.]

There is a Sound of an Abundance of Rain.

"THE return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the keynote of every message. Every turn of events emphasizes the fact that the end is at hand. Let us ring out the message, every one striking the keynote."

"Then, like a mighty army, 'a great host of God,' this movement will sweep across the world to victory."

From A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference:—

"THE time in which we live, and the character of the message that we have to carry to the world, demands far greater activity on our part. God * * * is calling us to tell all people that Christ is closing His work in heaven, and that as soon as men take their stand for or against righteousness He will close the gospel work, and come to this world. He has sent us to proclaim this, and we are to have no other interests in the world. We are not to be divided in our minds. We are not to throw our energies into anything else on earth. Let us consecrate all to this end. Let us plunge into this work with all our hearts, and finish the work God has given us to do."

From Mrs. E. G. White:—

"THE work of saving souls must be carried forward in the way that Christ marked out. He declares, 'Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.' Only by obeying this word can we be His disciples."

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