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RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHAT IS IT?

IT IS THE ONLY objective point in every word uttered by God, from the first of Genesis to the last of Revelation; and also in all the life and example of Jesus while here upon earth. as a man subject to the severest of all the temptations that any man ever was subject to. I repeat it, that God's only object in all his words, and the life of Jesus, is to develop a righteous people to fill the new earth "For we, according to God's promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, [a righteous people]. —2 Peter 3: 11. "For there the righteous shall shine as the sun." — Matt. 13: 43. "And the fine linen in which they will thus shine is their righteousness." — Rev. 19: 8. And even while we are here in this present evil world, where "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people," "light is only given to the righteous, and gladness to the upright in heart." So, again, we ask What is righteousness? The last text quoted, (Psalm 97: 11), shows it is to be upright in heart; or to be so minded as to do right as soon as we know what is right for then, and only then, can we do what is right. But, in order to be thus minded, we must have Christ, the power of God which man lost by sin again enthroned in the mind. "Little children let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as He (Christ) is righteous." —1 John: 3: 7. Also, righteousness is to do right as soon as we know what is right; but what Seventh-day Adventist is it who don't know that it is right to give God His own, namely, the tenth of all our net income and to add to it offerings according as God has prospered us, and that God positively declares us to be robbers for not doing so? Paul declares that "righteousness [right deeds] are wrought and have taken forty-two orders, through faith"—Heb. 11: 33. So that if we know it is right to pay tithe and offerings and do it not, it is simple because we lack faith, or do not believe what God says on this subject. "But if we do not believe God, we make him a liar."—1 John: 5: 10.

What an awful condition to be in, robbing God and calling Him a liar! Who is it among us who hope to be received into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in such a condition? No one, I hope, for I know that their hope would make them ashamed because God's love was not shed abroad in their hearts sufficiently to believe and obey Him.

But if we ever aim to be among the righteous [right doers by faith] why not begin this very hour to let God work in us both to will and to do after his own good pleasure?

The word of God is positive in declaring that only the righteous shall enter Heaven and the new earth. And that we are righteous, or right doers, to the extent we believe and obey God in everything we have heard Him say unto us seem to be conclusive beyond dispute.

"Let, therefore, this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." —Phil. 2: 5. A. W. JENSON,
Austin, Texas.

SOME ENCOURAGING REPORTS.

WE can not always see the results of our labor for souls, and will never realize what our work has done until Jesus comes. But the Lord permits us even now, at times, to witness results of faithful service. Encouraging reports have been received from some of our faithful workers.

One young brother only fifteen years of age, who entered the canvassing work in Colorado at the close of the institute in December, writes:—"I have worked twenty-five hours,

and have taken forty-two orders, value, \$59.70. I am enjoying many precious experiences, and expect to remain in the work till Jesus comes. One lady met me on the street, and said that she had been looking for me that she might place her order for a book. Frequently I have taken two orders with one exhibition."

A brother from Kansas writes:—"Though badly crippled, and having my farm duties on hand, I have canvassed Stafford county three times during the last three or four years, and sold more books the last time than the first. As I get acquainted with the people they put confidence in me. I have sold 'Bible Readings,' 'Prophecies of Jesus,' 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and about \$300 worth of small books, Bibles, etc."

Last year a church of fifty-three members was raised up in this section. The minister who presented the gospel to the people said to me, "My success there, was due to the work of the canvasser." Quite a number were ready to keep the Sabbath; in fact, two had begun doing so before the tent was pitched. One canvasser was sent out from this church, and has been doing faithful work. Brethren, our books are to be placed in the hands of the people, and "nothing is to hinder the sale." May the Lord impress others to go and work in His vineyard.—C. W. Hardesty, in *Central Advance*.

Learning to Think.

IN EVERY-DAY LIFE no fact is more noticeable than the inability of many persons to do their own thinking, even in matters and upon lines wholly within the range of their intelligence. They will see a point that is suggested to them, and will at once understand its bearing on some matter in hand, but they do not seem to have the faculty or art of raising

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Arkansas Department.

Tithe is the Lord's.

WE are told in Leviticus 27:30: "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord". Some say, I am too poor to pay tithe; I was so close run for money I used the tithe. Again when we go out in the world to hold meetings and some are convinced that the Sabbath is right, they tell us "we can't afford to keep the Sabbath, we would starve." Now what is the difference between these two cases? The tithe is holy unto the Lord and so is the Sabbath. Prov. 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." Now if those parties believed this text would they not when God speaks and says the tithe is holy, or the Sabbath is holy, accept the word of God and leave the results to him? Again we read from Prov. 9:10, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty."

The Lord has spoken to us through his servant Mrs. E. G. White. I quote from her piece in the *Signs* of March 4, 1903: "He is acquainted with every heart, and will reward all who fully return to him that which he has given them. If any withhold that which belongs to God, He will afflict them in their families, and cause decrease in their possessions, just according to their disposition to rob him." We have seen that when we honor God he will fill our barns with plenty; but on the other hand, just according to our disposition to rob him he will afflict our families and diminish our possessions. Have any of our families been afflicted? have any of our possessions been slipping away from us? if so, let us stop and make a reckoning as it will not pay to let the means that should go into the cause of God go into the world; for in either case, whether it come by affliction or by losses of property, the means would be taken away from us. You see from this, that when one with-holds the tithe, they are robbing God, as brought to view in Mal. 3:8. But the individual that with-holds is not enriched in the least, and is also in harmony with Mal. 3:9, "Ye are cursed with a curse for ye have robbed me".

From the foregoing evidence we must conclude, it makes no difference financially unless it would be in the favor of the tithe-payer. The question for us to consider is whether we would rather have the Lord have his own or have it pass into the hands of the world: which will we choose? Let us remember that we all are the stewards of God, and that the decision we make in this we will have to meet in the judgement. A. E. Field.

NOTICE.

We wish to call attention once more to all who are in arrears on their Tent Pledges. The time has come to purchase the tent; we need it for the work, but we lack about sixty dollars of the requisite amount; more than that is out in pledges. Now a pledge holds good until it is paid. At the same time we would appreciate the money that the pledges stand for just now. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Please send all pledges to the Arkansas Tract Society. Remembering, please, that this fund is to purchase a camp-meeting tent; those who attended our camp-meeting last summer realized the need of such and cheerfully pledged. Now we hope and pray that you will respond as cheerfully in fulfilling said pledge.

The Field.

BROTHER C. W. Cutter reports the following for the week ending Feb. 27th: Coming King, 19 orders, 44 exhibitions, 16½ hours; value, \$19.00; helps, \$50. He is also canvassing for the Holman and Bagster Bibles. He writes letters and feels that the Lord is with him, and is impressed that he can do better work when the weather is more settled.

SISTER Kate Beeler, who is teaching church school in Butterfield Ark., writes an addition of six more pupils, making a total of thirteen, and says that the school is progressing nicely.

The school in Springdale has closed.

What Tracts have done.

We have an organized company of believers in one of the southern states as the result of one little tract, which was carelessly thrown on the street, and picked up by a lady who read it

with interest; it was a tract on the Sabbath. She wrote to the Tract Society for more on the same subject, making inquiries on all points of our faith; she read herself into the truth, talked it and lived it scattering literature till many others became interested and embraced the truth. We read from the *Worker's Bulletin* that a tract distributor gave a tract to a man in Switzerland notorious for gambling. On his return some days later he met the man, who exclaimed, "I thank you for saving my soul and body". He then stated that on the day he received the tract he had lost heavily in gambling and was contemplating suicide, but the tract arrested his attention and led him to Christ.

Let us faithfully heed the call to service that is before us just now to scatter the printed page; not only in books; for the canvassing work is the work. "The canvassing work properly conducted is the missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." There are those that cannot canvass, but can circulate tracts, loan them out from week to week, gather them in and loan out to others. Many will purchase, become interested and hearts will be touched to hear more of the truth of God's word. The Lord has said that "his Word shall not return unto him void". Several have responded to the appeal, the "Tract campaign work". We have just got in a fresh supply of new tracts, and we hope that all will feel the the burden of responsibility resting upon them to sow the seed while the day lasts, that it means me, and not some one else. If we leave it for some one else they will get the blessing. May we sense the times in which we are living and arouse to a greater missionary activity, that the burden of our lives may be the salvation of souls.

F. E. H.

Skyrockets Before Gunpowder.

It matters very little in the long run to the small boys when, how, or where fireworks were first made, and of what they are made now. But the fact remains that the despised heathen Chinese first made them and used them, and that civilized communities did not know of them until the fourteenth century. The sky-rocket was first invented toward the close of the ninth century and that at time was used, so it is said, in India and China in war. That was long before the invention of gunpowder.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

The Canvassers' Institute.

OUR ANNUAL Canvassers' Institute held at Keene, is in the past. There was a good attendance until the severe weather and continuous rain interfered, which made it impossible for some to attend regularly. The following large books will be handled by the canvassers this season: Desire of Ages, Daniel and the Revelation, Patriarchs and Prophets, Great Controversy, Bible Readings and Home Hand Book. A recent testimony says that "the canvassing work is to be revived in 1903." If this is done it will call for all the old canvassers to stand loyal to the work as well as new recruits to enter the ranks. Among other matters that came up for consideration, was the financial question, or how the Tract Society should deal with the Canvassers? Our work has been sadly hampered the past few years on account of debt.

Individuals have made accounts with the Tract Society that are unpaid, and, as a consequence, the Society is owing the publishing houses, and they, in turn, have borrowed money to carry on business with, and are actually paying interest on money that they would not need to borrow if our Society could but pay what we justly owe them.

We have reached a point where something must be done. So, after consultation with the Conference Committee, the following plan was laid before the canvassers and approved by them. I feel confident the plan will recommend itself to all as being fair and impartial: First, a supply of helps will be placed in the hands of each agent and he will be expected to lay aside that part of the price of each book as it is sold belonging to the Tract Society and remit as soon as five dollars have accumulated. And when ordering a second, as subsequent lot, the agent shall make out a statement of all books on hand giving the number of books of each variety and the style of binding; such statement to be sent to the secretary with the order for helps, together with the price of all books not so accounted for nor previously paid for. Second, books to make deliveries with, will be shipped to the agents in two boxes.

The first to contain twice the number of books of the second. In other words, two-thirds of the books ordered by the agent, will be sent in one box and the other third in another. The agent will be allowed to take the first, or larger box from the depot and deliver, he to pay for both boxes before taking the second, or smaller box, from the depot. Should any canvasser, after doing this, have books left on hand, the Society will take them back and refund the price to the agent, the canvasser to pay the return freight. Third, all books returned in a soiled, or damaged condition, shall be subject to a reasonable discount. Fourth, the Tract Society will refund all money paid out by the agents for freight when the shipment consists of one hundred pounds, or more, the canvassers to take a receipt from the freight agent and send the same to Tract Society secretary. Fifth, should storage charges accrue on the second box of books before the canvasser can take from depot, the Tract Society will refund the amount, provided the canvasser takes a receipt of the depot agent for the same and forwards it to the secretary. Sixth, canvassers shall consult the State Agent as to the number of books needed to fill orders with. Seventh, all agents will be required to send in a weekly report to the Tract Society office while taking orders, and, also, while delivering. Two blanks must be filled out, one for the Secretary and the other for the State Agent, both to be sent in one envelope to the Secretary, the agent paying the postage thereon. Eighth, the *Review* and *RECORD* will be mailed free each week to all regular reporting canvassers, the *RECORD* containing the canvassers' report each week.

A. S. MCCULLY.

FIELD REPORTS.

CASS COUNTY, TEXAS.—I am now at Milner. Will go from here to Hughes Springs. I held some meetings with good interest with the church at New Hope the last of February. I had an invitation to preach in a private house near New Hope Sunday, March 1. I preached two sermons to a good company. March 2, I went six miles south of Marietta and began meetings at the house of Brother Tidwell, and continued until

after the Sabbath with good results. Organized a Sabbath school with twenty-six members. Some began for the first time to keep the Sabbath. They want a church school there, and think, by summer, they can start one. They have prepared a vacant house to hold meetings and Sabbath school in.

Pray for the work in Eastern Texas.

E. B. HOPKINS.

To Church Librarians and Scattered Sabbath Keepers.

THE Sabbath School Lessons for the second quarter, are in the First and Second Epistles to Thessalonians, and judging from the appearance of the pamphlet, and a hasty glance through it, we believe that these lessons will be a most valuable study. The subjects under consideration are meat in due season, and we trust that every school will be supplied. Let all our scattered Brethren and Sisters avail themselves of these valuable helps to Bible study. Dear Brethren and Sisters we need now more than ever to know what saith the Scriptures. Please send your orders in early, and be sure to send money with order and save expense to the office, otherwise the order will not be filled.

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OUR Australian paper, formerly known as the "Bible Echo," has been obliged to make some general changes in its make-up in order to meet the requirements of the postal laws of the colonies. It was claimed that to be entitled to registration as a newspaper, more news of a general character must appear in its columns. The size of its page has been somewhat reduced and it will hereafter be known as the "Australian Signs of the Times."

An Excellent Meeting.

WE HAVE just attended a canvassers' institute at Perry, Oklahoma. There were nearly forty in attendance, including instructors. Brother McCully, of Texas, was there as an instructor to help Brother Butka. They are doing good work in their line. They are very thorough in giving instruction, so that the canvasser when he goes out will know his business. And this is not the only instruction they are getting, as they are impressed in the strongest manner with the importance of being imbued with the Spirit of God. We look for a good lot of books to be sold the coming year in this conference. If earnestness and push will do it,

there will be books delivered to this people.

During the institute there were night meetings held for those without. Elder Haffner was with us during the first part, and then Elder Sorenson came, and as a result a good interest sprung up to hear the truth. Two men declared their intention to obey before the writer left. Elder Sorenson will follow up the interest, and from the manner and earnestness in his preaching they will not fail to get the truth as it is. I can say that it did me good to be there. It is the first time I have enjoyed the privilege of preaching to those from without since last fall, and it was refreshing. Courage pervaded all hearts, and so they go forth in the work the coming summer. Now let others pray for their success.

G. G. R.

Perry Church Dedication.

AT THE SAME time of the Institute, the new house of worship was dedicated to the Lord. There are not many brethren in Perry, but they are in earnest in the Master's service. They have just finished a neat house of worship at a total cost of \$900. It is a model of neatness and taste. This was dedicated to the Lord and deeded to the Oklahoma Conference. The citizens of the City did nobly in helping to build. The church is alive in missionary effort, and we now expect to see others added to their number. In conclusion let me say the whole meeting was a pleasant one, and one to be remembered by us as one of the pleasant experiences of this life.

G. G. R.

THE "ADVOCATE."

To the friends of the Advocate:

THE March Advocate will be placed in the hands of between 40,000 and 50,000 public school teachers. This large edition called for an unusual amount of work. The presses in the Advocate printing office have been running day and night. Some may not have received their papers as early in the month as they expected. Do not become worried if this is the case for every order will be filled although the size of the edition necessitates some delay in mailing.

The publishers wish to express

their hearty appreciation of the kindness of the friends of the Advocate and of Christian education in this effort to spread the truth. We will be much better prepared to handle the next big edition as we have just received a gift of a large press.

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Some Uses for Salt.

FOR neuralgia take a small bag made of muslin or flannel, fill with salt, heat, and apply to the affected part. Many cases of so-called diphtheria could be cured by gargle of salt and water if taken at the start gargling every hour, or half-hour if necessary. One teaspoonful of salt in a glassful of water is a cure for many stomach troubles, relieving colic and indigestion when taken regularly once a day. Wash the head occasionally with salt and water to lessen the falling out of the hair. Salt dissolved in warm water is restful and healing for tired and inflamed eye. Brine is recommended for mad-dog bite. Wash the wound well with the mixture, then bind it with a cloth covered with salt. One remedy for snake-bites is common salt mixed with the white of an egg to consistency of paste and spread on the wound. Salt strewn on carpets are easily swept and are left with brightened colors.—*Woman's Home Companion.*

Jefferson's Ten Rules.

NEVER put off until to-morrow what can be done to-day.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

Never spend your money before you have earned it.

Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap.

Pride costs more than hunger, thirst, or cold.

We seldom repent of having eaten too little.

Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

How much pain the evils have cost us that have never happened!

Take things by the smooth handle.

When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, count a hundred.

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Oklahoma Department.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER Hickman reports six adults keeping the Sabbath, where he held a meeting, at Harper, O. T. He organized a Sabbath school and expects to see them organized into a church as there are other Sabbath keepers not far from that place, who will join with these in a church organization.

ELDER Dake is still holding meetings at Banner with good success. He expects some fruit from his labor.

OUR Bible workers in Oklahoma City, are meeting with some success. Several have accepted the truth since they started in the work, and others are deeply interested.

WE are having plenty of rain and snow in Oklahoma this winter. The report came from Woodward county that they had two feet of snow out there. The weather has not been very favorable for holding meetings in the last few weeks, but we expect it will change for the better.

G. F. H.

BROTHER J. H. Stahl, from Putnam, writes very encouragingly. He says: You will see by the increased numbers of Sabbath school quarterlies, that our Sabbath school has increased in number. Elder Somerville, assisted by Brother and Sister Syp, has been laboring here with the Ruth church; twenty-one have been added to it lately; eleven have been baptized; six are still waiting baptism, and others are in the "Valley of Decision". Remember us as a company at the throne of grace.

SISTER Mattie Price sent in some tithe the other day, of which some were paid by a young man not of our faith. He felt impressed to pay the tithe after he sold his corn. May the Lord bless him and guide him on till he accepts the whole truth. I believe that this should teach us a lesson, such as who profess to live out the Truth, and are found wanting in that very act.

"Come to Battle."

SO, EVERY ONE that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price."

Lovingly and tenderly does the Holy One of God now calls to those who are hungry and thirsty, cold and naked. Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, He stands with hands out-stretched, saying, "spare the sinner a little longer." With the "still small voice" He pleads, "incline your ear, and come unto me: hear and your soul shall live." "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near." The time is very short when this precious Friend can be found. To many who profess to know Him, and deceive themselves, this loving Friend wants a place in the heart. Where He sits, there is no strife, neither pride nor worldliness. With the same voice which will "Make all things new," after Sin has been blotted out, will "Make all things new," to the one who bids Him "come in." "Behold I stand at the door and knock; and if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne." Great is the battle before us; but greater is our Captain who has overcome for us that we may, through Him, be overcomers, and have a part with him in His never-ending glory. There is a time of trouble before us that many of us little dream of. A day of battle in which many of the sons and husbands of Adventists' families will fall. Do we realize this? Can we see the gathering clouds of war on every side? Will we take heed now while there is peace in our land, and enlist under the banner of the Captain who never lost a battle! Will we, who are at ease in Zion, awake, while the trumpet sounds "to make all ready?" Can we now arise and put up the whole armor of Christ and cry with a loud voice to the precious souls around us who ready to be mown down by the sword, "Come to the waters and drink?" The time is upon us when we must be enlisted under one of the two banners. Either the pure blood stained banner of Christ, "the Captain of the Lord's host," or the black banner of the Prince of Darkness, which will be stained with the blood,

but the blood of the poor lost mortals, for whom the Prince of Heaven died. The trumpet is now sounding, "even to make all ready."—Ezek. 7: 14. The call is sounding "Come!" "And the Spirit and the bride say come. And let him that heareth say come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."—Rev. 22: 17.

So all who *come*, will arise with the cry COME. Soon there will be another call, COME! This nation has been exalted; but it will be brought "to the dust."

Our nation is now preparing thousands of small arms, the carnal weapons, and the call will come for men to use them. This is the time for correction, in which God's people will be purged from sin by bloodshed, famine and pestilence. God will correct His people in a measure. He has already permitted the destruction of our sanitarium and publishing house; but many will not take heed even at this. Can we see these things in time to be saved during our National calamities? "But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity."—Ezek. 7: 16-19.

O, that we may all be covered in this time! MATTIE A. PRICE.

ELDER Rupert spent a few days in Oklahoma City last week, with his daughters. He is attending the Perry Canvassers' Institute.

THE delegates to the coming General Conference, from the Oklahoma Conference, are Elder G. F. Haffner, and Elder Gregory. Elder J. A. Somerville will, also, attend the General Conference.

ELDER Gregory has come to Oklahoma City, with the intention of making this his field of labor for awhile. The Oklahoma church receives him with a hearty welcome. It has been the desire of this church for sometime to have some one of our ministers come and assist it some, and to work for the interest and good of the outsiders. As Dr. Gregory's wife and Sister Shields are very active in holding readings with the people here in the City, and have a good interest, no doubt Elder Gregory will be quite a help to them.

ELDER Haffner stopped a few days with us in the office. While here he was kept busy making arrangements for Perry Institute, and other business. He is attending the Perry Institute at this time.

SISTER McReynolds, from Topeka, Kansas, wife of Elder McReynolds, made us a short call in the office the other day. We were surely glad to see her.

"Man Overboard."

WE CERTAINLY would not hesitate to rescue a man who had fallen overboard in the middle of the ocean, but there are a hundred thousand prisoners in this country who have either fallen overboard or else like Jonah they have been thrown overboard, and the same God that was interested in Jonah when he was cast into the sea is interested in these men. Are you seeking to help them or to save them? God looks down from heaven to "hear the groaning of the prisoner." Psalm 102: 20. We can be used as instruments in God's hand to save these despairing, helpless men and women who have been cast overboard, and for whom society has no pitying glance.

If we had been born of the same parents and brought up in the same environments as some of these prisoners perhaps some of us would be behind prison bars to-day. If they had been given the same opportunities that we have had perhaps they would have filled the positions we hold far more acceptably than we have filled them.

In April we shall send a cheering gospel message of hope in the form of a copy of the *Life Boat* to be placed in the hands of practically every prisoner in the United States.

Prison officials without exception are interested in this effort, and will assist us all they can. Will you interest your friends in this plan? The prisoner must have the gospel as well as other sinners. He has more time to think than many who are on the outside of the prisons as is shown by the following extracts from a few of the hundreds of letters we have received since we issued the last prisoners number of the *Life Boat*.

"If a man will study the paper called *The Signs of the Times* he will soon find that the eye of his spiritual

understanding is opened to the very things which a short time before seemed impossible. I want to ask you about Daniel 8: 14, 'Unto two thousand three hundred days and then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.' What does that mean? I also want to know if the use of tea, and coffee, and meat is unhealthy. If so why. I ask this because the less meat I eat the better I feel."

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points for themselves, and consequently their brain is not as intelligent as it might be. If given a rule to work by, they will apply it not only in season but out of season, and will look amazed if one suggests that, under special circumstances, they should have varied their usual procedure. Every employer and overseer of labor knows to what an extent this is the case. It is an exceptional workman who really thinks, and who can therefore be trusted to suit his action to circumstances. And so in nearly every sphere of life, a kind of automatism seems to be the rule, and intelligent self-direction, in the light of present facts, more or less the exception. One is, therefore, tempted to ask whether in our system of education some gymnastic might not be devised for the special purpose of teaching the rising generation to think.—*Popular Science*.

KEENE ITEMS.

ELDER McCutchen spent last Sabbath with the church at Peoria.

ELDER Rupert reached home to-day from attending the canvassers' institute in Oklahoma. He brings word that Elder Haffner, and Elder Field, of Arkansas, will be here to-morrow.

THE delegates to the General Conference from this Union Conference, will leave here Wednesday night via the "Katy" and Southern Pacific Railways for Oakland, California.

HENRY Cochran is spending a few days at home in this place. He expects to return to his work in Wichita Falls next week.

It is said that another wedding is to take place this week in our village.

MANY of our citizens are planting ornamental trees in front of their residences, and several have reported

damage done to them by stray stock. The stock law forbids cattle running at large, and it may be a temptation to those having trees ruined to apply the law if stock is not kept up.

W. R. Ranson and daughter, Miss Myrtle, left Sunday for their new home in Scurry county.

Miss Holtsclaw, who has been visiting her brother in this place, left for her home, Sunday.

THE Keene Canning Company are having Brother Wallen drill a well near the depot, with the view of locating the factory there if good water can be had.

ELDER T. W. Field returned Friday from West Texas. He did not hold the debate as expected. A full report from him will appear next week.

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