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Our Work as True Believers.

AS A PEOPLE we profess to believe sacred truths. Because of our belief in these truths, are we happier and holier, more earnest, self-denying, and fervent, than the people of other denominations? What evidence do we give to the world that our faith is above that of the ordinary religionist? By the fruit that we bear in word and work, we reveal the influence that advanced truth and increased light have on us. "By their fruits," Christ declares, "ye shall know them." Do our works correspond to the sacredness of our faith?

The true Christian "cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." His godly life is a daily testimony against sin. He is a representative of the truth he professes. Of these true-hearted followers, Jesus declares that He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

Weighty responsibilities rest upon all who have received the message of truth for this time. Entrusted with great light, we should remember that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." As stewards of the manifold grace of God, we are to be a blessing to those around us, exerting an influence that will draw them to the light of God's Word. "Even Christ pleased not Himself." He lived for the good of others, and we are to work as He worked. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are our brother's keeper.

Christ "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." And that faith which fills us with godly zeal is the only genuine faith. Christ abides in the hearts of those who abide in Him. Only

those who are one with Him can bear rich clusters of fruit.

All that we are and all that we have should be consecrated to the Lord's service. Our voice, our influence, and our means should be used in proclaiming to the world God's message of invitation, "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. . . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Christ declares that for the fulfillment of His purpose of mercy, the co-operation of divine and human agencies is required. Angels of mercy are sent to our world to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation.

Unitedly God's children, with voice, with pen, and with their entrusted earthly treasures, are to give Christ's invitation, "Come." The heavenly agencies are holding themselves in readiness to co-operate with human agencies in laboring for the salvation of sinners.

We call upon you, brethren and sisters, to unite with the heavenly agencies in advancing God's great work. Use your influence and your means in His service, doing what you can in the closing years of earth's history to diffuse the light of the gospel message.

If we are true believers in Jesus, we shall shed light on the darkened pathway of those around us, revealing the gracious character of our Redeemer. And by our influence many will be drawn to "behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

They will yield themselves to His service; for Jesus will be to them "a well of water springing up unto everlasting life." Those who have honored His name, who have been co-laborers with Him in seeking the salvation of souls, shall enter into His joy, and sit down with Him on His throne, to share in His eternal glory.

CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

CAPTAIN Hobson, of Santiago fame, lectures in Dallas March 12, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt today called an extra session of the United States Senate, to convene on the 5th, giving as a reason that extraordinary conditions made it necessary.

A SETTLEMENT has just been made between the Santa Fe Railroad management and trainmen, by which the passenger men receive an increase of fifteen per cent, and the freight men an increase of twelve per cent.

FIRE at Halifax, N. S. on February 28 destroyed buildings covering an acre of ground in the center of the city, entailing a loss of \$450,000, and at one time threatening the whole business part of the city. There was about \$250,000 insurance.

RECENT heavy rains have raised the Trinity river to the danger point at Dallas. It is out of its banks and over the bottoms and much damage is done; but it is not thought it will go higher, and no further damage is expected.

THE Ohio and Mississippi rivers are at high water mark, and much damage has already resulted. Twenty-eight barges of Pittsburg coal went to the bottom in Lake Providence yesterday, during a high gale and rough sea. The "Valley Queen", a fine river packet, was also burned to the waters edge, with 1,000 bales of cotton and 1,200 sacks of meal.

GEO. B. CORTELYOU, formerly private secretary to President Roosevelt, has been sworn in as Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor in President Roosevelt's cabinet. Secretary Cortelyou has asked congress for an appropriation of \$3,575,000 with which to erect a new building and maintain the department for the next two years. There will be about 1,300 men and women employed.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Arkansas Department.

The Field.

February 3, I reached the Star of the West. The church there is badly scattered, so that it is hard to get them all together. So, I went to Brother Fants' first and held meetings in his house for three days. Sabbath the meetings were held at Brother Meek's place. Saturday night and Sunday I spoke to a large crowd in the school house at Star of the West; all seemed to be well pleased and we believe that the church was somewhat encouraged. We received something over forty dollars in tithes and offerings. As we go on our way, we feel to pray that the blessing of God will rest upon this church, and help them to be more faithful in the future than they have been in the past. The rainy weather which has swollen the streams and affected the roads, has delayed me somewhat on my trip, but God has added his blessing and the good work is going over every difficulty. To Him be all praise. A. E. FIELD.

Canvassing Reports.

Brother C. W. Cutter, of Hot Springs, who is canvassing for "Coming King," reports for the week ending February 13, as follows: 13 orders; 41 exhibits; 16½ hours; value, \$14.50. He, also, writes that this is just the time to canvass the above city; is very much encouraged and hopes to continue the good work in other cities after he finishes there, and that it will take him three or four months to complete his work there.

A CALL TO ACTION.

THE Conference Committee held a meeting at Springdale, January 9, at which they decided to order the new camp meeting tent right away, provided we could get the money to pay for it. We haven't the requisite amount as yet. Some have not paid in their pledges, and we trust that others will feel burdened to send in to this fund, even though they haven't pledged. All donations will be gratefully received and appropriated to their intended use. The tent is to be fifty by seventy feet. We have in the neighborhood of \$125.00 towards

it. During the past year we have had more laborers in the field than at any other time since I have been connected with the work here. We have had eight on the pay roll part of the time; also, the tithe is some smaller this year than last.

The Conference has been using the tent money in paying the laborers. Now we have to hold the tent fund, so it brings us where we are unable to promise to pay the laborer, as we don't wish to run in debt. We have written the Brethren to this effect, and that it would be impossible to promise them money unless the tithe came in, and that they had better go out and canvass for awhile. Brother V. B. Watts went out and did a good work in the field last fall. Elder H. Clay Griffin said that he would go ahead with his work, provided the Conference would pay his expenses. At the committee meeting we decided that all laborers who would continue in the work, the conference would pay their expenses, also would give them all the donations they would receive where they were holding meetings; and, further, if the tithe came in so we could pay them without running in debt, we would do so. I hope and pray that all of our people will pay their tithe so as not to delay the giving of the message. We have but a short time to work; let us come to the front and stand shoulder to shoulder, each one do his part, then the work will go.

Our laborers cannot work long without their wages, for their families must be supported, clothed as well as fed. So if any one does not pay tithe, they are taking the responsibility of delaying God's message, and will be guilty of robbing God, according to Malachi 3: 8-10.

Let us do our part and the blessing will come, for God is faithful.

A. E. FIELD.

SEED SOWING.

WINTER, with its blessings, and, from a human standpoint, its hinderances in the field work, due to the variable changes in the weather, is about to leave us; and, in the providence of God, we will welcome Spring—the most delightful season of the year when all Nature is filled with new life. The song of the birds, the budding of the trees, and even the first blades of grass, fill us

with new hopes and aspiration. The harbingers of Spring are welcomed alike by all!

With the farmer and the gardener, Spring is the time of seed sowing; but, with the individual, seed sowing is one of the characteristics of daily life. We are sowing seed for time and eternity. In Galatian 6: 7, we read: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." The gardener, in his seed sowing, looks forward to the reaping time. Every seed sown produces a harvest of its kind. So it is in human life! Thus the sowing of good and evil goes on for time and eternity. The reaping will testify as to what the sowing has been for "God is not mocked."

The Lord says in Isaiah 32: 20, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." In 2 Corinthians 9: 6, "He which soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." The farmer in preparing for the harvest exercises earnestness, diligence, perseverance, patience and toil. How is it with us in preparing for the eternal harvest; should we manifest any less care and thought than those planning for the temporal harvest? The Lord says, "Not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

Wherein we may have been indifferent, careless, or negligent in the past, let us treasure up the needed lessons from our experiences, renew our consecration in Him whose watchful eye is ever over us, and seek to press on in the path of duty. May the Spring, with its life-giving impulses, encourage us to a greater activity in the Master's vineyard! May all arouse to the final appeal to close up "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign by the time that the next General Conference convenes the latter part of March. Noble work has already been done by some; many books have been sold, and many blessed experiences obtained; still the full quota has not been disposed of. There are some that we have not received any report from at all; many books are out that we have not received any money for, rendering it impossible for us to give an intelligent report. Let us rally and make a final effort to complete this God-given work, enabling us to join the ranks in the song of victory. And may the experi-

ences thus gained help us to continue forward in this city, Sister Lottie White, one of our Bible workers, has been asked to make this city her field of labor and had just arrived the day before, this being her first Sabbath with the Fort Worth church. We had a good meeting together, and we have hopes of an onward move in this place. May God bless the effort put forth.

F. E. H.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SABBATH, February 14, I spent with the Dallas church. The day was a very bad one—cold and rainy—but there was a good congregation of our people out. In the afternoon, though still raining, the Young Peoples' Society met at the usual hour, and I had the pleasure of meeting with them. This society of young people, banded together for self-improvement and Christian work, gives promise of doing much good in the city of Dallas. May God bless these young people, and give them an ever increasing love for souls, and develop them into useful workers for Him. The zeal and enthusiasm characterizing them is really inspiring. The Dallas church has secured, at reasonable rental, a neat little church building on the corner of Live Oak and Olive streets for its services, where meetings will be held hereafter. This is much more inviting to the public, and favorable to our work there than heretofore. If we could now only raise the money to buy this church, which is for sale, what a boom it would be to the Dallas church and work. Who will help? The following Sabbath I was at Keene, the first Sabbath spent here for sometime; and last Sabbath, the 28th, I was with the Fort Worth church. A very fair congregation was out at this place. Seeing the need of the work being pushed

forward in this city, Sister Lottie White, one of our Bible workers, has been asked to make this city her field of labor and had just arrived the day before, this being her first Sabbath with the Fort Worth church. We had a good meeting together, and we have hopes of an onward move in this place. May God bless the effort put forth.

W. A. McCUTCHEN.

Notice to Those Owning the Tract Society.

WE WISH to make one more appeal to those indebted to the Tract Society. The Society's account with the Pacific Press has become so large, and the publishing house's need of its money so pressing, that we recently had to borrow \$1,000.00 to help the publishing house stop some of the interest constantly accruing against the publishing house on money it owes. This is very much against our policy and principle of not going in debt, but you can see it was nor going in debt any more than already exists. It was only shifting the amount owed from one party to another, and we ourselves beginning to pay interest on this debt which the Pacific Press has long carried and paid interest on because of our not paying it. Is this not right for us to carry the interest ourselves awhile or pay it up? It is humiliating that this has had to be done, but it is so. We have twice enough due on accounts of individuals and societies to pay off this entire indebtedness if we could only get it in. Will not those knowing themselves to be due the Society allow this fact to appeal to them, and cause them to make a supreme effort to pay their accounts, or whatever part they can, and the whole amount as quickly as possible? Action was taken by the Committee looking to a special campaign toward the collection of these accounts, so any receiving statements and letters concerning their accounts will please not turn a deaf ear to them. And why should any wait to receive such? Will not those knowing themselves to be owing the Society act at once?

W. A. McCUTCHEN.

Peoria Church School.

THINKING that some of the readers of the RECORD would

like to hear from our church school at Peoria, I take pleasure in sending the following report:—

The first day of December 1902 found eleven bright-faced, expectant children gathered in our pleasant school-room. The time has passed so pleasantly that I can hardly realize that we have closed our third month. Our present enrollment is seventeen. Nearly one-half of these are from the outside. We teach them of the Saviour that they may afterward tell the story of salvation to their parents. The children are very much interested. There has been present in the school a spirit, from the Lord, of sobriety, earnestness, and Christian activity.

During our stay here almost no unrest has appeared to ripple the quiet flow of the current, and we thank God for His presence that has made this little haven, and we can but feel akin to His schools of the prophets, where Sauls were converted and Davids were educated. One interesting feature of our school has been the general interest in fields outside of our borders. As the Waldenses, while struggling to maintain the light in their own valley, sent their missionaries into the uttermost parts of Europe; so our southern students, while the burden of the work in their own field is constantly pressing in at their doors, turn thoughtful eyes to the regions beyond.

My heart has been made to rejoice over the possibilities now offered our young people through the medium of Christian schools, and my earnest prayer to God is that He may use me as an humble instrument to help carry out this great work. My interest in our educational work increases continually. MRS. FANNIE ROUTT.

ELDER Rupert has disposed of the entire first edition of his book "The Gathering of Israel" except about 200 reserved for a special purpose. He is contemplating another edition soon, and in the meantime his large book, "The Inspired History of the Nations" is being printed at Oakland, and he expects it will be completed by the close of the General Conference.

THE Tract Society has quite a lot of books of real value which they offer at greatly reduced prices. Write them.

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The Acrc Fund.

Some time ago mention was made of this fund by Elder Rupert, and we have heard of some who are preparing to devote a part of their crops to this purpose. We do not wish anyone to forget or overlook this plan, for if it is entered into with enthusiasm and faith, it may be the means of our lifting a large part of the old debt hanging over this Union Conference, and no one will be hurt either. There is an old saying that "many hands make work light", and that principle is true in this case. The debt is large, so large that were a few obliged to pay it they would likely give up in despair, but distributed among the three thousand Sabbath-keepers we have in this Union Conference it does not look so large. If we are faithful in paying tithes and offerings the Lord has promised to bless us with such an abundance of crops that our barns will not be able to hold them. All who feel like devoting the fruits of one acre, two acres, or five acres to help to wipe out this old debt and give freedom to the work of God in this field can surely ask His special blessing upon this crop, and we feel sure it will be granted. The Lord regards every

effort to advance His work and adds His blessing, which makes the effort fruitful.

This matter should be seriously considered as the seed time is here. It would be a source of encouragement to those who have this in charge if all who intend setting aside a certain portion for this work would write us a postal card stating how much and what is to be planted, that we may add our prayers to yours that the Lord will abundantly bless the effort.

C. N. W.

The Jubilee Song.

Many of our sister conferences are rapidly preparing to sing this song. Most of them are doing their utmost to close up this work by the time of the General Conference. It would be encouraging to our readers if we had space to give extracts from our exchanges showing what is being done in other conferences. In the Lake Union Conference unusual efforts have been put forth, bands of students from Berrien Springs school going to the different conferences to assist in bringing this work to a close. One company of them is now in the Indiana Conference at work. The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts made, and they are meeting with gratifying success. The winter in the north has been unusually severe, but this does not seem to hinder them. Ought we not in this mild climate to put forth extra efforts in order that we shall not come behind when this song is sung?

Very encouraging reports come from all our conferences concerning this work, but it ought not to drag a moment. In getting a load out of the mud a strong effort is required to start it, then a united one to keep it going, and it sometimes happens that to bring it clear a supreme effort is necessary, requiring all the strength of the team. Are we not at such a place now, where every bit of energy we all have is required to lift the load? Let all put their shoulders to the wheel in a united effort, and we shall not come behind in the song of freedom.

C. N. W.

Press Forward.

BE THAT observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that

regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Eccl. 11: 4. The present is a good time to apply this scripture. The winter from which we are just emerging has been an exceptionally gloomy one, and those who are so inclined might easily have a fit of "the blues" in looking at the prospects ahead, but that will not do. We have the promise of the Lord that so long as the world stands seed time and harvest shall not fail, and those who have laid plans to go out and spread the light of truth by means of the printed page should go on with their plans. We should remember that it is only the clouds which prevent the sun from shining on a dark and dismal day. The sun is there, and above the clouds the sunlight is as bright as it ever was. We have no line of work upon which God has promised to bestow greater blessings than the work of getting our publications before the people. When we review the past of our work we can see what a great work has been done by these pioneers, and it is easy to see how the Lord can make it one of the means of lightening the earth with His glory, if His people are faithful to His calls upon them.

An opportunity is now given those who cannot regularly enter the canvassing work to do home missionary work with the four new tracts which have just been issued. Many thousands of them are being taken in other conferences. Ought not our people in this Union Conference to arouse and do their duty in this work? We have one of the best fields in the world. The Lord gives the opportunity. Will we embrace it, and receive the blessing?

C. N. W.

Now that the season is approaching when canvassers go to their fields we would like to call their attention to our pamphlet, "The Events of the 1,000 Years of Revelation 20," and suggest that it might be used as a help. We are prepared to offer a good discount so it will be profitable for them to handle, and profitable to the readers as well. Write to your Tract Society for terms upon this, and take a supply of them with you.

Giving and Receiving.

IT IS MORE BLESSED to give than to receive."—Acts 20: 36. This is the very foundation

truth of the gospel, the central moving principle which actuated the God-man, Christ Jesus.

The world has reversed the principle in theory and practice, teaching that it is cursed to give, blessed to receive and hold. He who receives most and keeps it, is almost universally envied as the wisest, at least, the most fortunate man. He who receives but little is not worthy of consideration, and he who receives most but gives to others that which he receives, is looked upon by worldly wisdom as very foolish, a mild sort of madman. But let all men learn that to receive and not to give out that we have received is stagnation, death. The clear sparkling stream that sings its way down the mountain side is crystal, is full of life, because it is flowing onward, and outward forever. It ever receives fresh life from above because it ever gives to those below. It receives because it gives. It receives just as rapidly as it gives. It receives rapidly because it gives rapidly, and mark this truth—the more rapidly the stream flows, onward, outward, the sweeter, the purer, the life flowing down from above.

All this is absolutely true of the Christian life. The sweetest, purest, clearest life, ever manifested in human form was the life of Him who thought it not a thing to be grasped, to be held to be on an equality with God, but emptied Himself, who was rich, and became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich. The joy of giving is the joy of the Lord. The heavenly blessing is the blessing of giving. "He that spared not His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." The delight of our loving, generous Father is to give, and is there no blessing in receiving? There truly is, but that blessing is simply that we receive in order that we may give. He who does not give to others what he has received will lose all he has received. The lake that has no outlet soon stagnates, dies, and breeds only death to all near it. He who brings all his tithes into the storehouse, gives freely his offerings,—the windows of heaven will open above him, and a blessing will be poured out so bountifully that there shall not be room enough to receive it, and then

it will overflow upon others. This is Heavens prosperity. He who would receive must give. The world says, "you must receive in order to give;" God says, "you must give in order to receive." Who gives most liberally to support foreign mission work, will give most to support home mission work. Remember the widow's barrel of meal and cruise of oil. She received only, as she gave and because she gave. The same divine miracle will be repeated in the Elijah message of to-day.

J. S. WASHBURN.

A New Version of an Old Saying.

"ALL THINGS COME TO HIM WHO HUSTLES WHILE HE WAITS."

THESE WORDS, conspicuously posted, greeted my eyes as I entered the business office of a successful manufacturer a few days ago. The old adage, "All things come to him who waits," has been paraphrased to accord with the high-pressure intensity of modern business life. The successful competitor or aspirant of to-day is not he who, like Micawber, sits down and waits for "something to turn up," but he who "hustles while he waits."

May there not be a lesson in this worldly-wise policy for those who are "waiting for His coming?" It is said of God's people that they "wait for His Son from heaven." If the vision tarry, the injunction is, "Wait for it." We are in the tarrying, waiting time. A few fleeting months will bring us to the great, glorious climax of all our hope, when every blood-washed commandment-keeper will exclaim, "This is the Lord; we have waited for Him."

The present moment is freighted with responsibility. Hear the command of the hour: "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord." But the command to wait is not a license to loaf. There is no encouragement to idleness. Waiting means work—activity. While we wait, we are to "let our lights shine," and our light shines only in good works. "Let your light so shine" that men will see works.

Shall we not manifest in our work of pushing forward the great message

entrusted to us more of the intense fervor which characterizes men of the world?

Are we waiting and watching for the Saviour's coming? Then let us wait. Are we waiting for the living preacher to come and point souls to Christ? Let us work while we wait. Do we desire a deeper growth of grace, higher attainments in Christian experience, a clearer view of God's unspeakable love, a fresh revelation of the beauty of His holiness? Do we long for more of God's power to keep us from sin and endue us for service? Do we long to see the church revived and strengthened, while harmony, union, and peace reign within her borders? These blessings will be withheld from no diligent seeker. The secret of their possession will be found with those who "wait upon the Lord" while they wait for them. While we wait for the rest that remains for the people of God, let us labor earnestly to enter into that rest. The Lord said to Lot, "Haste thee." The wise man directs to work "with thy might." Jesus said, "Go out quickly." Paul said, "Redeem the time." Peter said, "Be vigilant." The man of the world says, "Hustle."—*Southern Watchman.*

Oklahoma Department.

NOTICE.

THE special issue of the *Sentinel of Liberty* under date of March 12 will be one of the best for missionary purposes, and a copy should be placed in every family in the land. We hope every member in the conference will interest themselves in this issue, and do all they can to interest others in it by giving it a large circulation.

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Let all do what they can to circulate this issue.

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

T. J. EAGLE.

KEENE ITEMS.

ELDER McCutchen spent last Sabbath with the Fort Worth church.

BROTHER Wallen has finished boring the new well for the Sanitarium, and has secured a good supply of water at a depth of about 150 feet.

HUMPHRIES Brothers received their first car of lumber to-day and expect to begin work on their new store to-morrow morning.

SOMETIME since a petition was circulated asking subscribers to a local telephone service, which received numerous signatures. The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company agreed to put it in promptly, but as yet it has not materialized.

THE car load of seed potatoes for the Fruit and Truck Growers' Association was shipped from St. Paul, Minn., on the 24th ult., and should reach here in a day or two.

A PAPER is being presented to our citizens asking subscriptions to stock in a Canning Factory, which it is proposed to erect here this season. This is one of the most important enterprises that has been advocated for our village, and should receive the hearty support of our citizens. It will not only furnish work for a large number of persons during the canning season, but will open a market for our surplus fruit and vegetables. You can secure stock of either A. P. Wesley or A. L. Martin.

ELDER G. G. Rupert went to Oklahoma City last night. Thursday he will go to Perry, Oklahoma, to attend their canvassers' Institute.

THE Academy, Sanitarium, and local school boards have held frequent meetings lately, at which the work of these institutions was considered, and plans for the coming season laid, as far as possible.

THE delegates to the coming General Conference are planning to leave here two weeks from next Wednesday night for Oakland. Those who will attend are Elder G. G. Rupert, Elder W. A. McCutchen, Elder T. W. Field, and C. N. Woodward. The first and last named are to represent the Union Conference and the others more particularly the Texas Conference.

ELDER T. W. Field went to Brownwood yesterday where he will remain a few days, and then hold a

discussion with a Christian minister on points of our faith.

MR. STOKES reports our railroad station doing a very satisfactory business thus far. With the coming of spring weather we look for it to be still better.

BROTHER E. L. Neff and wife left Keene last night to join Elder W. D. MacLay in labor at San Antonio, Texas.

WITH the exception of a few cases of sickness the health of our village has been exceptionally good this winter, for which we should all be thankful.

W. M. CUBLEY has returned to Keene from a trip to his old home, at Levi, McLennan county.

ELDER Greer is closing up his business preparatory to leaving for New Mexico in a short time.

THE Bakery is doing a fine business. That the goods turned out are of superior quality is shown by the fact that on a recent trip to Dallas and Fort Worth the manager secured a large number of orders in spite of very sharp competition.

Are you taking the UNION RECORD?

Result of Scattering Seed.

WHEN John Williams, the martyr missionary of Aromanga, went to the South Sea Islands, he took with him a single banana tree from an English nobleman's conservatory. And now from that single banana tree, bananas are to be found throughout the whole group of islands.

Before the negro slaves in the West Indies were emancipated, a regiment of soldiers were stationed near one of the plantations. A soldier offered to teach a slave to read, on condition that he would teach a second, and a third, and so on. This he faithfully carried out, though severely flogged by the master of the plantation. Being sent to another plantation he repeated the same there, and when at length liberty was proclaimed throughout the island, and the Bible Society offered a New Testament to every negro who could read, the number taught through this slave's instrumentality was no less than six hundred.

Moral.—The value of setting good efforts in motion, and of sowing even one seed of truth.

Wonderfully Blessed.

THE FOLLOWING extract from a letter received recently from one of our workers in Australia, where there has been such a severe and prolonged drought of late, will be of interest to our readers:—

"The rain is falling in torrents, and every heart must be rejoiced-after such a long dry spell. I am very thankful indeed to our kind and merciful heavenly Father. The outlook was becoming alarming for this district. If the rain had held off another three weeks or a month, thousands of cattle would never have seen the winter through. If it keeps warm the situation will be wonderfully improved. Some of our brethren have suffered a great deal—only the non-tithe payers, though. Our brethren who have been paying their tithes, especially those who are paying a double tithe, have been wonderfully blessed. I wish you could just see the situation."

WORK WANTED.

I would like a job of work on a farm, or I can do any kind of manual labor. Address H. M. WALLIS, Sta. A., R. F. D. No. 1, Dallas, Texas.

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North bound.	South bound.
6:55 A. M.	8:50 A. M.
11:15 "	1:00 P. M.
8:20 P. M.	9:25 "

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