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[Continued from last week.]

THE church was paid for November 13, 1903, and almost enough has since that time been sent us to make the recent alterations. We believe the Lord will move on hearts to supply the amount yet needed, and more, so that a good balance may be left for the—

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND.

Will not all the readers of this paper help at once? Surely there are those who read this article who can give from five thousand to twenty thousand dollars, and be greatly blessed in the giving. A good number can give one thousand; many will give from one hundred to five hundred dollars; and we believe that every one who believes this truth, young and old, will invest something in these most important institutions. Twenty-five thousand dollars should be raised by the first of May with which to begin the work of building these institutions.

The establishing of the work true and strong at the heart will send a—

FLOOD OF NEW LIFE

to every part of the world. Mark this statement, which we truly believe to be inspired of God: "The Lord calls on us to awake to a realization of the opportunities presented before us to let our light shine in the city of Washington, by establishing there memorials that will hasten forward the proclamation of the third angel's message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

Again from the same pen: "Ministers and people, wake up! Be quick to seize every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning—

WHEEL OF PROVIDENCE."

We have been instructed to use the strictest economy in erecting these buildings, but they should be sub-

stantial, neat, and should rightly represent the work. These instructions may be published later, and will be most carefully followed.

Oh brother, the day is coming very, very soon when those who have gold will cast it to the moles and bats, to go into the cliffs of the rugged rocks to hide from the awful glory of the Lord when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

One dollar now is worth more, will accomplish more now, than a mountain of wealth will accomplish then.

Who will step into the door of this blessed privilege at once? For the sake of the Christ who was rich and for us became poor, for the sake of His last message and call to the—

MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB,

for the sake of the many souls who sit in darkness, and may by this means be reached, yea, for the sake of your own soul, invest your means quickly and liberally in the great cause of God, and thus help to finish this work, that it may be cut short in righteousness.

A list of donations will soon be published in the *Review*, also in this paper. Who will head this list with a donation of at least one thousand dollars?

Send gifts to the office of this paper, or to W. T. Bland, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

J. S. WASHBURN,
Financial Secretary.

A United Work.

It has been proposed that in the erection of buildings and the opening up of sanitarium and school work at Takoma Park, arrangements be made for the sanitarium to give a large amount of work to the school, and for the school to use its facilities as far as consistent for the forwarding of the interests of the sanitarium.

The first building to be erected on our forty-seven acre tract will probably be a school house built to accommodate about thirty students. Then close by a dining-hall to seat about one hundred persons. Over the dining room, the space which later on will serve as work-rooms for the lady students, can be used at the first as meeting hall for the church, and school room for evening classes.

With these two buildings the school can open up a boarding house for workmen and an evening school. Tents can be used during the summer by many workmen, while the sanitarium buildings are being constructed.

In the erection of sanitarium buildings, we shall endeavor at first to put up a two-story building with basement and attic, which will accommodate a family of about twenty-five patients, but so planned that it can be enlarged to accommodate fifty or more patients if enlargement becomes necessary. In this building must be our parlors, and in wings or annexes, the dining rooms, bath rooms and offices.

By using the school house as a home for sanitarium helpers, it may be possible to open up our sanitarium work with accommodations for a goodly number of patients before the next winter.

It is our hope that the school house may be the home also of some of the workmen engaged in erecting the General Conference building and the *Review* and *Herald* building. An earnest effort will be made to secure experienced and efficient teachers, and to conduct evening classes, in such studies as will be most highly valued by the workmen on our various buildings.

W. C. WHITE,
Chairman of the Sanitarium Board.

THE *Central Advance*, the organ of the Central Union Conference, is to be discontinued and their state papers resumed.

Arkansas Department.

Items of Interest.

WE hope to report something later as a result of the canvassers' institute.

BROTHER V. B. Watts reports a good interest where he is holding meetings five miles from Gentry. Two have already commenced to keep the Sabbath and he believes there will be several more.

BROTHER Bender who has been attending the institute at Afton, and holding meetings there at night, reports a good interest and that all is well there. He leaves for Gravette on April 4.

A SISTER from Miami, where Brother Griffin is holding meetings and doing house to house work, writes that the interest manifested thus far has been small. Oh! That people could be aroused to a realizing sense of the times and conditions, and be willing to listen to the light when it is taken to their doors, and give heed to it ere it is too late.

THE company in Gentry expect to hold their quarterly meeting in their new church house.

BROTHER Fortner, who has been stopping with Brother G. E. Norwood and holding a series of meetings in their new church house, expects to be with the Springdale church at quarterly meeting.

SISTERS E. O. Fritts from Hindsville and Goddard from Rogers, whose membership is in Springdale, have written us that they will be with us at quarterly meeting.

THE church schools throughout the State have closed. The Springdale school closed Sunday, March 26, as the Friday previous was stormy. They closed with quite an interesting programme. The parents, teachers and pupils took dinner together at the school house. They all felt that they had had a profitable term; much progress had been made by the pupils, which all felt to praise the Lord for. Brother J. S. Rouse has taught the school with his wife's assistance.

The Signs of the Times and Their Importance to Us.

IT was thought that the recent severe storm and freeze following

it would kill the fruit; in fact it was reported that all the fruit was killed in or near the Ozark mountain range of Arkansas; but the fears prove to be groundless; unless we have another untimely freeze there is a prospect of a fruitful year. And that means much to all living in this locality, whether farmers, merchants, or professional men. We remember that last year the unusually late freeze destroyed the fruit crop with the exception of a small crop of strawberries. What do these things teach us? Also the unusual diseases that have been throughout the country the past winter, and still have not abated. There have been more deaths in Springdale, Fayetteville, and adjacent places this past season than for many, many years. The physicians report that they have never seen so many skin diseases in all their practice. What does this mean to us as a people that have the light of prophecy on these things? Are we to let our light shine, or hide it under a bushel? God forbid. But we must remember that lies with us; if we neglect by our example, by improving every opportunity, to scatter the seeds of truth in the way of the printed page, shall we not be held responsible in the last great day for souls? My dear readers, who will it be?—You and I? This is a solemn question. The signs are rapidly fulfilling around us, and what are we doing to bring the truths of salvation before those who are ignorant of these things? Let us remember that the Lord has honest-hearted ones everywhere who will heed and accept these saving truths, and wherever He has providentially placed us, it is there we are to work; and if we don't do the work, the Lord is able to raise up those who will. But what will become of us in the meantime? A deserter in the army is not only severely dealt with, but how is he looked upon by the faithful ones? If we fall short of doing our duty towards a perishing world in the Lord's army, are we not deserters? Will we be looked upon any more charitably by the remainder of the army, than the deserters in the armies of the nations?—Possibly so. But the all-important part is, how will the Lord look upon us?—With a pitying eye. If we have been deserters from His army, He is calling us back to be ambassadors for Christ.

Let us seek to be true ambassadors, that His work may be finished and His coming hastened. The Saviour in His life portrays to us a perfect example and the true spirit of missionary work. Let us seek to follow it in its fullness, in His strength that the lost may be saved ere it is too late.

F. E. H.

Notices.

DON'T forget the special issue of the *Southern Watchman*. In addition to the orders published last week, we have received an order for four hundred from Brother Cutter, and he thinks that he may order more in the near future. An order for twenty-five has also been received from Brother Bender. We hope to hear from many more; for this is a providential opportunity to bring the all-important truths before the people in a very easy way. Let us not have it recorded against us in the books of heaven as a golden opportunity lost. We would appreciate the favor of your order as early as possible; for you know first come, first served. Then the publishers would like to get some idea of how many papers this state will take. Have tried not to omit any one with a special letter on this subject. Please send all orders to the Tract Society.

Notice.

WE would call the attention of all to please fill out promptly all blanks that have been sent out,—church, Sabbath School and missionary. Don't forget the missionary blank please. We have tried for some time to get an idea of the missionary work we, as a people, are doing in this conference. It is impossible for me get out among you all; what I do has to be done through correspondance. And responses are gratefully received and highly appreciated; for it is impossible to report intelligently without them. And we know that missionary reports are a great help, and inspire us to greater activity, and give us fresh courage. There is not any one who has scattered some tracts and papers and not met with some encouragement on their way. Friends, let us fill out our missionary blanks for the benefit of others.

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✦ Texas Department. ✦

Plan of the Summer's Work.

NEARLY all the Texas workers remained a few days after the Union Conference to plan together with the conference committee for the work until camp meeting, and the following plans are the result of the council:—

That Elder E. B. Hopkins' resignation as superintendent of the eastern district be accepted, and Elder D. U. Hale fill the vacancy. Elder Hopkins finds that his health is such that he cannot give the attention to the work that it requires; however he will remain in the eastern district and labor with Elder Hale, Elder J. N. Somerville, and Brother Brandon.

That Brother and Sister Cubly, and Sister Minnie Robbins connect with Elder Etheredge in a tent effort in the western part of the State.

That Elder Andrew Nelson labor with Elder T. W. Field in the central district. Also Brother and Sister Robert French labor in the central district, but as self-supporting missionaries.

That Brother Felter and Brother and Sister Neff connect in a tent effort in Centerville—a village in Elder French's district.

That Elder W. A. McCutchen go to a city to labor. But later he stated he was not ready to enter city work, so it was left with him to choose his own field in which to labor.

That Sister Jessie Hunter continue her work in Houston, and that Sister Lottie White return to Ft. Worth.

That Elder C. W. Miller visit all the German churches before the close of School, and then in company with Elder J. P. Lorenz go to a German settlement with a tent.

Recommended that Brother O. Glass take up the canvassing work.

That Sister Kittie Stevenson's resignation as secretary of the Sabbath School department be accepted, and that Ida A. Nelson fill the vacancy.

That Elder A. W. Jenson overhaul the tents and put them in order ready to be sent out to the different tent companies.

That a church school teachers' institute be held the last few weeks of school; arrangements to be made by Professor Hughes.

That the first choice of all the workers for the location of the state camp meeting be Waco, and the second choice Corsciana.

I hope and pray that all these plans may be in harmony with the will of God, and that we may see many souls brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as a result of the efforts which will be put forth in different parts of this great State this summer. Brethren and sisters, pray for the workers as they go out into new fields to carry the gospel, that they may not become discouraged or disheartened, but may have success crown their efforts.

N. P. NELSON.

Tent Fund.

I WANT to call the attention of all my Texas brethren to our need of both large and small tents. We must have one or two new large tents to be used in the field this summer, and quite a number of small tents that we can use at our coming camp meeting.

A tent was purchased last year, and the money borrowed from the tithe fund with which to pay for it. This money will have to be returned to the tithe fund, as that money should be used for no other purpose than the support of our laborers.

We have a few old tents which we are patching and fixing up the best we can, but we want to equip six or seven tent companies for field work this summer, and this cannot be done unless our brethren will take an interest in this matter and give of their means for this purpose.

This need was brought before all our workers at our council meeting, and a subscription list started. A place will be given in the RECORD for the names of those who donate to this fund, and the amount given. I do hope that our brethren will respond heartily to this call. I understand that there are some old pledges made to this fund which have not been paid. These will also be credited in the RECORD as soon as paid.

The time has come when something decisive must be done in Texas. The Lord holds us responsible for the work of carrying the message to the thousands of this large state. There are many, many souls in the eastern part of this state that have never heard the gospel, who would gladly

accept if it was brought to them. So brethren, let us come up to the help of the Lord that we may see a glorious work accomplished by the tent companies this summer.

West Texas Notice.

BRETHREN and friends who have received copies of the RECORD, who have not subscribed for it, will please subscribe for it without delay. I desire to correspond with you in regard to the work in our district. I am sure that the reports from the workers all over the State and in all parts of the Union Conference, will do you good. Again I solicit your personal correspondence by letter.

N. J. ETHEREDGE.

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A MOST valuable series of articles entitled "Hints and Helps for Sabbath-school Teachers," will begin in the April number of the *Worker*. These articles are by a veteran teacher and Sabbath-school worker, Prof. C. C. Lewis. The following list of topics will give some idea of the treat that is in store for our readers. We especially urge all schools that have not yet sent in an order for the journal, to do so at once, that they may have the benefit of this complete series:—

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The study of the pupils.

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OUR departments are quite full this week, and as we desire to get the proceedings of the conference before the people as quickly as possible, we have crowded out considerable local matter this time which would be of interest to many. It will appear later.

The Union Conference.

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ering the indebtedness on said property.

12. "We Recommend that each State conference place a suitable man in the field whose duty shall be to dispose of the Object Lessons now scattered in our churches and Tract Societies unsold, which the churches cannot dispose of.

Resolutions 8 and 9 were carried without much discussion. Resolution 10 provoked considerable discussion, and many of the Keene people asked the privilege of speaking against it. The resolution was finally referred back to the committee.

It was moved by Elder Daniels, seconded by Elder Conway that this matter be referred to a large committee composed of the Southwestern Union Conference committee, Texas

Conference committee, Keene Academy Board, the officers of the Keene church and ten other members of the Keene church. The motion prevailed, and the chairman appointed J. F. Bahler, S. M. Bayliss, W. J. Gregory, R. G. Keller, J. C. Mosley, J. T. Harper, R. H. Woodall, L. H. Hewgley, S. R. Wentworth and J. R. Warren. Elder Nelson was designated as chairman of the committee.

In considering resolution 11 Elder Daniels gave an explanation of how the conference came to owe the General Conference Association, and the resolution was then passed. Pending the passage of resolution 12 the meeting was adjourned.

To open the sixth meeting at 3:00 p. m. February 28th, "Not I but Christ" was sung and prayer offered by Elder Russell. After slight changing of the wording, the secretary's report was accepted. Elder G. F. Haffner presiding.

Consideration of resolution 12 was resumed, and considerable time taken up in discussing the merits of the plan proposed. It was finally voted to lay the resolution on the table.

The committee on nominations made a further report as follows:—
Southwestern Union Conference Association Board.

G. F. Haffner, T. J. Eagle, A. E. Field, C. Sorenson, Wm Voth, C. N. Woodward, U. Bender, V. B. Watts, and T. T. Stevenson.

Southwestern Union Conference Medical Missionary Board.

N. P. Nelson, Dr. W. C. Green, Dr. P. F. Haskell, G. F. Haffner and H. T. Curtis.

For Auditor,
Prof. H. T. Curtis.

Each name was considered and all were elected. Meeting adjourned to 10:30 a. m.

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Oklahoma Department.

Tent Work.

AT the recent council of the Conference Committee it was decided to send out seven tents in the field the coming summer. We arranged the conference as follows: Elders D. F. Sturgeon and Conway go together to Medford. Elder Sorenson

and Brother Hampton will work at Piedmont and Cushing. Elder Field and Brother Bonde will pitch their tent at Chandler. Elder Dake and Brother Braley will go to the Panhandle with their tent, and Elder Hickman and Brother B. Voth are to work in the Chickasaw nation. Elder Bagby and Brother Maxwell will pitch their tent in Muskogee, and Elder P. P. Gade and Brother Ebel will work among the Germans with a tent. We hope this will be satisfactory to all the laborers; if not, I hope they will let us know in time so we can make changes if they are necessary. We will have mostly new tents, and strong men, so we have reason to expect great things the coming summer. We knew this will be the case if every laborer takes Jesus with him, and all our people join in praying for them. Brethren, we need your prayers. We realize that this work will not go by might nor by (man's) power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.

It was also decided that our annual camp meeting be held at Guthrie this year, from August 25 to September 4. It is none too early to make up your mind to be there. We can have the best park we have ever seen in Oklahoma. Every tent can be in the shade, and there is plenty of good water on the ground. We will have more to say later on. Our canvassers' institute commenced to-day, but with only a few present. The majority have not arrived yet. Brother Eastman has arrived from Texas to help in the institute. G. F. H.

Notices.

THE Oklahoma tract society has ordered quite a supply of the "Story of Daniel the Prophet," which retails at \$1.00 postpaid, with regular discount to canvassers. We hope all will send in their orders at once.

A special effort is also being made to increase the circulation of the *Southern Watchman*. Subscription price, \$1.00. Let our churches make a special effort to get it among our brethren.

We would like to call your attention to the paper, *Bible Training School*, published at South Lancaster, Massachusetts by Elder S. N. Haskell. The paper is issued monthly. Subscription price 25 cents. Send in

Oklahoma Department.**Notes from the Canvassers' Institute.**

[Continued from last week.]

I AM of good courage, and want to get to work, and be the means of bringing some soul to Christ.

MRS. LIZZIE SYLVESTER.

THE Lord has wonderfully blessed me while attending the institute. I feel like going forward and doing the Master's will.

EARL BRICKER.

THE Lord has wonderfully blessed me in attending the institute. We have had many precious lessons from the word of God, and I feel encouraged to go forward in the work of the Lord.

DELILA BRICKER.

I CAN truly testify as I believe that I have never at any meeting in the past, received more of God's precious grace, nor enjoyed a more intelligent hope of eternal life than while attending our canvassers institute, though I have been a sabbath keeper for thirty-five years.

S. O. JAMES.

I AM so thankful for the many experiences, the instruction and light that I have received in regard to the canvassing work. I came to the meeting for the purpose of preparing myself for the canvassing work. I am going into the field determined to press the battle to the gates.

WILLIAM BRICKER.

THE Lord has blessed me while attending the institute. We are going to our field of labor from here.

JACOB BRICKER.

THE canvassers institute has been a success. God came near by his spirit. We need and must have this spirit every day all the time. Let us pray for it for it will guide us into all truth and fit us for a home in God's kingdom.

P. S. HENRY.

THE canvassers institute has just closed; about thirty consecrated souls will go out into the field to carry the third angels message to this generation. I have received great personal benefit at the institute.

A. R. HILL.

I FEEL that we have had the presence of the Lord in our midst, and

that I have been much benefitted. I received much good instruction that hope we will all go forth in the faithful discharge of our duty.

MRS. TELENE RAY.

I AM going to canvass for the Coming King. We have been having blessed experiences, and I trust the Lord will bless me in the work.

ROSS SYP.

I AM glad I have attended the institute. I am going to canvass for the Coming King, Best Stories and Gospel Primer. I hope the Lord will bless me in the work. We have had good meetings and I have enjoyed them. I am anxious to get out in the field.

RAY VALLIQUETTE.

I HAVE been enjoying the blessings of the Lord while attending the institute here in Oklahoma City. My hope is brighter than ever before. I thank the Lord that I can have a part in this great work.

OKA ROY.

I HAVE been attending the canvassers institute. I will be glad when I get out in the field where I can do something for my Master.

J. H. SYLVESTER.

SINCE coming to the institute in Oklahoma City, I feel as though I for one must have a part in the Third Angels Message. I thank God for the lessons I have learned while here.

MAY HENRY.

WE have enjoyed the institute, and have learned more than we thought possible when we commenced. I believe we can go out now and be more successful as canvassers.

VIRGINIA B. BAKER.

I HAVE been attending the canvassers institute in Oklahoma City, and have been wonderfully blessed. I am going into the field to succeed. With the Lords help I want to be found at my post of duty.

R. FRYMIRE.

As the Lord admonished Joshua just before entering the promised land to be strong and of good courage, so the word of God comes to us as canvassers, be of good courage endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world.

HANAH J. BAKER.

I AM very much pleased with the way our institute has passed off. I

received much good instruction that will be profitable to me. The Lord came very near and I received many precious blessings, praise His Holy name.

T. F. CHAMPION.

A Letter.

The following are extracts from a letter from a back-slidden Seventh-day Adventist who has returned to the Lord again. It did my heart so much good I thought it would do others good also, so I send it for publication. May there be many others who will follow this brother's example and return to the Lord. G. F. H.
My Dear Mother:

"And when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee." And, Mother, I am glad I have returned. I am so glad the dear Saviour did not cut me off in my sins. When I had left Him and was living in the mire of sin,—sin so great so vile that I did not realize the enormity of it, then the prayers of His servants were heard and He touched me with His Spirit and I came to myself. Mother, I am so sorry that I sinned in leaving Him. He only can know the depths of my sorrow, because I cannot express it all. Yet He was so merciful, so kind, so true these many years to me. While I have breath I will praise Him for redeeming me; for His long suffering. But, Mother, I want your forgiveness too. So far as I can I want to redeem the time because the hours are short. The time is so near and I must work for Him.

"I wrote to Pressie last night and told him I was praying for him, that I wanted him to give himself to God, and be with us in closing up this work. I must work for him, and by the Lord's help I will cling to that Strong Arm by prayer until Pressie gives his heart fully, completely to Jesus who died for him. If the Lord can save as vile a sinner as I was I know He can save anyone, yea the vilest of sinners. Around our family alter we pray night and morning for Pa and you and all the children. O! I thank my dear Saviour that he has

forgiven me. We must be faithful to Him who has done so much for us. The cry among His workers is, "The Advent message to all the world in this generation." Mother, we shall soon close up the work; then the One who loved us and gave Himself for us will come and take us to the great marriage supper."

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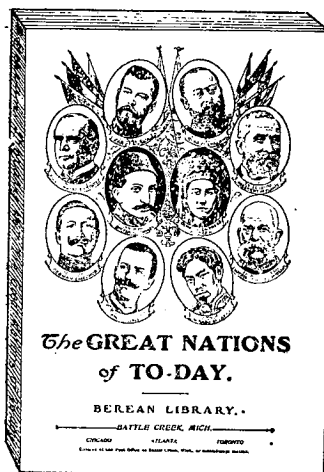
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