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## A WORKING CHURCH.

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**A**LIVING CHURCH is a working church. The precious light of Bible truth, like a lamp that burneth, is to shine forth from every church member. God will use His believing ones as instrumentalities; through them He will minister to souls fainting for the bread of life. Words of hope and cheer falling from lips that have been touched with a live coal from God's altar, will revive and comfort those who are weary and distressed.

Time is precious. The destiny of souls is in the balance. At infinite cost a way of salvation has been provided. Shall Christ's great sacrifice be in vain? Shall the earth be entirely controlled by Satanic agencies? The salvation of souls is dependent upon the consecration and activity of God's church. The Lord calls all who believe in Him to be workers together with Him. While their life shall last, they are not to feel that their work is done. Until the time comes when Christ shall say, "It is finished," His work for the saving of souls is not to decrease, but to grow in extent and importance.

The mercy of God is shown by His long forbearance. He is holding back His judgments, waiting for the message of warning to be sounded to all. There are many who have not heard the testing truths for this time. The last call of mercy is to be given more fully to our world.

### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Many of the lay members, if consecrated to God's service, could give the warning message of mercy to the multitudes who are not acquainted with the truth for this time. All around us there are souls perishing in sin. Every day there is something to do for the Master.

Every Christian is to let his light shine forth in good works. His words are to magnify our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of waiting for great opportunities before doing anything, he is to do the work lying nearest him. Thus he will increase his talents and gain a preparation for wider service. Wherever he is, there is his field, in which he is earnestly to show forth in word and deed the saving power of truth. He is not to wait to see what others do. He has a personality of his own, and he is responsible to Christ, whose servant he is, for every word and act.

God's people would put on joy and gladness as a garment if they would only receive that which He is waiting to give them—that which would make them strong to help those in need of help. Our people need the breath of spiritual life breathed into them, that they may arouse to spiritual action. Many have lost their vital energy, and are sluggish, dead, as it were. Let those who have been receiving the grace of Christ help these souls to rouse to action. Let us keep in the current of life that comes from Christ, that we may impart to others. Healthy, happy action is what is needed in the church to-day.

### OPEN DOORS.

In the service of God there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood, as well as priests of various orders bearing various degrees of responsibility. Our church members are to arise and shine because their light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep, and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the

world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to what is just before us.

In many States there are settlements of industrious, well-to-do farmers, who have never heard the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. Let our lay members take up this line of service. By loaning or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. Filled with love for souls, they could proclaim the message of present truth with such power that many would be converted. Let us remember that it is as important to carry the message to those in the home field who have not heard the truth, as it is to go as missionaries to foreign countries.

There is abundant work for all who know the truth. Approach the people in a persuasive, kindly manner, full of cheerfulness and love for Christ. The Saviour is ever near with grace and power to enable you to present the gospel of salvation, which will bring souls out of the darkness of unbelief into His marvelous light. Reach out after those who are ready to perish. Call attention to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

I wish that all our people could see the many doors that are open before them. Beside all waters we are to sow the seeds of truth. O, how my soul is drawn out after sinners, that they may be won for Christ! If those who have received the truth would exercise a living faith in Christ, if they would realize that they are to be His workers, wholly consecrated to His service, what a work might be done! When God's people surrender

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**Arkansas & Department.**

**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

ELDER J. A. Sommerville, president of the Arkansas conference, returned to Springdale from the local camp meeting Thursday night, October 27, accompanied by Elder N. P. Nelson, president of the Texas and Southwestern Union conferences, also his son, Elder Andrew Nelson. Elder N. P. Nelson remained with us only a few hours, leaving on the midnight train for Keene, Texas. However we greatly appreciated his visit even if it was brief. Elder Andrew Nelson remained with us till Friday A. M., when he and Elder Sommerville left on the 4:30 train for Gentry, Arkansas. Elder Nelson preached the two nights he was here. His subject Wednesday night was "Privileges, Duties, and Responsibilities of a Christian;" and Thursday evening it was "Christian Education." Both sermons were highly instructive, and listened to by an attentive audience.

THE local camp meeting is reported to have been good, though small is attendance. The few felt that it was good to be there.

SISTER Ethel Ward, of Afton, reports that the Sabbath School in progressing nicely; also that the church school is doing well although there are only about ten pupils in attendance. They have a most excellent teacher, Sister Knapp, of Oklahoma.

TWENTY-FOUR are at present enrolled in the Springdale school, and their motto is "Onward and Upward."

**TITHE REPORT.**

BALANCE FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1903.

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| Sallisaw . . . . .     | \$ 4.52  |
| Fayetteville . . . . . | 47.25    |
| Gravette . . . . .     | 5.29     |
| Gentry . . . . .       | 8.99     |
| Springdale . . . . .   | 22.58    |
| Miami . . . . .        | 1.45     |
| Afton . . . . .        | 40.96    |
| Isolated . . . . .     | 71.95    |
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|                        | \$202.99 |

**Camp Meeting Fund.**

THE practice in Arkansas has been

in the past to defray camp meeting expenses from the tithe. For several reasons we do not want to continue that practice any longer. First, It is not right, as the tithe is holy unto the Lord, to be used for the spread of the gospel message. Secondly, Camp meeting expenses are quite heavy, and in paying them from the tithe we are using the money that rightfully belongs to the laborers, and thus we are depriving them of what is due them. Let us not pursue this unwise plan any longer. We have a suggestion to make. Let each one of our brethren and sisters from now on lay aside FIVE CENTS A WEEK toward this camp meeting fund. We will never miss it, and in the aggregate it will be a great help to us. Now we all want a part in this gospel message in these last days; we all want to see the work come up in this needy field, so let us each bear his part of the burden, and the Lord will truly add his blessing. We want now to pay back to the conference the money we used last summer for camp meeting expenses because we owe the laborers on their last year's work. They need the money, and we know that you want them to have it, and every little will help. Now while we want to pay our back indebtedness on camp meeting expenses, we also want to raise enough for next season, so when it comes time for the camp meeting, we can draw from the camp meeting fund and not from the tithe. May the Lord help all to feel that they have a privileged responsibility in this. Send all donations to the

ARKANSAS TRACT SOCIETY,  
Springdale, Arkansas.

**The Tent Fund.**

Now we who were privileged to attend the camp meeting last summer appreciated the new audience tent, which was sadly needed as every one knows. We all belong to the Arkansas conference, and that tent is owned by the same conference, and many of us have had a share in the purchase of it. We have it nicely stored in a new tent house recently built and paid for. All the tents in the tent house are well sacked, and will always be shipped in that condition. Many who have attended our meetings from time to time realize

that we are sadly in need of small tents as most of them leak very badly, and are past mending. Now what we want to do is to start a tent fund so as to be able to procure some tents before the camp meeting next year. Surely when we have made such good provisions for the care of the tents, you will all feel individually responsible in the matter, and deeply interested in helping us to raise a fund toward the same. In the foregoing article on "Camp Meeting Expenses" we suggested laying aside five cents a week; now we suggest FIVE CENTS A WEEK toward the tent fund, making a total of ten cents a week. Surely we can do that much to help the cause in our State. All donations should be sent to the Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Arkansas, where they will be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged by the secretary.

F. E. H.

**"Why Stand Ye Here Idle?"**

THE harvest is past, the summer is ended, and I am not saved." "Few have any adequate idea of what the distribution of tracts and papers is doing." "The missionary work of circulating the publications upon present truth is opening doors everywhere, and preparing minds to receive the truth when the living preacher shall come among them." "The success which attends the efforts of the minister in the field is not due alone to his efforts, but in a great degree to the reading matter which has enlightened the minds of the people, and removed prejudice." "Thus many are made susceptible to the influence of the truth when it is presented to them." Again we read, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, and thus leading them to search the Scriptures." What is missionary work?—Introducing our publications into families, and conversing and praying with them. "Churches in every place should feel the deepest interest in the tract and missionary work." "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the Lord: the mighty men shall cry bitterly." "That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation. Shall these careless, listless

souls hear no warning voice, telling them of impending danger and doom? As the lost, perishing multitude go down into hopeless ruin, and when they turn their reproaching eyes in the bitterest soul-agony upon you and ask, "If you knew these things were coming, why did you not warn us?" what will you say?

"It is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Do we realize that this means just what it says, and that it is the word of the Lord. Faith without works is dead; actions speak louder than words. All cannot be canvassers, devoting their whole time to the scattering of the printed page; but, praise the Lord, there are many who can and do. They are not only humble instruments in God's hands in sowing beside all waters, but their success in the work enables them to support their families at the same time. This very fact should encourage others who make that their stumbling block. Where there is a will there is a way.

But there is another class of people who should have a part in this line of missionary work—our church members and isolated ones. Every one can do a little, and it is the littles that make up the whole. Tracts have been prepared on the "Coming of Christ," "Signs of the Times," "The Gospel Remedy for the Present-day Isms," "What do these Things Mean," and "The Perpetuity of the Law of God." When these were first issued a year ago, our brethren and sisters throughout the State used quite a number of them. Since then they have been sleeping on our tract society shelves.

The influence of a little tract has often wrought mightily for God. In some places entire churches have been raised up as the result of one little tract. I quote the following: "A poor widow was going to town to trade. She went to her closet and prayed that God would guide her to do something for Him. She slipped a tract into her bag, and going along as she looked behind her, she saw a noted infidel following. She dropped the leaflet and prayed to God to touch the man's heart. Her prayer was answered. The infidel stopped and picked up the tract. As he read it, the voice of God spoke to Wilberforce, and he yielded. Instead of continuing to blaspheme and deny God, he entered

the ministry, and tens of thousands were brought to God through his ministry, and they in turn brought thousands more, and still on during centuries the stream of influence has widened, till only God can count the souls saved through the agencies set in motion by that one little tract." Oh, let us be up and doing while it is day, for the night soon cometh when no man can work. And what will our record be? How many sheaves will we bring in the time of the harvest? "The harvest is past, the summer is ended," and all are not saved.

### ✦ Texas Department. ✦

#### The Dallas Church.

THE Dallas church has succeeded in securing a very nice and sufficiently commodious church building, completely furnished. The building is located on Genoa St. near Akard. It is a great bargain. A small portion of the price has been paid down in order to secure it, and they have taken possession. If those who have pledged various sums will kindly send in the money at once, and all other friends will donate as liberally as possible, this church can pay off the remaining \$1,000.00 in the near future and be ready to dedicate the building. The church school will open in a few days. All remittances should be sent to Dr. M. E. Nelson, Treasurer, R. F. D. No. 7, Dallas, Texas.

#### NOTES.

FRANK Green has sold his place and expects to start next Monday with his car of goods for New Mexico. His wife will visit friends in Texas for some time before going to New Mexico.

J. D. CASEY recently from Southern Texas has purchased the residence of J. A. Woods, also six acres of land from Frank Green.

MR. J. R. HUDSON and family have recently moved here from Louisiana, for the purpose of educating their children, and have purchased land of Frank Green and are building them a house.

T. T. STEVENSON has moved this week into the old Pundt place, where he will remain until he can build in spring.

MARTIN Cleckner has moved into the property recently purchased from T. T. Stevenson.

ELDER A. W. Jenson went to Bosque county last Friday to look after an interest there.

ELDER J. M. Huguley and wife were called to Letot, Texas, last Wednesday by the death of Sister Letot, of that place.

THE Academy is still doing finely; new students are coming in nearly every day.

THE sick in our village are recovering. Miss Grace Eastman is improving slowly, and Elder Nelson is also slowly recovering.

ELDER J. N. Sommerville is enjoying a few days' rest at home with his family after two months' hard work in East Texas.

THE Truck Growers' Association have called a meeting for Thursday night to discuss plans for next season, and particularly to arrange for black-berry plants to set out this fall. A full attendance of all the members and citizens is greatly desired.

SOME time ago it was stated in our "Notes" that Brother G. E. Faucher, of Fort Worth, had moved to Colorado. It is now learned that this was a mistake, as he was only there temporarily for his health, but if he can sell his place near Fort Worth, he intends moving to Colorado.

#### Notice.

THE Ministers' meeting for the Texas Conference, appointed to be held December 9-13, has been postponed on account of the Week of Prayer coming December 12-19. We want all our ministers to be out with the churches at this time.

The Southwestern Union Conference session will also come earlier than we had anticipated, the date having been set by the General Conference for February 24 to March 2. The place of meeting has not yet been decided upon.

N. P. NELSON.

I AM sorry that I have to report ill health. I have been confined to my bed most of the time for the last two weeks. But I believe I am now improving. I am having sweet communion with my God, but O, how I long to be out among my brethren. I hope that you will remember me at the throne of grace that I may be restored to health again.

N. P. NELSON.

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THE article on the first page is not copied but it came directly from Sister White, and shows the great interest she takes in the coming Missionary Rally. It is hoped that every reader of this paper will give this article a careful study, and make a personal application of it to their lives. If all would do this what a reformation we would see, and what an increase in the amount of work being done for the Lord.

**Missionary Meeting November 21 and 22.**

THE Lord now tells His people every where, "Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of Lord is risen upon thee;" (Isaiah 60: 1.) "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion;" (Isaiah 51: 1.) "Go through, go through the gates; \* \* \* lift up a standard for the people;" (Isaiah 62: 10.) "Now, just now, let the long-neglected work be done." (Testimony for the Church.)

But before we are able to do the work the Lord requires of each one of us, there must be a humiliation in the church and in every individual. So it has been decided that November 21 and 22 be set apart for simul-

aneous missionary meetings in all our churches. Appointment for this has been issued through the *Review*. Plans for the meetings, and short readings, in which are some leading features of the work are clearly outlined, will be supplied to all the conferences from Washington, Oakland, and Nashville. These will not be so lengthy as to consume the time. They will only introduce the subjects, and open the way for profitable discussion.

It is thought that the matter to be considered will require not less than three meetings. These could be held Sabbath forenoon and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon or evening. Wherever an all-day Sunday meeting can be arranged, it will be better.

Among the subjects to be considered are,—

1. The Call to Service.
2. The Value and Uses of Tracts.
3. Our Periodicals a Continual Blessing.
4. Who Should Sell Small Books.
5. How to follow up the work.
6. Christ's Object Lessons and Education; their mission and influence.

My heart is deeply stirred when I see the indifference and lethargy that has taken hold of our people. We are certainly in, the last watches of the night, but our eyes are like the disciples' in the garden of Gethsemane—they are heavy with sleep. But the word to us is, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not."

N. P. NELSON.

**The Local Camp Meeting in Arkansas.**

THIS meeting was held at Newport the later part of October. Being late in the season, the weather was quite cool at night. A stove had to be put up in the large tent, which added much to the comfort of the congregation.

The meeting was very small, and as it was appointed to last ten days, only a very few staid through the whole meeting. Some came to the first part. Others came to the middle part, and still others attended the last part only. The attendance from the city was very small to begin with, but grew until the last, when we had some very good meetings both during the day and at night, and all felt well repaid for coming. Three brethren were

baptized by Elder Griffin.

The laborers present at the meeting were Elders N. P. Nelson, J. A. Sommerville, H. Clay Griffin, Brother U. Bender, and the writer. As Elder Sommerville had an appointment to meet with the church at Hot Springs, he did not stay all through the meeting, but left on Thursday. The meeting closed on Sunday night with a friendly feeling from those who attended from the city, and many expressed the wish that the meetings continue longer. But as it was so late and getting so cold at night, it was decided best to take down the tents and close the meetings for the present.

After leaving this place, father and I visited our sanitarium at Little Rock, where we again joined company with Elder Sommerville. We were much pleased with the sanitarium and its work. The Lord is blessing the efforts put forth to let the gospel light shine to those in darkness and error. The institution is self-supporting, is no burden to the conference, and is doing a work in harmony with the counsel of God through His Spirit. After spending a pleasant afternoon inspecting the institution, and talking with the workers in regard to the work, we took the night train for Springdale, which place we reach the next day at 5:30 P. M.

We spent a few hours at the tract society office, after which father took the night train to return to Keene. The writer will remain to visit in company with Elder Sommerville some of the larger companies in the interest of the school at Keene.

ANDREW NELSON.

**To Church Elders and Leaders.**

WHAT preparation are you making for the Missionary Rally on the 21st and 22nd? Great things may be realized from this effort, but very much depends upon the thought and care bestowed upon the preparation by those in charge of the churches. If those at the head do not put much energy and thought into the matter, it cannot be expected that the people will do so.

The whole aim of the rally should be, not merely to meet and have a pleasant time discussing these questions, but to see results, and lasting ones too, afterwards. The great ob-

ject is to enthuse our people with the thought that the time has come for *everybody* to be about the Lord's work, and avenues are laid open before them which are ready to be entered. Let all be faithful.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C.

**F**ROM the present outlook, October 29, 4. P. M., it does not seem probable that we shall be able to make the final payment on the church, as we had hoped, on Saturday evening, October 31, without borrowing. We should be very sorry to do this. At the present time the debt stand at \$535.00.

After the church debt is paid we must put in a baptistry and make some necessary alterations and repairs in the church and the rooms adjoining. To do this in a neat and creditable way, suitable to the situation and needs of the Memorial Church, will make an additional expense of several hundred dollars. We have waited at considerable inconvenience for a whole year for these alterations until the church debt should first be paid. When these alterations have been effected and the church is in suitable condition, we shall appoint the time for re-dedication. Remember that as this church has been paid for by all our people, it will always be the property of the General Conference.

These explanations are given that those who have desired to give to the church fund and have been hindered from so doing until the present time, will not be kept from doing so now, from a fear of being too late. Not one cent will be lost.

The prospect for the work here is brighter than ever before. We are entering the final death struggle of sin, short but fearful in its intensity—with victory, sudden victory, yet glorious and eternal, to the soldier of Christ.

Those who desire to help to finish this work can send contributions to the office of this paper or directly to J. S. Washburn, 1728 Fourteenth Street Northwest.

#### Holding The Ropes.

**A** lone with Christ, we are called to share in his work till it closes. The calls will come thicker and faster from this time on; but as we

catch His highest thought for this dark world, to answer these appeals will be our chief pleasure.

The preaching of this gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness in this generation will not be performed in any miraculous manner. But as God's servants, in the strength of that "Lo, I am with you," go to every part of the world with this gospel message, souls will be converted.

We who remain at home are to bear just as active a part in this work as the few who go to the front. We are to share in the joys and in the sacrifices of such service; joy when souls accept the precious Saviour, and sacrifice that nothing may hinder the onward progress of the message.

When William Carey, the Father of Modern Missions, had been able to enthuse a few friends with a sense of the great need of the world, and a society had been organized, he was the first one to volunteer for service. The secretary spoke of India in her need as a gold mine, as deep as the center of the earth, and asked who would venture to explore it. "I will venture to go down," was the instant reply of Carey, "but remember that you must hold the ropes."

And this must be done until the work closes. The work of the few who are called to venture down into the dark mine of heathenism and sin would soon be thwarted, if we at home failed to hold the ropes. And dare we believe in this closing hour that God requires greater sacrifice from those who leave the home land to do personal service in the field, than from those who remain behind to supply their needs?

Besides our weekly offerings, larger gifts are called for at this crisis in our work. Although the offerings of 1902 were larger than those of any previous year, the appropriations alone for 1903 reached that amount, with nothing left for aggressive work.

Unless the offerings for November and December exceed those of the same months of any previous year, we shall not be able to pay our appropriations for the year 1903. What are we to do, brethren and sisters? Will we allow the cause of God to languish in these, the closing days of the conflict?

If each one will make an effort to increase his own offering just a little, even though it may mean some sacrifice, and those who have not given

will close the year with a good thank-offering, we believe the funds for this year will be received. Will we not rise to this emergency, and in the strength of our Leader, place his work on vantage ground?

ESTELLA HOUSER.

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themselves unreservedly to Christ, they will use every power of mind and body to His name's glory; and His work will make rapid advancement.

#### WHOLE-HEARTED DEVOTION.

The things of this world are soon to pass away. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and the byways.

I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ. You are God's spokesmen. You are to speak the truth in love to perishing souls. Remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth, to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Allow nothing to keep you from the work of soul-saving. By earnest prayer obtain power that will make your influence a savor of life unto life. The Master-Worker will put His spirit upon all who labor for Him with whole-hearted devotion.

Christ's interests are the first and the highest of all interests. He has a property in this world that he wishes secured, saved for His everlasting kingdom. It is for His Father's glory and His own glory that His messengers shall go forth in His name for they and He are one. They are to reveal Him to the world. His interests are their interests. If they will be co-laborers with Him, they shall be made heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ to an immortal inheritance.

## Oklahoma Department.

Matter for the Oklahoma department has come in like a flood this week. We have given extra space, and still have considerable left over.

### AMONG THE CANVISSERS.

HANNAH J. BAKER.—“The weather has been so hot here this summer that I did not begin to canvass for several weeks after I had intended, but now that I am in the work I enjoy it very much. The people here are deeply interested in ‘Desire of Ages.’ I have canvassed seven days. The first two days I did not take any orders, but since then I have taken five orders, amounting to twenty-one dollars, and have also sold four dollars’ worth of helps. Several have asked me to call later and take their orders, because they did not know at present when they could have the money. Each day the interest increases for the Lord is with me, and prepares the way before me. I have had some interesting talks with several who are interested in the truth. I am of good courage. Pray for me that I may increase in wisdom and in usefulness.”

Newborn Scott and Roy Stoops each have an encouraging report in which we haven’t space for this issue.

### THE FIELD.

TALOGA.—We came to this place about October 5, and began meeting with a good interest from the first. This is near where we held meetings last winter. At that time eight or nine began keeping the Sabbath. When we came back, we found that two had moved away, two had become discouraged, and five were still keeping the Sabbath, and doing the best they could, but needing encouragement. They also needed to be instructed further on different points of truth. Two of these joined the Putnam church, also six others. After holding meeting in a tent until the weather became too cold, we took down the tent, and held meetings in the homes of those who were interested. We closed meeting November 2, with a full house and a good interest. It seemed impossible to develop the work further at present. Those who seem to be so much interested in

the truth want to see a good Seventh-day Adventist church organized here, but are delaying taking hold themselves. We hope to see many others take their stand for the truth here.

The results of these meetings are eight joined the Putnam church, six by baptism and two by vote (being satisfied with their former baptism;) and six others are keeping the Sabbath, being ready for church relationship, but waiting for their companions, who are standing back on account of that filthy weed, tobacco. The whole neighborhood has been convinced, but not converted. They are too much taken up with the world to yield to the requirements of the meek and lowly Jesus. A Sabbath School is being held, which is well attended, and we hope to see much good accomplished yet.

We have enjoyed the work here very much. One old man who had lived a very wicked life, drinking and chewing tobacco, was converted. He invited us to hold meetings at his house, and made a trip of ten miles for his brother to have him hear this wonderful truth. When the brother heard the good news of this old brother’s conversion, he and his wife came over, and we had such an excellent meeting. We were reminded of what the Lord said that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth. This old brother is very zealous. He has given up tobacco after chewing it since he was a small boy, united with the church, has family prayer, and will be baptized next Sabbath.

We are visiting this week, and are preparing to move from here to Taloga. We are so glad the Lord has permitted even us to have a part in this great work. Our prayer is that we all may do much good, and be the instruments in the hands of God of calling many to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

L. P. SYP.

MINNIE SYP.

OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA.—At our last conference a call was made for donations to purchase tents for field work. Accordingly Brother J. A. Burkey of Altona promised to pay for one tent. The tent was sent for at once, and it was sent to Okmulgee, where Brother E. L. Maxwell and the writer began a series of meetings September 17. The Methodist began a protracted meeting at the same time. So in our meeting the attendance has

been on an average of about forty. This was a new field, but about three families of our people had moved in. The blessing of God rested on the word spoken and also on the printed page that was distributed. There was quite an interest among the people, and the work developed until Sabbath, October 24, we organized a church of fifteen members. The next day two more were added to the church, making all seventeen members. There are also three or four more keeping the Sabbath, who will soon be ready for membership. Nine of these came in by letter, but the rest came on profession of faith. One an infidel saw the folly of his unbelief and took his stand for the Sabbath.

Thus several have already been brought into the truth through the sacrifice made by Brother Burkey. Let others follow his example and thus open the way for the message to be carried to those who are in darkness.

A. E. FIELD.

CHOCTAW, OKLAHOMA.—Nearly seven weeks ago by request of Brother Couch and his mother we went to their place near Choctaw, Oklahoma to hold a series of meetings. This is a new field, where the truth in any form had never been presented. The interest was good from the start.

To begin with Brother Couch placed twenty copies of the ‘‘Inspired History of the Nations, Past and Future,’’ in the immediate neighborhood. During the meetings the people read the book and listened to the evidences of the truth as presented from the desk.

The results of the work is sixteen adults are fully established in all points of the truth. There are still at least as many more, much interested. We expect to return in a short time to finish up the work. It is most encouraging to notice the power there is in the plain word of God. This company is about equally divided, men and women. Every one of the men were tobacco users, but are now free from the habit. Swine’s flesh has also been laid aside, and some are already paying their tithes. A Sabbath School has been organized a leader and treasurer elected, and ten were baptized. In the near future we hope to organize a church. Brother Couch and my wife were efficient help in this meeting. As soon as this com-

pany is in shape to leave, we expect to fill one more of the several calls we have for labor. We are glad to say our courage is good, and our faith in the truth was never stronger. We ask an interest in the prayers of our friends that God may still bless our work.

G. G. RUPERT.

**NOTICE TO CHURCHES.**

All orders for books and periodicals not accompanied by cash should be ordered by the church librarian, as we do not wish to open accounts with different ones in the same church unless it is unavoidable.

WILLIAM VOTH.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

Mrs. M. Syp reports a good interest at Taloga. Four were baptized last Sunday and several others will soon unite by baptism.

BROTHER Hetze and wife, and Brethren Peter and Jacob Brickman leave to-day, (Wednesday, Nov. 4.) from O'Keene for Russia. Brother Hetze has been doing some missionary work in Russia before this, and returns to his field of labor. Brethren Peter and Jacob Brickman expect to be engaged a short time in self-supporting missionary work among their friends in Russia. We wish them a pleasant journey and the blessing of God in their undertaking. May many more go out to do a little work for the Master.

Reports are coming in from different parts of Oklahoma, bringing the good news of a heavy fall of rain, which was very much needed at different parts of the territory, as it has been too dry to get all the fall wheat in the ground, to give it a good start before the ground gets too cold.

**OBITUARY.**

OUR darling boy, Herman Haffner, died October 19, 1903 of throat trouble. He was sick one day and two nights. He was always pretty healthy, and it was a great surprise to us that he died so suddenly. I left my family Thursday night and Monday I received the news of his death. His death has brought great sorrow and grief in our family, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we believe that we will see our

boy again in the near future. He was two years seven months and twelve days old. Words of comfort were spoken by brethren G. Schultz and J. A. Lorenz. May the time soon come when we shall have no more sad experiences; when death will no more take our loved ones from us.

G. F. HAFNER.

**NOTICE.**

DEAR Brethren, the time has certainly come to arise and shine, and give this message to the world. Will all the churches in Oklahoma now go to work as never before? Our whole denomination is now preparing and organizing for a missionary campaign to spread our tracts and papers as the leaves of autumn during the next few months. Shall our people in Oklahoma step right in and do their part? This is what we hope and pray for. We want to help in spreading one million copies of the special Capital and Labor Signs, which will be out in a few days. Let every church send in their order right away, so that we may send in the order to the Pacific Press. We are planning to send you some help during that time to help you some. But don't wait, till the help comes, but go to work and organize your company for work. Let us do thorough work this time. We would like to work the whole Territory with the Signs. Then we don't want to forget the tract work but go right on with that and let us fill every town and village with this truth. Brethren, we must do more work if that message is to be brought now to the whole world. The time is short and the work is great. May we all arise as one man and then the message will soon be brought to the uttermost part of the earth, and Jesus will come and deliver His people. O, what a joy that will be when we shall meet our loved ones again.

G. F. H.

**THE TITHE.**

OUR people have done pretty well in paying their tithe this month. On looking through the books I find that about \$2,700.00 were paid in this month. This is good; let it continue to flow in that way; then we can soon send some more laborers into the field and support them.

Let all those who made pledges for

the "State Fund" at camp meeting, remember them, for the time will soon be out when you promised to pay. January 1, 1904 was the limit. And let those that have not made any pledges pay something also, that we may get the thousand dollars in full; as that is about the amount needed in this fund to carry on the work of the conference.

G. F. H.

**The Canvassing Work.**

THE Canvassing work is onward in Oklahoma. All the canvassers are doing well in delivering their books. They are delivering from 80 to 90 per cent of their orders. Surely the Lord is going before his workers. One brother sold \$25.00 worth extra while delivering his books. This surely shows us that there ought to be twice as many workers out in the field as there are at present. May the Lord give His people a missionary spirit to work for those who sit in darkness, and may they scatter the printed pages like the leaves of autumn, that the world may be warned and our Saviour come to reward the faithful laborers, for only the doers of the word shall be blessed. Let us not sit idly in our houses while souls are starving for the precious truth of God.

JAMES BUTKA.

**O'Keene Church School.**

THIS school commenced October 5, with a class of bright boys and girls who are anxious to learn something that will make them useful in this world. Most of them have attended church school before, and they were glad that the time had come for the school to commence again. There are some who have never attended a church school before and they are already realizing that there is a vast difference between the day and church school.

The school has now been in session one month; the enrollment is 24 at present. Still a few more are intending to come as soon as the work on the farm is done. May God bless this and the other church schools in our conference, and may the object of the church schools be greatly rewarded, is the prayer of your humble servant.

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