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## LETTER FROM MEXICO.

A. G. BODWELL.

DEAR RECORD:—

SINCE our counsel meeting, at which Elders Daniels and Knox were present, I went to Guadalajara, and held a few meetings, and organized a Young People's Society. I, also, canvassed some, and got a young American well started into taking orders. I left him there to canvass, and took a young Mexican with me. We left Guadalajara and canvassed some of the towns on the Zapotlan Branch. In one of these, a Mexican Methodist preacher took a firm stand on all the points of our faith, and began preaching to his people. He has had a wonderful experience, one almost equal to that of Paul. He was raised in the Catholic church, and waited on the priests. Has seen them commit murder, but he was a very devout Catholic. After he arrived at the proper age he was sent to school to be educated for a priest. It was at this time that he left the church. However, prior to this time, in 1892, he obtained "Steps to Christ" from which he obtained a Christian experience, but still he was very fanatical. A colporteur came to his town and he bought all the Bibles that the colporteur had, and set them on fire, but a leaf blew out which had the second commandment on it. This he read, and conviction at once seized him. This conviction remained with him; wherever he went the second commandment was before him, and he could not get away from it. Finally at his own volition, he left the Catholic church, and began to study the Bible. Then he sent and bought some which he sold to the people of his town. Following this, he began preaching, and he soon was blessed with money enough to build him a house and a church.

One night, while coming from a little town where he had been holding meetings, five men stopped him and asked him if he was the protestant minister, he replied in the affirmative. They then started in on him with their *machetes*. After they had knocked him from his horse they began cutting him up slowly, so that he would die slowly. He asked them if they would not allow him to pray. They said yes, and after he had been praying a few seconds two of the men began crying. He then asked them why they wanted to kill him? They said that the priest had sent them to do it. At this juncture a soldier came up and shot one of the men, killing him instantly, and putting the minister on his horse again, sent him on home. Since that time he has had a wonderful experience. The Methodist missionaries came along and he joined them, but, he said, he had always doubts. Now all doubts are gone, and he is rejoicing in the Third Angel's Message. We were there with him a little over one week and studied the Bible with him night and day. After making a thorough investigation of all points, he took his stand firmly as a Seventh-day Adventist. He is a thorough student, and has a living experience in the things of God. He is now preaching the truth to his members. This town, that was once so fanatical, is a protestant place, and the Catholics dread him, for his life is a living testimony. The judge of the town is a member of his church, and the Jefe Politico paid him \$12.00 a month all last year to help the cause and for his support.

We are on the Zamora Branch on the Zamora. This has the name of being the most fanatical town in the world. It has a population of about thirteen thousand, and has about eight hundred priests. They have a school here for priests, and one for

nuns. The first day we landed, in walking one block and a half, we met about twenty-five priests. So you can see the difficulties under which we have to labor. It has only been a few weeks since they killed an American here. But in spite of all this, we are taking some subscriptions for our paper.

I can sense more clearly than ever before, what the reformers had to contend with. It takes patient, careful, untiring labor to accomplish anything. Sometimes, when I leave my room I wonder if I will ever return alive. The other day, in a small town, I had just turned a corner, and a rock about the size of my fist, came whizzing past me. Of course I could not see the one that threw it. So I just walked on, thanking God for the privileges that I was enjoying. If I can serve God better with my death than my life, I am ready to die for Him who has done so much for me.

We must have more laborers, and I feel sure that God has them here; so we must hurry from place to place, and hunt them out, so that this last message of mercy can go to the world and Jesus can come and take His waiting people home.

There is no time to sleep now; we must be up and doing. The kind of laborers that are needed here are those who are willing to take hold and do whatever their hands find to do. It is not sermonizers that are needed, but workers, and may God help us, one and all, to rise and give this last message.

I feel sure that I have had the prayers of my Brethren and Sisters in Texas. And I want you to continue to pray that I may have health and strength to give the message a certain sound.

It is a great mercy to enjoy the gospel of peace, but a greater to enjoy the peace of the gospel.

## Arkansas Department.

## NOTICE.

ALL who left the Springdale, Arkansas, in good standing in the Seventh-day Adventist church at said place, and do not report at the next quarterly meeting, will be dropped.

A. E. FIELD, Elder.

THE quarterly meeting has been put off till after General Conference.

SISTER F. E. Heerman has been very sick, but is slowly recovering.

## A PROFITABLE CAMPAIGN.

**M**ANY FEEL that the campaign with "Christ's Object Lessons" has been an expensive one. Some have thought that it would have been cheaper to have raised the money by direct contribution. As to the latter point we would suggest that the debts on our schools had for years been a serious question. All the schools were in debt, nothing was being paid on those debts, and it was often a difficult matter to pay the interest. Still further: When the "Object Lesson" campaign was begun, our canvassing work was at a low ebb, and all efforts to revive it had failed. Our field workers had almost stopped selling books and the missionary spirit among our people seemed to be dead. But now, our ministers have learned that they can sell books, and many testify to the blessing this experience has brought them. This is not saying that all our ministers should be canvassers; but it has demonstrated that they should sell books in connection with their other work. Our people have learned that they can have a part in giving the truth to the world, and through their efforts with "Christ's Object Lessons" God is awakening the missionary spirit. There are also hopeful indications that the canvassing work will be revived.

The campaign may have been an expensive one; indeed it has been; but it has yielded rich results. When an army is organized of raw recruits the commanders always put them through a hard drill for weeks, sometimes for months, before they consider them ready for the battlefield. So in this "Object Lesson" campaign the Lord

has been drilling His soldiers for other and sterner battlefields, and stirring up in many hearts the spirit of the third angel's message. All this the Lord has done in addition to the payments on our debts. Yet if we should only count the payments on debts, a great work has been done. The debt on Union College has been reduced from seventy-nine thousand dollars to less than thirty-six thousand dollars. The ratio of payment on other schools has probably been about the same. This is a great work! Much has been accomplished, more than many realize. Brethren, let us be of good courage and press the battle to the gate.—*Workers' Bulletin.*

## Habit.

**A** HABIT is formed in the same way that paths or roads are. You often see people "cutting across lots." Where they do this, a narrow strip of grass about a foot or fourteen inches wide, will be trodden hard, and is a path. It is made by being walked over and over again. You can get into the habit of doing a thing if you do it over and over many times.

The more you do it the easier it will become, just as a path grows wider and plainer, the more it is traveled. It is hard to keep people from going across lots after a path is once made; and so it is hard to stop doing what we have fallen into the habit of doing. It will not be easy for you to do right if you have once learned to do wrong.

Bad habits are like ruts made by carriage-wheels in country roads—they hold people fast. I once read of an old man who had a crooked finger. When a boy, his hand was as limber as yours. He could open it easily, but for fifty years he drove a stage and his fingers got so into the habit of shutting down on the lines that they finally stayed shut. The old man's hands can never open.—*Ex.*

"THE only shots that count are those that hit," is President Roosevelt's idea of navy marksmanship, and hence the constant target practice recommended. The United States navy has the best marksmen in the world.

## NEWS ITEMS.

THE road bond tax has been carried in this county by two votes.

A LARGE number of cases of hydrophobia in New York is attracting the attention of the medical fraternity. People and many animals other than dogs, are attacked.

JUDGE William Stewart died at Galveston. He had presided over the District Court more than twenty-five years, and was 84 years old at death. The Texas Legislature passed memorial resolutions.

A TELEGRAPHIC line is being built between Egan and Cleburne, along the M. K. and T. railway, via Keene. It will be finished in about one week. This was a want generally felt. It puts Keene in telegraphic communication with the outside world.

HIGHER education is not an unmixed good, says the *Texas Farmer*. If one will visit a Texas Legislature, for instance, and watch closely the record of the Texas University lawyers, he must be convinced that at least, in rare cases, higher education may have destroyed a competent peanut vender, wood chopper, hotel waiter, or teamster; in order to make an exceedingly puerile lawyer, legislator or statesman.

ST. LOUIS and Kansas City capitalists have signed a contract with Mountain Park, Mountain View and other cities in Southwestern Oklahoma, to construct the El Paso, Mountain Park and Oklahoma Central Railroad through those cities. A line chartered recently under various names, to run ultimately from St. Louis to the Gulf of California, at the mouth of the Sonora river, is supposed to be backed by the Burlington system. Work is to commence in Oklahoma within a few days.

W. A. VINSON, eldest son of E. E. Vinson, will leave next Monday for Berrien Springs, Michigan, to attend school. Billy means to study civil engineering and kindred branches, and hence has sought a larger field of learning where he can pursue just such studies as he might need for his chosen profession. The best wishes of our community go with him.

## ✦ Texas Department. ✦

### The Field.

I am now at New Hope church. Will go to-morrow to Mount Pleasant to see after an interest where Sister Athey Davis has been teaching school the past winter. I have been with the Avinger and New Hope churches the past two weeks, and some other isolated Brethren, raising a tent fund and holding meetings at the same time.

We are trying to raise \$125.00 to buy a tent, and have something over \$100.00 of it made up, and the balance promised. So, we will be ready to order soon. We have had some excellent meetings with the Brethren, and find them in good courage. Five have been added to the New Hope church by baptism recently.

Pray for the work in Eastern Texas.  
E. B. HOPKINS.

RISING STAR.—We have had five weeks' meeting here. Part of the time in the school house, and the rest of the time in the peoples' dwellings. One family has taken a stand for the truth, and another family that had begun keeping the Sabbath last Summer, has become more firmly established in the truth. The blessing of God has been upon the work. Two families are rejoicing in the truth and many others are interested, whom we hope will take their stand for the truth in the future. One gentleman who seemed to enjoy the meetings and acknowledged that we had the truth, and that we had knocked the foundation from under the Sunday keepers has gone back on the whole message, and is now trying to tear down the work. We will extend the meeting another week.

E. T. WHITE.

### Canvassing Report.

Canvassing report, week ending April 4, 1903: I. T. Reynolds, Marshall; Patriarchs and Prophets; 42 hours; 35 orders; value, \$102.75; helps, \$7.90. Total, \$110.65.

A. J. Jensen, Clifton; Coming King; 42 hours; 40 orders; value, \$31.25. Delivered, \$8.75.

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### Now is the Time.

**S**PRING TIME is here and with it comes warm, sunny days that cause the buds to open, the grass to grow and the flowers to bloom. All Nature seems to be awakening into new life! It is now that the feathered inhabitants of the forests flit from limb to limb and pour forth their sweetest carols. There seems to be something invigorating and buoyant in the very atmosphere. The plow boy whistles the live-long day, and as the seeds buried in the earth, send forth their tender shoots to the light and air, the heart of the farmer is made glad and his mind is filled with bright pictures of the future. All this being so, and the present being that time of the year, *now is the time* for the faithful canvasser to be daily adding names to his subscription list. Why should we allow this precious time to go by unimproved? Can the Lord say to us, who are canvassers, "Well done, good and faithful servant," if we loiter about home, or let things of minor importance keep us from the field now, the time that is best of all the season for work?

The "King's business requires haste;" and "the King said to his servants, go out quickly \* \* and compel them to come in" and "the servants did as as they were bidden." Now, my Brother, "go thou and do likewise." I trust that when the Lord looks over that part of His vineyard that we call Texas, this year, He will see "the canvassing work revived;" but this result can be brought about only by every canvasser being faithful and diligent in the work. The Lord is blessing those who are in the field with success.

I trust every canvasser will hasten to his territory with a determination to stay and work faithfully till camp-meeting time. If we will do this, the Lord will, undoubtedly, richly reward our efforts.

A. S. MCCULLY.

### The Harvesting Ingathering.

**B**E FERVENT in spirit, not slothful in business, serving the Lord." The above words are a part of God's instruction to us, and it will be a great help to us if we heed them. For God hath not only given us a

chance to work, but has told us how to work. While we need to be fervent in spirit to attend to the study of the Bible and other important truths which are shown in Nature, and messages from the fields, yet we should be earnest in whatever business we are engaged. We should do the work in the best way and the most of it. Thus we may turn money from evil into good channels. There is no need of money to pay for books and papers which may teach about Jesus; then those who spend all their time teaching and preaching need to be paid, for the Bible says "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and those that minister of the Gospel shall live by the Gospel. But how can we get the money, specially the [children? We can have money for missionary work in two ways. First, earn more; plan some definite piece work for Jesus and give Him all you make. You may plant an acre, or more, of potatoes, corn, or cotton, tend it well and ask God's blessing on it. Then when it is gathered and sold, give all the money for teaching others about Jesus. The children may raise smaller pieces of the above; or if you live near market raise such vegetables and fruits as sell well and save all your money. Some may raise chickens, sell eggs and gather fruits and nuts that grow in the wild timber. Study what is best adapted to your own place and then work with might and main to make it a success, remembering to thank Jesus for all the good things you get. Second, by spending less. Many children and older people spend money for useless things, such as cheap ornaments, gum, candy and taffy. Now, always get your regular meals. It is much better not to eat even good food between meals. Remember, do not overwork your servants, specially your stomach. Then when the results of your work are all gathered in, it will be pleasant to gather together and tell how you have earned your money and how much you have. This will help spread the truth, for people will see that you are in earnest and really believe what you say. Then you can talk to people about mission work better when you are helping to forward it. Then there is the canvassing work, which can be made a means of leading people to the right paths besides a way for the laborer to earn money. Children specially can sell the "Good Health," "Signs of the Times" and the "Life Boat."

J. C. ANDERSON.

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WHAT advancement is our cause making in the Southwestern Union Conference? How are the tithe and the offerings which you have given at a sacrifice, being appropriated? The RECORD will tell. If this paper is not visiting your home each week, laden with news of the progress of the work in this field, why not send fifty cents and receive it for one year? If you are a regular subscriber, then find out who in your church does not take it and urge upon him the importance of taking it. Is it not true that "the children of this world are, in their generation, wiser than the children of light?" What politician is there in your county who does not take his local paper, and keep posted in regard to the work of his party? If these people, who have for their goal the election of a judge, congressman, or even the chief executive of our nation, must keep posted as to the progress of their work, shall not we, who have the carrying of this gospel of our soon Coming King, to every nation, kindred, tongue and people—a world-wide work—keep in touch with those who are actively engaged in the work?

## KEENE ITEMS.

KEENE is now enjoying veritable Spring weather.

MRS. Alice Richardson has returned from her canvassing tour, and reports good success.

SECRETARY Harris has removed to the residence owned by W. O. Corwin, opposite T. T. Stevenson's place.

THE truck crops so far put out this Spring, are reported in splendid condition.

THE next thing for Keene, in the way of a profitable improvement, would be a well-appointed hotel.

THE peach crop in Eastern Texas, is reported as badly injured by the late frosts; also the early tomato vines.

THE summer swallow has put in an appearance, an indication that soon the summer months will be with us.

MISS Agnes Burka is now acting Matron at the Keene Orphans' Home, vice Mrs. W. F. Mayers, (nee Miss Vertie Conditt) resigned.

KEENE Academy, under the principalship of Professor Kunze, seems to be prosperous, and doing a well as it is possible under its present surrounding circumstances.

THE Keene Canning Company has forty-seven members, who have subscribed to eighty-six shares of stock, amounting to \$860.00. The capital stock has been fixed at \$2000.00.

WELLS. Fargo Express Company has established an office in this place with James A. Woods as agent. The office is at the store of A. C. Jones & Son, and is fully equipped to do all kinds of express business.

ELDER C. P. Haskell, who, for the last eight months, has been connected with the Sanitarium, the church, and with the Home, leaves in a few days for northern Michigan, his former home. He leaves with the many regrets of a number of admirers in Keene, for his good and amiable qualities, and the moral usefulness and influence he has been to the church, the people generally, the Home and the Sanitarium. Such men are splendid additions to any community, and his leaving us creates a vacancy in our midst that will not soon be filled.

THE directorate of the Keene Canning Company, have instructed their business manager to order all the necessary machinery at once, for a well-appointed cannery. The building will be erected immediately and the company expects to have business in full operation within a short time.

BRO. A. M. Woodall, the affable, hail-fellow-well-met Marcus, has returned to Keene after an absence of about four months and a half teaching church school at Edgewood, Van Zandt county, Texas. Marcus looks well, and it seems that his new vocation agreed with him perfectly. He will now turn his attention to farming.

WE want all to read our letter from Mexico, published on our first page. It contains matter of much importance and interest to our people. It is evident that more workers are needed in Mexico, and the sooner they go there the better. It is certainly "a needy field," and the Lord will open the way for the reapers there to gather the sheaves for the garner. The letter was dated at Zamora, State of Michoacan, April 2, 1903.

THE well for the Keene Canning Factory at the M. K. and T. depot, is one hundred and sixteen feet, actual depth, and has from fifty to sixty feet of good water and is cased to the top. The buildings for the factory will soon be erected and nothing will be left undone to make this enterprise a success, and be in full operation by the time the fruits, corn and leguminous plants are ready for canning. President Graham wants the truck-growers of Keene and vicinity, to be diligent and to raise a sufficiency of everything to supply the demands of the cannery for there will certainly be a market for all.

KEENE has two general merchandise stores, run, respectively, by two popular firms, A. C. Jones & Son, and Humphries Brothers—both composed of first-class, honest, good men, and there should be no choice as to which of these stores the people should patronize, for they will receive equally good treatment at either place. Their stocks of goods are varied, and nearly everything that can be had at any first-class store can be purchased here; then why go to Cleburne when you can get what you want at your very door? We say, patronize your home stores and you will be doing the right thing.

## Oklahoma Department.

## FIELD REPORTS.

SINCE my last report I have been permitted to spend about two weeks at the Institute at Perry. The Lord was there with His rich blessings. About thirty-five were in attendance. The indications are that a splendid year's work will be done, probably the best that we will have had, that is if all retain their consecration. One very encouraging feature was the large number of Brethren and Sisters who have made a success in other lines, leaving their homes and farms to enter the ranks of the canvassers.

On last Sabbath there were four buried with their Lord in baptism. I am now stopping for a few days among the members of the Hennessey church. As several of them live from ten to twenty miles from the place of meeting, Sabbath is the only day we can meet together.

I expect to go from here to fill a call near Mountain Park.

C. SORENSEN.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Oklahoma City church has taken up the tract work here in the City.

BROTHER and Sister Parker, from Hobart, have moved to Oklahoma City. We welcome them in our midst.

WE expect quite a number of canvassers to go into the work this Spring; hope that we will be able to send in their reports in due time.

WE wish to call the attention of our Brethren once more to the special number of the *Sentinel*. We have quite a number at the office yet; it is, indeed, a good number for missionary work. I wish we could place a copy in every family. Hope our churches will send in their orders for some.

I WISH to say that I am very anxious to receive a report from all our churches in the conference; trust that all the church officers will make a strong effort to give a report from the last quarter; a few did not report the quarter before. I hope that this time there will not be a single one missing. I ask particularly to give me the names

of the officers in your church, and membership, as we would like to have the full membership, as we have no other way to find out except by the church reports, so please help us in keeping matters straight.

EMMA HAFFNER,  
Conference Secretary.

## The Education of Boys.

A PHILOSOPHER has said that true education for boys "is to teach them what they ought to know when they become men." What is it they ought to know, then?

First—to be true, to be genuine. No education is worth anything that does not include this. A man had better not know how to read, he had better learn a letter in the alphabet, and be true and genuine in action, rather than being learned in all sciences and languages, to be at the same time false in heart and counterfeit in life. Above all things teach them that truth is more than riches, more than earthly power or position.

Second—to be pure in thought, language, life—pure in mind and body. An impure man, young or old, poisoning the society where he lives with smutty stories and impure example, is a moral ulcer, who ought to be treated as the lepers of old, who were banished from society and compelled to cry "unclean," as a warning to save others from pestilence.

Third—to be self-reliant and self-helpful even from early childhood, to be industrious always, and self-supporting at the earliest proper age.

Teach them that all honest work is honorable and that an idle, useless life, dependent on others is disgrace. When a boy has learned these three things, when he has made these ideas a part of his being, however young he may be, however poor, however rich, he has learned some of the most important things he ought to know when he becomes a man.

## Laughter as a Stomach Cure.

WORRY is but one of the many forms of fear, so that worry tends to the production of indigestion. Indigestion tends to put the body of the subject in a condition that favors worry. There is thus established a vicious circle which tends

to perpetuate itself, each to secure a cheerful, wholesome atmosphere for the dyspeptic. He should eat his meals at a table where there is good fellowship and where funny stories are told. He should himself make a great effort to contribute his share of this at the table, even if it be necessary, as it was in one case under my care, or him to solemnly and seriously collect funny paragraphs from the press and at first interject them spasmodically during lulls in conversation at the table. The effort made was adequate to the obstacles to be overcome. He succeeded, and the spectacle of that man trying to be funny at table when he felt thoroughly discouraged and blue is one we shall never forget.

Laughing is in itself also a useful exercise from the standpoint of digestion. It stirs up all the abdominal organs, it increases the circulation of the blood, it increases peristalsis, it increases the secretion of the gastric juices. Five minutes' deliberate laughing after each meal, would be an excellent prescription for some. —*London Family Doctor*.

MARRIED.—In Keene, at the residence of A. S. McCully, April 6, 1903, by Elder C. W. Miller, W. F. Mayers to Miss Vertie Conditt, all of Keene. The bride was, up to her marriage, the Matron at the Keene Orphans' Home. The groom has been a student of Keene Academy. He recently returned from a canvassing tour along the borders of Mexico, where he sold our literature. They propose to, soon, go to old Mexico, where Mr. and Mrs. Mayers will enter that field as missionaries among the Mexican people.

THE lecture by Prof. W. H. Buxton last Sunday night, was highly appreciated by the few that took pains to attend. It is to be regretted, that the community at large, forming the educational center they represent, did not show more appreciation of so able an effort. We can only hope that next time when opportunity is given to hear a similar lecture—and these lectures are profusely illustrated by practical experiments—they will so keenly have felt the present loss, that they will turn out *en masse* to listen to our entertaining scientific lecturer.

**Hero Worship.**

**A** FEW WEEKS AGO I arrived in Lincoln and as the train pulled up to the depot, I noticed an immense concourse of people and the air was filled with the shouts of the multitudé. It was not the yell of the unrefined and uncultured, but the refined and cultured yell of university students. The State University foot ball team was returning from Minnesota, where they had defeated the Minnesota foot ball team in a heated contest. As the victorious athletes alighted from the coach, they were caught up and borne on the shoulders of their enthusiastic admirers, and placed in a chariot which was drawn through the streets of the city by several hundred people. Truly, people are hero worshipers now, as really as in the days of Julius Caesar, when they styled him the "invincible deity;" "Caesar, the demigod." And now, as then, those who are blessed to-day are cursed to-morrow, as illustrated in the experience of Admiral Dewey and Lieutenant Hobson. How fickle is public sentiment! How fleeting, worldly glory!  
—E. T. Russell.

**Save the Pieces.**

**Y**OU HAVE heard of the United States Mint at Philadelphia where huge iron machines turn the precious gold dust into heaps of shining coins?

All over the floor of the gold-working room, we are told, is laid a wooden lattice work, which is taken up when the floor is swept, so that the fine particles of gold dust which have fallen may not be lost. These fine bits are said to be saved to the amount of thousands of dollars each year.

Every man who has been able to greatly help the world to be better or wiser, has had the habit of "saving the pieces" of his time and putting them to use.

Gladstone carried through life a little book in his pocket lest some unexpected spare moment should slip from him.

Is there only five to ten minutes to meal time? What can you do with them? The great Caesar said: "Under my tent in the fiercest struggle of war, I have always found time to think of other things."

**POINTED POINTS.**

Faith is the key of God's treasury. Sacrifice is the law of the Christian life.

God reads our character in our prayers.

Circumstances may change, but God never does.

Character is what a man is in his inmost thought.

God honors no drafts where there are no deposits.

The messenger upon God's errand ever goes alone.

The sun is always shining to the man who walks by faith.

It is always want of faith that is at the bottom of all fear.

The brightest truths are often dug out of the darkest doubts.

Heaven will be the sweetest surprise of a perfect explanation.

The truth of Jesus Christ begins with the unselfishness of God.

Be not anxious about little things, if thou wouldst learn to trust God with thine all.

The man who has begun to live more seriously within, begins to live more simply without.

The most costly thing in the world is sin; the richest man is he who has God's blessing.

Trouble and perplexity drive us to prayer, and prayer drives away trouble and perplexity.

There is no power on earth that can stand before the onward march of God's people when they are dead in earnest.

The crosses which we make for ourselves by a restless anxiety as the future, are not the crosses which come from God.

SECRETARY of the United States Treasury, L. M. Shaw, anent his recent visit to Texas and Louisiana, says: "Rice culture is certainly a very profitable industry. I may say it is the corn of the Southwest. By that I mean that its future is established. It has come as a permanent industry and can be relied upon by the planters and, like our own Iowa corn, it is well past the experimental stage. It has come to stay as one of the great staple industries of the New South."

THE treaty of reciprocity between Cuba and the United State, as amended by the Senate of the United States, was approved in the Cuban Senate by a vote of 12 to 9. This approval is absolute, and is not hampered by any conditions, the questionable time limit agreed to having been dispensed with, through the receipt of a cable message from Secretary Hay in which it was positively declared that President Roosevelt would not call a special session of Congress prior to December 1. The purport of this assurance was transmitted to the Senate.

FOR carefully drawn legal papers of any description call on John B. Fitch, Attorney at Law, Keene, Texas. Will attend to any legal business before any of the courts of the State.

**Wanted.**

A suitable person as Matron for the Keene Orphans' Home. Good references are required. None need apply, unless they love children, and are willing to work for the Lord and not merely for remuneration.

For further particulars please write to  
JOHN F. BAHLER,  
Keene, Johnson County, Texas.

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