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INVOCATION.

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O, Fount of all the good I know,
Out of my griefs to Thee I call;
Unstinted do thy blessings flow,
To cheer the life of each and all.

When clouds hang heavy o'er my sky,
And misty grows the way I tread,
Then in my anguish hear my cry
And raise again the bowed head.

When passing through the waters deep
"Thy billows all go over me,"
Thou thy charge sull ever keep
And in thy hand still cover me.

When human sight no more can see
The tender hand that leadeth me,
My flagging faith again restore,
And bid me doubt Thee never more.

Lord I would place my hand in Thine,
To be ever loyal to thy voice;
Thine to lead, to follow mine,
And make thy will my ev'ry choice.
Keene, Texas.

Disabilities of Christians in Turkey.

CHRISTIANS who are living in Turkey, the subjects of other nations are not under the rule of the Turkish Courts of Justice, but appeal to the local consular jurisdiction of their own nation. But the Christian subjects of the Sultan, who are descendents of those Christians which the Turks conquered centuries ago, have no remedy against the horrible barbarities to which they are subjected by their Moslem neighbors.

From his birth a Christian is liable to pay an annual poll-tax, which gives him permission to live. Should this tax remain unpaid for a year, he forfeits his life. To distinguish them from Moslems they are obliged to wear a sombre dress. They are also not permitted to bathe in the common bathing places, nor to draw water from the same wells, and must live in a separate quarter of the town or village to that occupied by Musselmen.

So heavily are these unfortunate people taxed by the Turkish government, that consuls declare in their official reports that 67 per cent of their incomes are absorbed, leaving them 33 per cent. of the produce of their labour to support their families. The man who renounces the Moslem religion to embrace Christianity is punishable with death, and the man through whose agency he is converted to Christianity is liable to capital punishment.

Such shocking injustice will very soon be brought to a termination; but it will not be done by the clamourings of people in so-called Christian lands, nor by treaties nor threatenings of the great Powers. As long as the Turk bears rule over any territory, however limited that territory may be, he will continue to perpetrate his wicked and diabolical acts of violence and injustice against his helpless subjects, who have not accepted the Moslem faith.

But "he shall come to his end," and his end will bring about such a universal dispute over his territories that Armageddon, the final battle of the nations, will be fought, and "there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time." Dan. 12:1.—*Selected.*

The Real Pope.

THE religious world has wondered at the election of Cardinal Sarto to the Papacy, but if the statements made by the Rev. Alex. Robertson, D. D., in the "Christian" are well-founded, the mystery is over. Writing from Venice, of which city cardinal Sarto was patriarch, he says:—

"Leo XIII. and he (Sarto) are one in this, that both have a master, and that is the Jesuit General. Only there is this difference, Leo XIII. rebelled against the Jesuits, until, as they said in Rome, he was tamed,

and that was soon after his elevation. Sarto, Pope Pius X., will not need to be tamed, for he is a born Jesuit; his confessor is Father Ignazio Salgari, a well-known Jesuit, and a professor here in Venice. His courteous manner with friend and foe, his quiet, persevering method of working, his not too scrupulous use of means to procure his objects; have made him a very successful propagandist of the Papal Church. . . . He will be a dangerous Pope, just because of his conciliatory Jesuitical ways, and because he will prove himself a fitting instrument in the hands of the Black Pope, who is the real Pope."

If these things be true, Pius X may be trusted to make the most of the favorable situation created by his predecessor, on whose death nearly all Protestant world broke out in glowing eulogy. The deadly wound of the beast is healing fast, and it may be the fortune of Pius X to realize the ambition of the Papacy, and the fulfillment of the Prophecy. At his coronation, these words were spoken:—

"Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns, and take knowledge that thou art the father of kings and princes, the ruler of the whole world, and vicar upon earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

And the Scripture says:—

"All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8.

While the Papacy ascribes honour and glory to Jesus Christ, the pope claims it all as His vicar. But whether the vicar owes his election to the Black Pope or not, he certainly does not receive his appointment as vicar from Jesus Christ.—*Present Truth*

As our "copy" is very short this week and we are pressed with other work we only send out a four-page number. Will not our contributors send in their matter for publication a little earlier, which will help us here?

Arkansas Department.

Field Reports.

AMONG THE ISOLATED.—On the 27th of last month I started to Boone county to visit the isolated ones in that part of the field. I first went to Hill Top where four or five years ago there was a church with about fifty members. I found that some had gone to Kentucky, some to California, some to different points; some few had fallen away; yet I found some faithful ones around the base of the mountain. I visited with them and read and talked with them about the message. The Spirit of the Lord was continually with us, and all were strengthened. Just before I left for Harrison Brother Smith came to me and gave me fifty dollars and said, "This is my tithe; I must have my conscience clear before the Lord."

Dear brethren of the Arkansas conference, may we all get our consciences clear before the Lord in like manner, and He will bless us abundantly, and the message will go with greater power.

When I arrived at Harrison I found a letter awaiting me stating that Sister Flora E. Heermann was very sick with lagrippe. There being no one there to look after the office, I returned home and found her very sick, but she is rapidly improving.

I find that wherever I go the Lord is at work, and that all lines of the work in Arkansas are upward and onward, for which we give Him all the praise. J. A. SOMMERVILLE.

Smashing The Glass.

WHEN the zealous Brahmin looked through a microscope at the water he was drinking, and saw the living forms in it, he smashed the microscope. Just so many who find the law of God convincing them of sin, try to make themselves believe that they can abolish the law. The modern theory that God's law is not binding is the answer the world in sin is making as the everlasting gospel is lifting up again "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:6-12. It is the man who feels the condemnation of the law who wants to put it out of sight. The apostle James likens the law of God to

a mirror, into which a man should look continually for correction of life. What would be thought of the man who smashed his mirror because it revealed a fault in his appearance?—*Selected.*

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Our Weekly Offerings.

THERE can be no great success achieved in any line without diligent, persevering effort. This is as true in the work of the Lord as in worldly business. People are so apt to want to see great results at once, and forget that oftentimes great results are due to persevering efforts in small things. The Keene church is now realizing this in their offerings to missions. For last quarter the report of first day offerings showed only \$2.75 received for the entire quarter. At the quarterly meeting it was decided by vote of the church to take up the envelope plan of collecting the weekly offerings. We have now taken up six offerings amounting to \$37.81 besides several other offerings for different purposes. This is at the rate of over \$80.00 a quarter, or \$325.00 a year. We hope to be faith-

ful in this matter through the year and thus add hundreds of dollars to the fund for carrying the gospel to other lands. C. N. W.

Texas Department.

Keene Notes.

G. W. RICHEY, well known in Keene, and a member of this church, died at his home near Keene last Monday night, aged about 55 years. He was only sick a few days, but was very sick from the beginning. His wife died only about three months ago, and he was buried beside her in the cemetery at Buel. A more formal obituary will appear later.

ELDERS N. P. Nelson and T. W. Field went to Adhall, Milam County, last Friday to spend the Sabbath with that church. Elder Nelson will return home Monday but Elder Field will spend next Sabbath with another church.

ELDER A. W. Jenson has agreed to have a debate with a Campbellite soon near Keenan, Texas.

W. W. EASTMAN and daughter Grace returned from Fort Worth yesterday. Miss Grace is much improved in health by the trip.

V. L. STONER, our compositor and press man, is confined to his bed with lagrippe.

ELDER Andrew Nelson is holding meetings with a good interest in the Hutchins neighborhood.

MRS J. M. Humphries left this morning to join her husband in south Texas.

Field Reports.

CORSICANA,—I am again in the field distributing papers and tracts, and selling the special number of the *Signs*, endeavoring to sow the seeds of truth. Our Sabbath School is still holding out. The last Sabbath the roads were muddy but still seventeen were out, and we are endeavoring to continually sow the seeds of truth. All pray for us. ELISHA TAYLOR.

CORSICANA, COLORED.—During a five-days meeting at Corsicana a church of nineteen members was organized, with Brother T. Defreeze Elder, Brother B. Morgan Deacon, and Sister Fannie Granger Clerk. The Lord was with us.

From the 11th to the 17th we expect to be at Waco; at Cleburne 18th to 24th, and at Keene 24th to March 2nd, the Lord willing. We expect Brother Johnson, of Houston, to join us at Waco.

S. S. RYLES,
T. DEFREEZE.

Obituary.

DIED, At his home in Dallas, Texas, February 8th, of cerebral hemorrhage Benjamin H. Bodwell, aged 88 years, three months and 13 days. Brother Bodwell was born in what was known as the "Western Reserve" in Ohio, of New England parentage. It was here and at the old home of his parents in Connecticut that he received his education. During his long and eventful life he was successively a merchant at old Fort Dearborn where Chicago now stands, an extensive cotton dealer previous to the war between the States, at which time he acquired considerable wealth, and a farmer in western Kansas. On his thirty-second birthday he was united in marriage, in Kentucky, to Miss Elizabeth Joyner. Thirty years ago Brother Bodwell came to Dallas, Texas, which has since been his home, where he has held several important positions, and by his integrity and uprightness has won the esteem and regard of all who knew him. About twenty-five years ago, soon after the organization of the Dallas church, Brother Bodwell saw the light of present truth and united with the church, and to the day of his death remained firm and was a pillar to the church through many trying times. Nine children were born to Brother and Sister Bodwell, five of whom, three sons and two daughters, remain to comfort their aged mother in her bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder N. P. Nelson at the home in Dallas. It was the wish of Brother Bodwell that he might sleep among our own people in the cemetery at Keene, where he now lies awaiting the call to immortality.

A Brother's Experience.

SAID a brother to me a short time ago, "We raised the best crop of Irish potatoes last year we ever raised in our lives, and I'll tell you why. When we planted them we

counted the rows and set apart the tenth as tithe. In the fall we dug and sold them at a good price." Said the brother, "We used from the nine-tenths all summer and when we dug them in the fall we were surprised to find such a large yield. The neighbors told us they would rot, and that we had better sell them, but we decided to keep them and did so. Out of twenty bushels we lost none."

This brother will this year tithe his whole crop in the same way. Out of sixty acres of wheat six acres will be set apart as tithe. The same plan will be followed with his large crop of cotton and corn; and who that knows the Lord can doubt the result. Taking the Lord in as partner in his farming business he claims His protection. Brethren, is it not time for all of God's people thus to show their faith in the Lord their God and be protected by His mighty power from the pests and pestilences that are already abroad in the land? The Lord is ready to do His part. Are you ready to do yours? O, brethren, why should the world say any longer, "Where is their God?"

W. W. EASTMAN.

Don't Step There.

A man started out for church one icy Sabbath morning, and presently came to a place where a little boy was standing, who, with choked voice, said:—

"Please don't step there."

"Why not?"

"Because I stepped there and fell down," sobbed the little fellow, who had thus taken it upon himself to warn the unwary passer-by of the danger into which he had fallen.

There are many men in the world who have good reasons for giving such warnings as this. The man who has trod the dark and slippery paths of intemperance, as he sees the young learning to take the first glass of spirits, or wine, or beer, has good reason to say to them, "Don't step there for I stepped there and fell down." The man who has indulged in gambling till he is despised by others and abhorred by himself, has good reason to say to the young when they are entering on the same course, "Don't step there for I stepped there and fell down."—*Selected.*

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Oklahoma Department.

Field Reports.

FARRY AND WINCHESTER.—In my last report I was in the midst of a series of meetings at Farry, O. T. with a good attendance and interest, which continued till we reached the testing points; then the enemy was around, and from that time they turned a deaf ear refusing to study or investigate; said they did not believe it, claiming to be Catholics. Then I pulled their own catechism and they denied that. Then I tried to show them the truth, but they said, "Well, I am not posted but I do not believe it." Some of them got angry, and in all that country not a person would kneel with me in prayer or seemed to have any desire to know the truth. After giving them a good outline of present truth and trying to point them to Jesus as their only hope of salvation, we took our departure for another field.

January 24th I was asked to preach the funeral of a little girl who was burned to death, which I tried to do from Amos 4: 10-12, to a crowded house, and hearts were touched as we tried to show them that the judgments of God are abroad in the land, and exhorted them to repent and prepare to meet their God.

I remained in this neighborhood a few days and held a few meetings in private houses, and did some visiting and personal work. Some are now keeping the Sabbath, and others are investigating for which we praise the Lord.

We feel to praise God for the light of this message and for a part in it.

When the work goes hard then we must seek God for more of His Spirit, and I have found Him a present help in every time of need.

J. R. BAGBY.

LA BELLE AND GUTHRIE.—We began meetings in a country school house east of Cashion January 17th. The attendance was good the first of the meeting, but after a few days the weather got so cold we had to stop the meetings for awhile. The congregations are not so large now, but some are interested. One new one has decided to obey; also a lady, who has been halting since she heard the truth last summer, has accepted the whole truth and was received into the

Cashion church Sabbath, February 6.

We held quarterly meeting with the brethren at Gnathrie, January 23. We had a precious season. The brethren at this place are of better courage now.

Brother and Sister Phelps are doing earnest-work, trying to build up the cause in this city, and I believe they will see fruits of their labor before long. Remember us in your prayers while we continue the meeting near Cashion.

F. H. CONWAY.

Notes From Our Exchanges.

OUR brethren dedicated a new house of worship in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 22nd.

The *Illinois Recorder* was last week gotten out entirely by the students of the Sheridan Industrial School. While the paper is not quite up to what it has been, the move is in the right direction, and the new printers will improve fast with such practice.

The *Review* is now enjoying the largest subscription list in its history.

AFTER an effort for the young people in the West Michigan Conference which has lasted several weeks, Elder Luther Warren and others will conduct a meeting for the young people of the East Michigan Conference at Owosso. It is hoped this will be blessed with as great results as the former meeting was.

Stepping On A Shadow.

ONE dark night a man who was about to leave a steamboat, saw what he supposed to be a gangplank, but it was only a shadow. He stepped out upon it, and of course fell into the water below. He thought he was taking the right way, but his thinking so could not make any difference in the result, so long as he really did not take it. Just so in matters of far greater importance. You must be right, not merely suppose you are right, if you are to avoid the evil consequences of wrong-doing. This man might have put it to the proof whether it was the gangplank or not, before trusting himself upon it. Do not be like him, but test your beliefs, and see if they are all well grounded. Many a man has followed his own notions of what is right, instead of taking God's word as a guide, and has found, when too late, that he had stepped on a shadow and fallen.—*Selected.*

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