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TO WHOM is this accusation applicable? The only truthful answer is, Upon every one who has heard God's Word on this subject, and still refuses to believe and obey it. And although such may keep the right day and perhaps keep it in the right way, yet the word of God concerning tithe and offerings has not separated them from the robbers, and, therefore, as long as they knowingly persist in remaining robbers, they might as well go back to the Sabbath breakers, for in what condition could any one be worse than a robber having God's curse resting upon him? And surely God's Word about tithe and offerings has as much to do in separating us from the robbers as His word about the Sabbath has in separating us from the Sabbath breakers. To be brief, we draw the only conclusion that can be drawn inside the limits of reason that to the extent we have heard God's Word upon any subject whatever, believed and obeyed it to that extent are separated from sin and business and are clean and holy unto the Lord.

When Jesus was here in the flesh he had many disciples, but all of them were not sincere and at last he brought it to the point where the line of demarkation was drawn and the insincere and the murmurers left him. See John 6: 60-71. What was done then, will be done now. God says, preach that which will separate the Word. Be instant under all circumstances in reproofing, rebuking and exhorting.—2 Tim. 4: 2, 1 Pet. 4: 11.

The straight testimony will cause the shaking and falling off by the way now as in the days when Jesus was here in the flesh. "I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the

true witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the hearts of the receiver and will lead him to exalt the standard and cause him to pour forth the straight truth. . . . and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people."—*Early Writings, page 131, last paragraph.*

"Every selfish covetous person will fall out by the way. Like Judas, who sold his Lord, they will sell good principles and a noble, generous disposition for a little of earth's gain. All such will be sifted out from God's people."—*Page 130, last paragraph.*

All will be shaken out who will not take a bold, unyielding stand for the truth, and sacrifice for God and His cause. The angel said: "Think ye that any will be compelled to sacrifice? No, no, it must be a free-will offering. It will take all to buy the field."—*Early Writings, page 42, paragraph 1.*

May God help us all to realize to what extent we have been sanctified by obeying God's Word to us on every subject we have heard him speak.

"O, for that flame of living fire,
Which shone so bright in saints of old;
Which bade their souls to heaven aspire,
Calm in distress—in danger bold!

Remember Lord the ancient days,
Renew thy work, thy grace restore;
And while to Thee, our hearts we raise,
On us thy Holy Spirit pour.

A. W. JENSON.

The Washington, D. C., Church.

YOU WILL NOTICE from the "Review and Herald" of January 13, 1903, that the General Conference Committee have thought it wise to make Washington, D. C., an exception to other cities in the United States. It is the capital of the nation. The National Reformers are making the capitol city a strong-hold for their work, which is to influence the minds of leading men of the na-

tion to make religious laws which must necessarily, when enforced, bring oppression upon some true christians, thus upon the cause of Christ. It was deemed advisable to render Washington some financial assistance by the way of all the people, so that as early a date as possible the work of the last message may be permanently established in the capitol of this great nation. An effort was made by the General Conference several years ago to bestow the necessary help the work demanded in this city. Some thousands of dollars of General Conference funds were invested, church building was purchased by the local church and two or three thousand dollars of general funds were invested in it.

The work of extending the message in a broader way to the different races in Washington has been very successfully carried on, especially in the last few years, which has resulted in creating a demand for two congregations. In forming another organizations, with Elder J. S. Washburn at its head, under Christ, the church was left in the charge of Elder L. C. Sheafe and his congregation. This congregation has increased in numbers very rapidly of late, but they were not in financial standing as a church able to assist the new congregation financially to a house of worship, and still carry on the obligations that rest upon the former building. In forming the new congregation it became necessary for those comprising the second church to contribute their investment in the building to the membership of the first church. An appeal was made by the Washington Brethren to the Union and General Conference in the interests of their peculiar need of immediate help at this time. A donors' column is opened in the "Review and Herald" for each one in the denomination to contribute to this interest. I am

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WE are prepared to do quite a line of job printing, and would be glad to hear from those having need of such work. We will make you prices.

Pottery Clay from Texas.

WE have received a very fine specimen of what appears to be good pottery clay from Chas. Kunze, Keene Texas, somewhat grayish green in appearance and seems to be somewhat of a slatish origin. Silica seems to be quite abundant in it. In testing it with water, in forming a mold with it, its adhesive qualities were very firm. On subjecting it to heat, it demonstrated that it had, previous to becoming hard, a good tensile or stretching quality and baked firmly. There is no doubt that this clay would be of the highest value for pottery purposes and would at least make good models. It seems to have a very high percentage of kaolin and also would indicate that it contains above the average in its percentage of silicate of aluminum. For more particulars and definite information it would be advisable to send the sample to the Professor of Chemistry, address College Station, Texas.—*Farm, Field and Fireside*, Dec. 6, 1902.

The March "Sentinel."

QUOTATIONS FROM "THE LOVE OF POWER AND THE POWER OF LOVE" NUMBER OF THE "SENTINEL OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY" TO BE PUBLISHED MARCH 12, 1903.

THE spirit of self-exaltation craves * * * above all things else * * * that which appears to be power — authority, rule, supremacy for itself over others * * *

The sway over others by the spirit of self-exaltation is the most ignoble . . . of which the mind can conceive. It is . . . the domination of might regardless of right . . .

The supreme manifestation of the spirit of self-exaltation . . . the world has seen in the papacy—the system which claims to be the representative . . . of Jesus Christ on earth, and which at the same time is the . . . successor of what was the most furious and crushing political despotism that the world has known . . .

THE spirit of self-sacrifice . . . is powerful for it is the spirit which has produced all things that are good.

The sway over others of the spirit of self-sacrifice is the noblest of which the mind can conceive. . . Its power is a spiritual force; a quick'ning, invigorating, creative influence that elevates the mind and nourishes and expands the soul. . .

The supreme manifestation of the spirit of self-sacrifice. . . is seen in Him who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." . . .

What are you doing to give this number a wide circulation? Each church should purchase a quantity for general distribution.

Prices on less than one hundred copies, 7 cents for each five; one hundred copies, \$1.25; 1,000 copies, \$12. Send orders at once to your State Tract Society, or to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, 11 West 20th St., New York City, New York.

The Washington, D. C., Church.

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aware the method here-in adopted to to secure money is not usually followed, but the General Conference Committee thought the circumstances surrounding the work in Washington, D. C., demanded that this should be an exception to the general plan. Will not each reader lay this needy situation before the Lord in prayer and ask Him from whom all wisdom comes, what the Lord will have him do in this matter?

Contributions may be sent to this office. State clearly what the money is for.

H. W. COTTRELL.

Arkansas Department.

FIELD REPORTS.

WE are glad to note that the Lord is moving upon the hearts of some, and that they are making an effort to heed the call to enter the canvassing field. Brother C. W. Cutter, of Hot Springs, is canvassing for "Com-

ing King." He reports for the week ending February 6, 17 orders; 56 exhibits; 19 hours; value, \$17.00; helps, \$1.00.

BROTHER G. A. Pifer writes that he will resume the work again as soon as he can, illness in his family prevents at present.

BROTHER J. M. Baker's home interests are keeping him at present. After he gets his crop planted etc., he expects take up his work again.

BROTHER H. S. Parker, of Hot Springs, writes that he is very anxious to get back again in the canvassing work and the ministry. He can hardly wait till he gets his affairs adjusted so that he can; he wants to sell books and tracts; is not waiting to get everything just right but endeavoring to get started so that his family can help make their own support in the way of market gardening etc. He is at present building a house, and preaches the truth three or four Sundays during each month.

BROTHER S. S. Ryles is laboring four miles from Newport, preaching Sundays, Wednesdays and Friday nights. He says that the interest is increasing and that whites and colored are attending. Spends his time through the week visiting and scattering literature; writes that brethren of other denominations are all around him, and that it requires a lot of tact, Bible knowledge, religion and the Holy Spirit to move a wheel, but he can perceive the Lord going before and praises His name.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

WE are glad to note that some are responding to the appeal to scatter the new tracts. Received an order to-day from Brother Dasher, of Gravette, for \$2.00 worth. Hope others will follow his example.

QUITE an interesting Sabbath School Convention was held in Springdale, Sabbath, the 14th instant. Elder W. T. Martin, of Washington, rendered us valuable assistance.

THE Little Rock church has started out in the tract campaign through Brother Watt's efforts. He, at present is in Siloam Springs building him a home.

DR. A. W. George, of Little Rock, is in Battle Creek at this writing.

NOTICE.

To COMPLY with the request of several, the article that was published in the December number of the *Sentinel*—"The Love of Power and the Power of Love"—will be republished in the issue of March 12, with a full-page illustration accompanying it. This article shows the difference between Christianity and the Papacy, and it will carry conviction wherever it is read, specially adapted for missionary work at this time:

- Five copies, \$ 07
- Ten copies, 14
- Twenty-five copies, 35
- Fifty copies, 70
- One hundred copies, 1 25

All who would order a club of this copy for missionary work, please respond to the Tract Society promptly as we must send order in by the last of the month.

✦ **Texas Department.** ✦

Dallas Young People's Society.

PROBABLY it will be of interest to our brethren and sisters to know that an interesting young people's society has been organized in the Dallas church. The meetings of this society are held alternate Sabbath with the meetings of the adults.

The young people are taking hold of the missionary work in earnest. More than one hundred copies of the *Advocate of Christian Education* have been ordered and will be distributed among the public school teachers of the city. The *Life Boat* will also be sold and distributed.

We are preparing to organize a branch, or mission Sabbath school in which the young people will take part.

MRS. J. A. THWEATT, President.

LENA RUST, Secretary.

A Good Word to My Fellow Canvassers.

AS I CANNOT be at the institute. I take the privilege of saying a few words to you through the columns of the RECORD. I would have so much enjoyed being there, and gotten acquainted with those who attended, and said some encouraging word in favor of the canvassing field; but circumstances do not permit.

To those just starting out I would

say, Fear not, "The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvassers, walking with them is the Chief Worker. If we recognize Christ as the One who is with us to prepare the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions in just the lines needed."

As you start out do not say, "Well I will try to canvass this summer anyway." No, say, "I have given myself to God's work, and I am determined to stand by it as long as God sees fit." You might make what you would term a "failure" this year, while next year you might be able to accomplish a good work. So stick to the work wherein you have started. Farmers do not give up farming because one crop fails, and why should we who are sowing seeds which will spring up unto everlasting life. In my canvassing I have gotten in debt to the tract society, but I continued in the work and paid off the debt. I have canvassed ten years now and have seen a good many sides of the canvassing work; and I have experienced the statement, "I have been young, and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread." I canvassed when I was single, and made a living; I took me a wife, and made a living; and now I have three children, and am still making a living. So if you should make a failure do not loose courage, and resort to some other work to catch up, but put in more hours, increase your energies, and catch up by the same work.

In the canvassing work I have had many rich experiences, received many blessings, and have seen God's guiding hand many times, even to the protecting of life. I love the canvassing work, and I am going to stay by it as long as God sees fit. I am of good courage, and glad that the Lord gives me a place in His work.

ALBECK J. JENSEN,
Clifton, Texas.

The Roby Church.

THE ROBY CHURCH has twenty-nine members. Two of these are in Indian Territory, two in New Mexico, and the others are scattered over five counties in Texas. There are three Sabbath schools kept up by members of our church. The school at Rives, Fisher county has

eighteen members, ranging in ages from four to sixty-two years. On a recent Sabbath afternoon we held a special service. After singing and prayer extracts from "Christ's Object Lessons" and Volume VI of the Testimonies were read. An article on page ten of the *Review and Herald* of January 6, was also read. A collection of \$1.20 was taken up, which, with a list of the public school teachers in Fisher county were sent to Professor E. A. Sutherland, Berrien Springs, Michigan, with a request that a copy of the March number of the *Advocate of Christian Education* be sent to each of these teachers.

The needs of the Keene Sanitarium were also considered. Three of the sisters agreed to devote one hen each for the year; and these sisters will raise and sell what chickens they can from these hens and give the proceeds to aid the Sanitarium. Two of the brethren have each promised to plant an acre of ground in cotton for missionary purposes.

I have written personal letters to nearly all the members of the Roby church asking them to join us in our efforts to help the cause that we all profess to love.

The sum thus raised will be small, but if every member, or even every family would do as much as those at Rives the aggregate will be considerable. And as a matter of fact we all need something to remind us every day that the Lord is our partner in business.

I have another request to make of the head of every family especially of the Roby church. If you are not already a subscriber please send in your order immediately for the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD and the *General Conference Bulletin*. I have the *Daily Bulletin* of the session of 1901 bound together. And recently I have been re-reading them. I regard them as of great value. I presume that the *Daily Bulletin* of the approaching session of the General Conference will be still more interesting. Address your orders for it to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, Oakland, California. The price will be fifty cents for the session. As the General Conference will convene March 27, orders should be sent in immediately.

The RECORD will visit your home each week, and it is only fifty cents a year.
N. J. ETHEREDGE.

Oklahoma Department.

The Field.

SCHLEY, O. T.—The meeting at Schley closed January 10. One sister has begun to keep the Sabbath, and another sister who just had the Sabbath truth, after hearing the leading truths of the Message, has fully decided to identify herself with the remnant people of God.

There is a brother here who has known the truth for years, but has not been living it. He has now taken his stand for the truth. There are three other adults here who are thoroughly convinced and acknowledged the truth. These, we hope, to soon see obeying.

From Schley I went to Iconium for a few days. Most of the members of this little company are growing in grace, yet some are not progressing in the divine life as they should.

After spending a few days at Iconium, I began a meeting at the Star School House, about four miles south of where I held the meeting at Schley. I commenced the meeting at Star January 22d, and continued it to February 7. Four decided to obey; also, two young men who were raised Adventists, but had given up the truth and were living ungodly lives, have now decided to live the truth. Also, their wives, who had never heard all the truths of the Message, have now decided to walk in the light with their husbands. The interests at Schley and Star are really one, as the people of each neighborhood attended both meetings.

I think there is material here to organize a nice little church.

I go from here to Iconium for a short stay, expecting to begin a meeting near Carnie, February 12.

Remember me and the people in your prayers. F. H. CONWAY.

THE work of God is still progressing in Oklahoma. Souls are accepting the truth. Brother Bagby reports quite an interest near Alva. About a dozen have promised to keep the Sabbath. We look for great results at that place. Brother Conway reports of several who have lately taken their stand for the truth. The other laborers are reporting encouragingly. Sometimes the results of the work are not seen right away, but

after a while souls come out and accept the truth. Therefore, we should take new courage and sow by all waters. Now is the sowing time; soon the reaping time will come, then we shall come bringing our sheaves with us. May the Lord help us now to do our part in sowing the seed of God's work.

G. F. H.

Church Dedication at Perry,

It has been decided by the Perry church to have their new house of worship dedicated the 15th of March. This will be in the time of the institute. So we expect that it will not be only a dedication of the wooden building to the worship of God, but also, a dedication of every one present to the service of God. May this be done, is my prayer.

We hope other neighboring churches will be well represented. Elder Rupert will preach the dedicatory sermon.

G. F. H.

LET all remember the institute. If you don't remember it by being present, then remember it in your prayers that it might be a grand success.

OKLAHOMA INSTITUTE.

I THOUGHT I would write you a few lines in regard to our Institute. We have our plans all made for an Institute for the Canvassers. It will be held at Perry, Oklahoma, March 5 to the 25th. We will have everything ready for a large attendance, as a large number have promised to come. All those that expect to attend, will please write to me at Perry, Oklahoma, so arrangements can be made for them. The board will be \$1.50 per week, and those who pay \$50.00 to the Tract Society for books, will receive credit for board, so it will be free. This gives all those who want to come a chance to prepare for the work. We don't want to miss such a grand opportunity. Elder Rupert and Elder Haffner will be with us, and others to help us. We want to get together and seek God and study the Word, so as to do a great work in the year 1903. The Lord is calling us to His work. Now, Brethren and Sisters cut loose and get ready for the work, and learn how to meet the people with the Message. I know it will pay to come. Bring a tick and quilts, some towels and such things as you will need. The Lord

has provided us a good place to hold our Institute. We can get plenty of room. Pray that we may have the faith of Caleb and Joshua as we go out to work from our Institute into our field of labor, scattering the printed page like the leaves of autumn.

JAMES BUTKA.

State Agent.

There is a Sound of an Abundance of Rain.

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"I know that God will work for His people when they sanctify their souls by obeying the truth. Then the whole being,—body, mind, and soul,—will be in harmony with Him."

From E. T. Russell:—

"The Lord has a great work to be accomplished, and His business demands haste. Are you ready for service? The fields are white ready to harvest. Does not everything indicate that we are living in the world's harvest-time, and that soon the Son of man will put in the sickle, and gather the fruit of the earth?"

"MANY signs foretell that the great day is almost upon us; but one of the most convincing signs of the speedy coming of Christ is the *increased missionary activity* among that people who look for the Saviour to appear in this generation. We have too long been idlers. Let us now enlist for active service till the Master comes."

These are soul-stirring words, and coming, as they do from leading laborers all in one issue of our church paper, they indicate the rapidly rising tide of faith and enthusiasm in the speedy triumph of the message. The Lord is impressing the hearts of His people as never before in the history of the message that Jesus will come when His waiting people themselves decide that He shall come.

"When the fruit is brought forth, *immediately* He putteth in the sickle; for the harvest is come." This is *receiving* Christ.

"THIS gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world; * * * and *then* shall the end come." This is *imparting* Christ to the world.

"THY kingdom come." "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Let all, without ceasing, pray this prayer; then go to work to answer it by doing the work which must be done before

the end can come.

WE pray. "Give us this day our daily bread," and then go to work to earn it. So let us pray persistently for Jesus to come, then go to work to bring Him. After three and one-half years of drought, Elijah said, "There is a sound of an abundance of rain." Then he climbed the steeps of Carmel, and prayed for the rain to descend. So let us pray for Jesus to fill us with power, to raise up laborers for harvest, to come quick?y with trumpet call, and gather His loved ones to Himself.

W. C. WALES.

Many New Railroad Lines.

ACCORDING to the Railroad Gazette, railroad building in the United States for 1902 aggregated 6,026 miles, a total not exceeded in any year since 1888. Second tracks, sidings, electric lines not included. Oklahoma leads with 570 miles of new line. Texas comes second with 496 miles. Arkansas is third with 371 miles and Indian Territory fourth with 363 miles.

WE have received a nice lot of subscriptions, both renewals and new subscriptions, since our last issue. We are very thankful for these, but there are many more whose time has expired, and would urge them to send in their renewal at once. The RECORD seems to be appreciated by many, and the larger our subscription list the better and more interesting we can make it.

German Department.

Das Werk Gottes

geht noch immer voran, nur sollten unsere deutschen Arbeiter mehr berichten im „Union Record“ um die deutsche Abtheilung in demselben interessant zu machen. Unsere Arbeiter müssen mithelfen, sonst trocknet die deutsche Abtheilung ganz aus. Auch die Gemeinden könnten manchmal von sich hören lassen, sowie auch die Lehrer von unseren deutschen Schulen. Wenn wir zusammen wirken, dann kann etwas getan werden in allen Zweigen des Werkes.

Liebe Geschwister, laßt uns alle ans Werk gehen um Seelen zu retten. Mehrere Arbeiter berichten von gutem Erfolg unter den Englischen. Br. Bagby hält Versammlung und schreibt, daß zwölf Seelen versprochen den Sabbat des Herrn zu halten und ungefähr fünf und zwanzig sind überzeugt von der Wahrheit. Hof-

entlich werden noch andere ihre Stellung nehmen mit Gottes Volk. Auch Br. Conway berichtet von gutem Erfolg. Möge in diesem Jahr 1903 mehr Seelen zur Wahrheit kommen als noch je zuvor. Warum könnte nicht jeder Siebentags-Adventist eine Seele zum Herrn führen in diesem Jah.? Laßt uns alle dafür arbeiten.

G. F. H.

Betrachtet genau den Bericht der, die eingelaufenen Zehnten der verschiedenen Gemeinden meldet. Während wir dankbar sind für das, was eingekommen ist in diesem Viertel, so möchten wir doch jeden Leser bitten sich selbst zu prüfen, ob er dem Herrn das Seine treu gegeben hat.

G. F. H.

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

Man traue nicht zu sehr den freundlichen Gesichtern der mehrsten Großen, glaube sich nicht auf dem Gipfel der Glückseligkeit, wenn der gnädige Herr uns anlächelt, die Hand schüttelt oder uns umarmt. Vielleicht bedarf er unserer in diesem Augenblicke und behandelt uns mit Verachtung, wenigstens mit Käste, sobald dieser Augenblick vorüber ist. Vielleicht fühlt er gar nichts bei all seiner vertraulichen Freundlichkeit, wechselt Mienen, wie andre Kleider wechseln, ist grade in der Verdauungstunde zu untätigem Wohlwollen gestimmt oder will einen andern seiner Sklaven dadurch demütigen. Man bleibe mit dieser Gattung Menschen immer in seinen Schranken, mache sich nicht gemein mit ihnen und vernachlässige nie die äußere unterscheidende Höflichkeit und Ehrerbietung, die man ihrem Stande schuldig ist, sollten sie sich auch noch so sehr herablassen. Früh oder spät fällt es ihnen doch ein, ihr Haupt wieder empor zu heben, oder sie verabsäumen uns, wenn ein anderer Schmeichler sie an sich zieht, und dann setzt man sich unangenehmen Demütigungen aus, die man mit weiser Vorsicht vermeiden kann.

Ueberschreite nicht bei deiner Gefälligkeit gegen die Großen der Erde, in deren Händen dein bürgerliches Glück ist, die Grenzen der wahren Ehre. Es ist eine große Versuchung für einen armen oder ehrbegierigen jungen Menschen, der in dem Dienst eines schwachen Fürsten sich empor schwingen will, ob er nicht dessen ränkevollem Minister, dem regierenden Kammerdiener oder einer tyrannischen Bühlerin hulldigen soll; aber selten nimmt das ein gutes Ende. Solche Lieblinge

stürzen sich früh oder spät selber und reißen dann ihre Kreaturen mit in ihr Verderben. Und wäre auch das nicht, so werden doch die größten Vorteile, die man dadurch erlangen könnte, zu teuer erkauft, wenn man dafür die Achtung weiser und rechtschaffener Männer aufopfern muß; und das ist gewiß immer der Fall — der gerade Weg hingegen führt ohnfehlbar wo nicht zu einem glänzenden doch zu einem dauerhaften Glücke. A. J. R.

Gather In the Children.

SLOWLY, but surely, the Branch Sabbath School Work is coming to be regarded as effective missionary work. These branch schools can be conducted wherever a few children can be gathered together. The following extract from a letter shows what may be done by an isolated family:

"A year ago mother and I were talking to a neighbor lady about the training of children in spiritual things. We told her that we had our lessons every Sabbath, and invited her children to meet with us. The next Sabbath two bright boys, aged ten and twelve, came and studied with us. They said if we would have a Sunday School they would come every time, but they were needed to work on Saturdays. We thought it would be best to have them come when they could, although we would have much preferred having them come on Sabbath. They came four or five Sundays and became so interested that we told them to bring others. They did some real missionary work, and so did we. All children love my mother, and she invited every one she could. The two boys and others have come nearly every time since. Others have come as they could get a chance. Sometimes we have had as many as thirty at a time. Every one seems so interested when they come, but it is hard to keep the large number coming right along.

"The children all know that we keep the Sabbath, and we make every explanation of Christ's words and example, and point to the commandments of God. Those who have come every time know about Christ's soon coming, and the judgment and resurrection. Each week a card with a scripture text written on it is given to each child and they are very much interested in learning the verses. They have learned nearly all of the Sermon on the Mount, besides many proverbs and other familiar texts. We always spend a full hour and sometimes a little more. The children are always on time, coming, at times, an hour and a half before the time for beginning."

Another sister living in a large city began last fall to hold a Branch Sabbath School at her home on Sabbath afternoons. She invited the children of the neighborhood to attend. In a recent letter she says:

"Our regular attendance is about thirty, but when I can do a little visiting we have as high as seventy. Many of the children would not miss our school for anything. A number of the boys are ready to leave any place to come. I am getting acquainted with the parents, and am selling some "Object Lessons." This work is branching out into many openings for good missionary work. I use the "Little Friend" lessons in the school, and illustrate them as well as I can."

In one place there are four branch schools held regularly on Sabbath afternoon, besides the regular Sabbath school held Sabbath morning. One of our ministers in writing of this place says:

"One great advantage of the Branch work is the keeping of the young people busy in the Lord's work on Sabbath. It also helps to develop in them a spirit of work. It also opens the way for other lines of work. When people know we are doing what we can to help their children, they become more friendly and some are asking questions upon themes, which, if studied will lead them into the truth."

Some of our workers in mission fields have found this plan a helpful one. Sister Minnie Hoffman, in Finland, writes of a Branch school which she has been holding in Borga. In addition to the teaching of the Bible lesson to these children which she had gathered together, she told them of the people in other countries. These little Finnish children became so interested in the heathen in Africa that they obtained from their parents and friends a donation of \$9.80 for our African mission.

Once more we desire to call the attention of the readers of this paper to the "Testimony," which says:

"Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath school teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will in turn take it into the home circle."

Does not the witness of these who are carrying on the Branch Sabbath School work, prove that God is ready now to fulfill His promise? Surely what these have done, many others could be doing.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

KEENE ITEMS.

THE wife and child of Brother Vaughn have been very sick during the past week, but are better.

ELDER McCutchen and wife spent a week in Dallas, returning last Thursday.

ELDER McCutchen occupied the pulpit in the chapel last Sabbath,

preaching a very practical discourse upon the three graces, Faith, Hope and Charity,

BROTHER T. A. King has been in the village over Sabbath and Sunday, returning to Wills Point this morning.

THE family of Brother J. W. Kirkpatrick have lately moved back to Whitesboro. They left their daughter in the Home to attend the Academy.

At a business meeting of the Lone Star Pure Food Company, held last night, Elder Greer resigned as president, giving as a reason that he expected soon to go to New Mexico. The resignation was accepted and B. F. Woods was elected president in his stead.

THE "Katy" station at this place is doing quite a nice business. Freight trains are frequently seen loading and unloading quantities of goods. The passenger business is also good. Mr. Stokes, the agent, is prepared to handle all your business promptly, and to sell you a through ticket to any part of the United States.

A DAUGHTER was born to Elder and Mrs. Sommerville last Saturday night.

BROTHER Wallen set his machine yesterday and began sinking the new well to furnish the Sanitarium with water. It will take several weeks before the well will be completed and in running order, with the wind-mill and pump.

It is said that Humphries Brothers have ordered lumber and will soon erect their new store on the corner of the lot recently purchased from Elder Greer.

BROTHER S. M. Bayliss is building another house on his lots opposite the old blacksmith shop run by Brother Beeler.

THE Fruit and Truck Growers Association continue to hold enthusiastic meetings every Monday night. The members are all confident that much will be accomplished by the association.

THE two months during which the Conference laborers were laid off without pay, will expire this week, and they are all preparing to go to their fields again.

ELDER T. W. Field has an appointment for March 2, to meet a Camp-

bellite minister in debate in Western Texas, and will leave for there March 1st.

ELDER G. G. Rupert will go to Oklahoma next Sunday to attend and assist in the Canvassers' Institute at Perry, Oklahoma, next month.

WHILE in Dallas last week, Brother McCutchen purchased quite a large stock of new goods for Humphries Brothers, which are expected in soon. Further announcement will be made upon the arrival of the goods, and there will no doubt be found many bargains among them.

A SON was born last week to Brother and Sister Culberhouse, of this place.

FOR SALE.

I have a house and three lots in Talihina, Atoka county, I. T., on the Frisco R. R., 12 miles north of Tusahoma, the capitol of the Choctaw Nation. Lots are paid for, and I have one lot in Lehigh, on north side of street near opera house, for sale or trade for Keene property. Address, C. W. MILLER, Lehigh, Ind. Ter.

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