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Work in the Master's Vineyard.

J. P. LORENZ.

STANDING idle while the Master
Has a work for you to do!
See, His vineyard needeth tending—
There is work for me and you.
O go forth while yet He calleth:
"Who will go and work for Me?
Who will be a faithful servant,
Working for eternity?
Standing idle still at noontide
While the hours are passing by,
And for workers He is calling,
Though the evening draweth nigh.
All may enter now the harvest
None too feeble, none too weak,
For the Master finds some duty,
If His blessed work we seek.
Standing idle! shades of even
Gather over hill and plain;
Yet you may improve the moments,
While the beams of day remain.
Let us work, for soon the shadows
Hide the sunlight of the day;
Tien the Master comes to give His
Faithful laborers their pay.
O how sad would then the moment
Of the Master's coming be,
Should he say, "Ye slothful servants,
Nothing ye have done for Me!
All your precious time you've wasted,
While the harvest had to wait,
And I called you, but ye lingered,
Now for ever, 'tis too late!"
Let us faithfully work onward
While the ev'ning draweth nigh,
Till we hear the trumpet sounding
Of the Saviour in the sky.
Then our good and faithful Master
Gives us all our just reward,
And we'll feel the blest assurance,
That we've served our blessed Lord.

Keene, Texas.

Missionary Training School of Correspondance.

THIS School of Correspondance has been called into existence to meet the needs of the hour. There are in almost every community people who, if circumstances were different would be glad to enter one of our schools to prepare for active missionary work. They know that the Lord has a place for them and a work for

them to do. Some are prevented from attending school by home duties, others are detained for financial reasons. Nevertheless, these would make just as good workers as those who become resident students in our various schools. They are as earnest and as thoroughly Christian as those differently situated.

There are families that feel that they should work as families in the cause of God. There are mothers who have a deep longing to better understand God's will concerning them and the training of their children. These are the people who have created a demand for work by correspondance. It is for them that the Missionary Training School of Correspondance has been opened.

Possibly those who are detained from our schools have felt that they must always live under great disadvantages, but this is not true. Many a man has advanced by doing his studying after the ordinary day's work. Lincoln is a notable example of such industry. We often read of men who are obliged to work hard all day, but who utilize every spare hour in self-improvement.

If men working for worldly advantage will put forth such an effort, should Christians be satisfied when they do less? The long winter evenings may profitably be devoted by many Christian families to a study of the Word of God. In many of our homes, neighbors may gather to study God's truth. The course of instruction offered in Bible by the Missionary Training School of Correspondance will enable parents to work side by side with their children. It will make it possible for Christian fathers and mothers to study with their neighbors. It is an opportunity which none can afford to miss.

You should at least read the circulars issued by the Missionary Training School of Correspondance and see for yourself what you may do by studying in your own home. Address, Missionary Training

School of Correspondance, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

\$50,000 FOR MISSIONS!

Annual Offering for 1903.

CAN we do it? Will we do it? We can if we will. On our part it means an increase over our offering of last year. But why not? Every year the end is nearer, and the need is greater, and the time for work is shorter. Just as much as we expect great things from God, in these closing hours of earth's history, we are to attempt great things for Him.

Commence at once to plan for the offering. Let every individual decide to make 1903 the banner year in his gifts to missions. Then it will be the banner year for every church. It will be the banner year for every conference. And it will be the year that will open the way for the banner of King Emmanuel to penetrate deeper than ever before into the earth's dark corners.

Begin to-day to lay aside for your contribution to the 50,000-dollar annual offering. Only a little time is left us to lay up treasure above. Pray as you plan, and He who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, will devise the plan for you.

\$50,000, annual offerings to missions for 1903 means a message of courage to every lone worker in the field, and new recruits in the many fields now pleading for help. Will we do it?—By His grace, we will.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

BEGIN at once to plan for your annual offering. Let us make it the largest annual gift to missions that has ever gone from this conference. Arrange for the children to earn some money, so that they may have a part in it. Let up give until we feel it. With such giving our message would soon reach the ends of the earth, and the call for gifts would be at an end.

Arkansas Department.**OBITUARY.**

FELL ASLEEP in Jesus at Lincoln, Arkansas, November 9, 1903, Brother S. Simonds, aged 73 years 4 months and 8 days.

He embraced the truth of the Third Angel's Message 45 years ago under the preaching of C. W. Hall and M. E. Cornell at Bowling Green, Ohio, and was firm in the truth until the close of his life. Most of the time since he accepted present truth has been spent in active service for the Master, preaching and canvassing. He often expressed himself as longing for the Lord to come to redeem his people. Words of comfort were spoken by the pastor of the M. E. church.

GEO. E. NORWOOD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER V. B. Watts, who is holding meetings in Greenland, Arkansas, reports a good interest. Quite a number from Springdale and Fayetteville spent last Sabbath with the little company there, some from Springdale remaining over Sunday. There are only two families of Sabbath-keepers in the place, and it was through their earnest solicitations and efforts that the meetings are being held there. They have been alone in the truth there for some time, and are very anxious that the good people of that place have the privilege of hearing the truths of the gospel for this time; and the interest thus far manifested is quite encouraging to them. A Sabbath school of sixteen members was organized the Sabbath we were there.

THE following extracts are taken from a letter from Sister Maud Neal, of Gravette, Arkansas:

"Our church school started October 28th. We have ten pupils enrolled. Our teacher's name is Mrs Mary Wells. Our school is working nicely, only we are working under disadvantages on account of limited means. We would be glad to have one or two other families join us in our school work"

Gravette is a good farming town of about five hundred inhabitants, at the junction of three railroads, in Benton county, in the northeast corner of the state. Anyone of our brethren and

sisters living in or near any of the adjacent places that would like to have their children attend church school, now is the time to improve the opportunity.

We are glad to see the little schools springing up throughout the State. It is a good omen for the work. We are also glad to hear of any interest manifested in this branch of the work; and will be glad to answer questions or render assistance in the way of procuring teachers; or any help that is necessary. Address all such letters, please, to the

ARKANSAS TRACT SOCIETY,
Springdale, Ark.

FIELD REPORTS.

NEWPORT AND DEVALL'S BLUFF.—At the close of a short series of meetings at the Second Seventh-day Adventist church in Kansas City, Mo., I baptized two, and one remains for baptism and quite an interest left. The blessed Lord blessed us with an outpouring of his Spirit, and gave power in the work. A faithful tithe was paid by most of them.

On my return I stopped over Friday and Sabbath, October 23 and 24, at Newport, Arkansas, and witnessed some earnest sermons by Elder N. P. Nelson and his son and Elder H. Clay Griffin. I am now at work at Devall's Bluff, but expect to go to Lake Village to visit the company there soon. Pray for us that the Lord may still bless us.

S. S. RYLES.

GREENLAND.—On October 16th Brother V. B. Watts commenced a series of meetings at this place. The Lord surely directed the movement, as a number of honest persons were earnestly seeking for truth. But Satan is on the alert, and no sooner had the meeting begun than he began to stir up strife and opposition. It seems that nothing is too false or too cruel for his agents to say against the truth and those who advocate it.

The attendance at the meeting is good, the attacks of the enemy tending rather to increase than to diminish the interest. A Sabbath School has been organized, and we expect to see it grow. Brother Watts has been visiting among the people quite a little. As they become better acquainted with the principles of truth, their prejudice decreases. This is an intelligent community, people who think and

who would appreciate the truth if they could be awakened.

Brethren, pray for the work here. We know there are many honest souls who would rejoice to obey God, if they knew the way. May the Lord by His Spirit direct in presenting the message; and may He bless those whose privilege it is to live among this people, that our daily lives may be an example, that we may be "living epistles known and read of all men."

D. SAIDEE WILSON.

Nov. 2.

Afton Church School.

THE several Adventist families of Afton wanted their children to have the benefit of a church school. Brother Thomas Baker wrote to secure Sister N. E. Knapp, who had taught the church school at Enid, Oklahoma, where their children went when they lived there. She came and school commenced September 25, with eight pupils; the second month had eleven enrolled with the prospect of more.

The building is one that was formerly used by the Cherokee pupils, but was left vacant when they were removed to the public school in the town hall. It is situated in a quiet part of town with the homes of nearly all the pupils close around it. Through the courtesy of the members of the public school board, we have the use of it free. The class in Bible study is certainly the most pleasant and appreciated of all our classes. Sister Knapp is an excellent teacher. We canvass Tuesday afternoon, but that is more fully told about in the article on missionary work. We feel that the Lord is guiding and prospering the efforts made here to advance His cause. And our great desire is to be fully equipped to carry on the work that is so much needed to be done.

ADDIE HAWKINS.

INDUSTRIAL WORK.

ONE afternoon in the week we do industrial work. The boys made a kindergarten table. The kindergarten pupils have learned to make boxes, baskets, shovels, mats and other furniture; they make them out of paper, and as soon as their play-houses are done they will make the furniture of wood. Four doll houses are started. The boys made mat weavers to weave carpets for the play-houses.

WHITMAN HAWKINS.

Texas Department.

A Committee Meeting.

THE Texas Conference Committee convened at the home of Elder Nelson, November 15 at 3:00 o'clock P. M., Elder Nelson in the chair. Prayer by Elder Field.

Besides those present of the conference committee—Elders Nelson, McCutchen, Field and Eastman—there were present Elders Hale, Somerville and Jenson by invitation.

The different phases of the conference work for the winter were considered at some length.

Moved and carried to invite the Southwestern Union Conference to hold its next session at Keene, Texas.

Elder J. Riffel having been chosen at the last session of the Texas Conference as a delegate to the Southwestern Union Conference, and as he has removed to another conference, it was moved and carried to substitute the name of T. W. Field in his place.

Moved and carried that Elder C. W. Miller fill the vacancy of Elder Riffel on the conference committee. It was further moved and carried that Elder Hale be invited to labor in the Texas Conference. He will spend a few weeks with the company at Jewett, after which he will make the central district his field of labor.

N. P. NELSON, Pres.

PAPERS WANTED.

ANYONE having tracts or periodicals containing articles on the Sabbath and Law, showing conclusively that they are not abolished, will do a good missionary work by sending them to J. M. McArthur, R. F. D. No. 6, Austin, Texas. R. B. DUNKS.

THE FIELD.

KIRBYVILLE.—We are glad to state that the Lord is still adding to his number such as shall be saved. There were twenty-three present last Sabbath, and nearly forty at the praise meeting. There have been three grown persons who have taken their stand with us, and we see that God is guiding us in the work. I have more calls than I can fill, and will say if there are those who desire to work in the cause of God, this is a place

where true missionaries are needed, and it is truly a desirable place to live. Water is good, plenty of, wood, and help small.

Aples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes, raspberries, strawberries, figs and many other kinds of fruits grow well.

The people are very friendly and social, and this is a very needy field. Lands are very cheap, climate fine, and we now desire to call the attention of all who desire to help in the good work to assist us with the finishing of the church. The house has to be seated, a stove bought and flue built, and the house to be ceiled, and we want to get a bell and lights. So I will say that if any of our people will lend a helping hand, it will be appreciated and used to finish up with. Brother N. P. Nelson has paid five dollars. I have paid out nearly three hundred dollars on the house and hiring men to work on it. Any one desiring to help us can send it to me at Kirbyville, Jasper County, Texas.

I will be glad to give any information to any one wishing to know more about the country. O. GLASS.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—Since my last report I have been holding some services at Clyde, Callahan County.

Came here on the 8th; have preached seven times. The outlook is not favorable, although I have hope that a few will accept the message.

I am expecting Brother and Sister Cubley tomorrow. If we get froze out or squeezed out here I don't know where our next meeting will be held, perhaps at Cottonwood.

I shall within a few days have to leave here even if Brother and Sister Cubley remain. Will spend one day at Abilene collecting some material and cash pledged toward building a meeting house in Buffalo Gap. Will spend one day in Merkel, and solicit and make some collections for the same purpose. Will meet with the remnant of the Roby church in a called meeting the 27-29 inst. at Rives, Fisher county. Expect to return to Buffalo Gap December 1st to superintend the building of our meeting house. I have written personal letters to several of my brethren and sisters and have asked them to help me build this house. I have written to five of the ordained ministers and tried to enlist their sympathy and their assistance. I have published an open

letter to all the conference. The responses have been very few and the

help small. Brethren, if you can't send me any money, please write me a letter and tell me whether you are praying for my success or not. The house will be built and paid for, but I do not want old Brother Brookerson to have to pay more than half the money after donating the land, (three lots 50x140 feet.)

My health and courage are good. Have not been home since the middle of July. N. J. ETHEREDGE.

Buffalo Gap, Texas.

Bring Your Gifts.

WHILE considering this morning what I could give for a Christmas offering, I thought of the Saviour's first advent, and how it had been prophesied that the King of Tarshish and the isles should bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Ps 72:12. And how it was fulfilled when these wise men having seen his star in the east, followed to the place of his nativity, and presented themselves as worshippers; they then opened their treasures and presented unto him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, thus showing their high appreciation of the gift of God, in giving his only begotten son to save from sin. Now, in view of the fact that his second-coming is so near, would it not be well for his people to acknowledge it in a way to show their love of the Lord's final gift of salvation. As the week of prayer will be observed this year before the day called Christmas, would it not be a good time to teach all, both old and young, to forego the pleasure of making presents at such a time, deny ourselves and take the thousands of dollars spent every year for more than useless things, and send the Third Angel's message to those who are dying without hope and without God in the world? Many testimonies have come to us, to teach our children to deny self; and would not this be an opportune time to give a good lesson in the example of those wise men, who were perhaps the children of Abraham; and also the ones referred to by the Saviour in Math. 8:11.

H. B. FRENCH.

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Of Course He Did.

AS ONE of our canvassers was talking with a lady in Kansas City the other day, she said to him, "I do not belong to any church. My husband does not belong to any church, but last week we commenced reading the Bible. I like that book (he was handling "Desire of Ages") and believe the Lord sent you here with it."

Of course the Lord sent him, and we hope these people will accept the truth as the result.

But suppose, dear reader, the canvasser had failed to go, what would have been the result? Are you quite sure the Lord has not some person or persons to whom He would like to send you on a similar errand? If so, do not delay any longer, but immediately go. H. H. HALL.

NOTES.

MRS W. W. Eastman is very low, and is not expected to live long.

E. E. VINSON and wife are making their final arrangements to start Wednesday night for California, their fu-

ture home.

A MASS meeting of our citizens was called last Saturday night to talk up the question of building a church. There was quite a large attendance, and considerable interest manifested. At a meeting of the building committee held immediately after this meeting a committee of three composed of D. U. Hale, T. W. Field and C. N. Woodward, to solicit fund for this work was appointed.

A MEETING of the Keene Truck Growers Association has been called for Tuesday, December 1, at which time the officers for the coming year will be elected and other important business given attention. A full meeting is desired.

THE attention of our citizens is called again to the Musicale to be given in the chapel December 5, at 8:00 P. M. by Professor Shryock and Miss Day, of Dallas. Besides the fact that the entertainment will be very fine, the further fact that the proceeds will be given to purchase a microscope for the Academy, should bring out a large audience.

THERE is no excuse for our existence as a people if we do not push this grand truth to the front in all parts of the world.

The Keene Church School.

ATTRACTED by the bright, happy-faced children, a desire was awakened to view them in their school home at their regular work. It was 8:35 A. M. when the visitor stepped into the room occupied by the first and second grades. They had just begun their family-worship, and one after another eagerly told of the heavenward journey of the 144,000 on the white cloud, the sea of glass, the tree and river of life, and the long silver table on which the feast will be spread. One childish mind had pictured to itself "a red streak on the robes of the good people who were killed for Jesus' sake."

The visitor was asked to offer prayer; then one after another dear little heart offered a petition to Him who said, "Let the children come." Surely the seed thus sown and the impressions made on tender hearts will bear fruit unto eternal life. Then the reading lesson came. It was pleasant to see how quickly the "baby class"

read such sentences as these placed on the board by their mild, patient teacher: "God made the light." "God made the light and air." After a little talk about the nature of light, they read, "God made the sun light," "God made the moon-light," etc.

Loath to leave this happy place, the visitor passed on to grades five and six. Their Bible class was well in progress, all seeming much interested in the history of the seven churches found in Revelation 2 and 3. As the teacher gave the beautiful significance of the "white stone" mentioned in Revelation 2:17, all instinctively felt the desire to become a friend forever of the One who careth for the stranger.

The fifth grade reading class was called soon after, and hearts were moved as they read from "Early Writings" a description of the "time of trouble" when no man may "buy or sell, save he that hath the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

A moment was then spent with grades three and four. Some were faithfully pouring over their readers, "The House We Live In." This little book is an interesting, lively description of our bodies, comparing its parts to the parts of a house.

Some were reading their Bibles, some were "doing their numbers." Then there were the idle ones, who easily found some reason to attract the attention of their more studious fellows. Surely of all for whom we pray daily, she who instructs our children is most needy.

The visitor passed from the building, wishing every parent in the village would take the privilege of visiting their children in school, thus showing them and their teacher that they had as much interest in their education as has the sportsman in the training of his dog or horse.

Provision has been made that every boy and girl in Keene may have the Bible as the basis of all education.

"In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one." Education pp. 30. Logically if we depend on the state to educate the child, we depend on it to redeem it. And that is salvation by works, a union of church and state.

MRS. J. L. JONES.

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

Oklahoma Department.

THE FIELD.

GAGE, OKLAHOMA.—The work is onward in the West since camp meeting. In company with Brother William Braley I held a meeting at Beaver City. At this place the work went hard from first to last, but two were baptized, who will unite with the church at Clear Lake, which we will soon organize. This church is the result of a meeting held just before camp meeting. The wife of a Methodist minister took a firm stand for the Sabbath. We expected the county treasurer and wife, but they were yet hesitating when we left. We shall return and hold some meetings in the court house. From Beaver I went to Ames in Wood county, where I married a couple. I also visited our people in Concord county. Recently I have spent sometime at home, preparing for winter and helping to finish the Gage church building. It will soon be dedicated. We have fifteen pupils enrolled in our church school, and twelve more are intending to start soon. We are having some additions to the Gage church from the outside. We will have a special meeting here Sabbath, November 21, in the interest of the special number of the *Signs*, and meetings of the same nature will be held Sunday, the 22nd, at Woodward, after which I am to hold meetings at Hereford in the Panhandle near the New Mexico line. Pray for the work here.

D. F. STURGEON.

SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARY WORK.

FOR years the Lord has been calling our attention to the importance of giving this message to the people in the large cities, and also showing us that this work has been sadly neglected. We quote the following from Testimony, Volume VII, page 40:

"When I think of the cities in which so little has been done, in which there are so many thousands to be warned of the soon-coming Saviour, I feel an intensity of desire to see men and women going forth to the work in the power of the Spirit, filled with Christ's love for perishing souls. These in our cities—living within the shadow of our doors—have been strangely neglected. Organized effort

should now be put forth to give them the message of present truth. * * * We all need to be wide awake, that as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities."

We appreciate the fact that this is a difficult problem to deal with on account of the expense. In many of the large cities tent meetings cannot be held on account of local restrictions, and hall rent is almost prohibitive.

We are convinced that the work of warning the people in these cities will have to be done largely through our publications, and if taken hold of in the right way, it can be nearly or quite self-supporting.

Our "pioneer paper," the *Signs of the Times*, can be used as an entering wedge. The special number on the subject of Capital and Labor will be a splendid one to begin with. Then let this be followed by the sale of the regular issues, securing subscriptions, and selling small books, tracts, and pamphlets. We have these covering almost every phase of the message.

Brother George A. King has been engaged in this work in New York City for many years. We quote the following from a letter recently received from him:

"I think the time has come when we can work faster with the message by using the *Signs of the Times* as a pioneer for the book work, as well as for the Bible work and ministerial work. I have been working for several years on the difficult problem of reaching the people with books in these large Eastern cities. We have sold many thousands of dollars' worth of books and have done a good work, but I think it is clear now that for the future the *Signs* or some other paper will have to play an important part in our work here."

As to the value of our periodicals, and especially the *Signs of the Times*, in this work, the following extracts from the Testimonies are right to the point:

"Our missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented."

"Our brethren do not see and realize the importance of this paper; if they did, they would feel greater personal interest to make it intensely interesting, and then to circulate it everywhere."

"This silent preacher, the *Signs*,

should now be put forth to give them the message of present truth. * * * We all need to be wide awake, that as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities." enriched with precious matter, should go forth on the wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its appointed work in shedding the light of truth upon those who are in the darkness and error."

"It is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even greater work than the living preacher can do."

It is the purpose of the publishers to make the *Signs of the Times* all that its name implies by calling attention to current events and showing what they mean in the light of prophecy. The subject of Capital and Labor cannot be exhausted in one number and this question will be discussed in future issues. Then there will be articles covering every phase of the message, presented in such a way as not to create prejudice, thus making the *Signs* truly a "Pioneer Paper."

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Are there not those who will volunteer to take hold of this work in these large cities?

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A VERY encouraging report has been received from Sumatra. Brother Munson writes that their attendance on the Sabbath now is from thirty to thirty-five. Among these are several Chinese men. A native woman has recently asked for baptism, and another who for a time had given up her hold on the Lord has repented, and is conscientiously keeping the Sabbath and all the other commandments.

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*Cullie Taylor	Hood Co	DA	21	18	1	4 75	1 75		
J. T. Harper	Fannin Co	PP	75						34 25
J. A. McClain	Mineolla	GC	60						18 25
Total: Agents, 4			156	18	1	4 75	1 75		59 00
† Arkansas.									
W. W. Palmer		GC	16		5	13 00	2 50		
Coy Dasher		H of M	25	41	7	10 50	8 00		
*B. R. Randolph		BR	57	73	13	46 25	14 75		
Total: 3			98	114	25	69 75	25 25		

†For week ending October 30.

*Two weeks.

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