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## Go Work To-day in My Vineyard.

NEVER put off that which can be done *now*. God's day of salvation is "now," "to-day." Reader are there not souls in your neighborhood or city who have not yet heard the last message of mercy? Who is responsible for these souls? Are you waiting for the conference to send workers into your neighborhood? Do you not think it would be much more pleasing to the Lord if you would do this work yourself, and thus leave the workers free to carry the message to new fields? Have you thought of what you might do if you were to adopt a systematic use of the *Family Bible Teacher*? Just think, by the use of this little messenger you can place practically the entire truth in a clear, concise manner, in the hands of your friends and neighbors at a cost of about *seven cents* for each family. The plan is so simple that even the weakest of the Lord's children can successfully engage in it.

The plan of work is this: the first week visit the homes of all, tell them about the course of study, and invite them to become regular readers: with those who accept, leave Lesson No. 1, promising to bring them one lesson each week thereafter until the entire course is completed. Any one who is willing to spend a few minutes each week can easily teach from ten to fifty families by this method. For further information regarding plans of work send for free booklet entitled "The Family Bible Teacher and Suggestions for Its Use." This also tells how to make the work self-supporting. Ascertain the number of lessons each member of your company is willing to distribute each week, add the totals together, and place the order with your State Tract Society.

Brethren and sisters do not put this off, but do it now, lest the blood of souls be found on your garments. If

you have not yet read this important course of lessons yourself, send ten cents and a full course will be sent to you postpaid.

The Family Bible Teacher was formerly published at Cincinnati, O., but has recently been sold to the Southern Publishing Association, so that now this publication is owned by the denomination and should receive the hearty support of our people.

## Will You Help?

OF course you will help in any call for help in the work of the third angel's message, where there is need for it. Ever since the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD was started, two years ago this month, we have been using an old worn out press belonging to the Academy upon which to print it. It is very old and all patched up, and frequently breaks down, so that we are constantly having to pay for repairs on it. It is liable to give down with us at any time, and it is only a question of a little time anyway when we shall have to have a new press. Besides this we cannot do good work with it at all. Our brethren in other parts of the Lord's vineyard are asking the brethren to help them buy such things, and I feel sure our brethren in our Union Conference are as liberal and can appreciate our needs as well as those in other parts can appreciate theirs. The Southern Union Conference now has a standing call before their people asking for help to buy a large cylinder press costing about \$2,500.00.

After consulting with Elder Nelson we have decided that it will be proper to place the needs of our home work before the brethren, and ask them while calls from without are so numerous to turn their eyes this way for a little while. A press new, and suitable for our work, will cost \$375.00, and such a press if well cared for would last until the Lord comes. Are

there not many who will gladly donate from \$1.00 \$10.00 or even more to help in this.

Arrangements are to be made at once for the new Academy calendar; we would like to be able to print it on the new press, so we can do a job which will be a credit to our work and the school. Besides this we hope to be able to do the printing for our camp meetings and tent meetings this summer. Let us hear from you soon, so we shall know what we can do.

C. N. W.

## All Classes of People.

THE special number of the *Southern Watchman* to be issued on the Second-coming of Christ and the signs just preceeding it, will be appropriate for all classes. The events that are now transpiring throughout the world certainly afford most excellent opportunity for placing in the hands of the people something pertaining to the special signs of our times. The war in the east, the agitated condition of all the nations, the great city fires, the labor troubles, and other startling events of almost every description that are now becoming so numerous, are all permitted for a purpose. The public mind is aroused along these lines, and there will never be a more favorable time for the circulation of our literature than during the next few months. The matter that this special number of the *Watchman* will contain will be just what is wanted at this time, and we hope that it may have the circulation that the subject and the times demand, and thus mark the beginning of a new epoch in the scattering of our publications "like the leaves of autumn."

This number will be profusely illustrated, and no efforts are being spared to make it an issue that will sell at sight. There is no question

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## Arkansas Department.

### The Gentle Reminder.

**F**IRST, It is drawing near camp meeting time. Last fall through correspondance and this paper, we earnestly solicited a Camp Meeting Fund, so that we would not have to draw from the tithe to pay the camp meeting expenses, thus making us short for settling with the laborers. We suggested the plan of laying aside five cents a week for Camp Meeting Expenses and five cents for Tent Fund to assist us to get some small tents, which we are much in need of. A few have responded, and we have faith that many more will within the next six weeks. At present the Camp Meeting Fund is \$9.15, and the Tent Fund \$28.83. We are very grateful to these who have contributed to make up this amount, and we trust that others will feel a burden for this much needed work at this time, for we realize that there are others more able to contribute than some of these have been.

Second, We trust that all will begin to plan their work so as to attend the State conference and camp meeting August 11-23, at Russellville, Pope county on the Iron Mountain railroad.

Third, Those who are seemingly annoyed with monthly statements of their accounts with the tract society, if they will make an effort to settle said accounts, we will gladly cease to trouble them in that way any further. The time for closing the books is drawing near, and we would like to, and appreciate the privilege of closing up some of these small accounts anywhere from ten to seventy dollars, and we know there is no good reason why they should not be paid, only simply its a tract society debt of long standing, and its all right to owe the tract society. That is a sad mistake, for the tract society is the last place on earth where we should have a standing debt. The Lord says, "Owe no man anything." That is just as much of a command as any of the ten commandments and just as binding. How can we expect the Lord to prosper us with a debt on our hands, above all a debt for religious literature which the tract society has been so kind as to advance to those who

felt that they were engaged in the Lord's work? Is it not the Lord's money that we have appropriated to other purposes if that debt stands against us? Let us consider these things.

### The Field Work.

**S**CATTERING the seeds of truth through the printed pages by the canvasser, colporteur, and lay member, should be followed up the year around in Arkansas, as well as in other states.

First we will consider the canvassing work. One might get the impression from what has been said before that it is not best to canvass in Arkansas at this season of the year. Not so. There is work for the canvasser the year around, but certain localities are better adapted at certain seasons of the year. There are many unentered fields, especially in the larger cities, or smaller ones either; and one cannot find a better time of year to work these fields than just now. The time is close at hand when the country towns through the fruit belt can also be worked profitably. But the best field for work will be in the cotton belt just after the camp meeting and institute.

The one great hinderance to the advancement of the work here is that the canvassers do not, nor have not seen the necessity of putting in good time. Though much has been said on this line to encourage them through the paper and correspondance, their reports show that they take up the work as a pastime, and still call themselves regular canvassers. If the merchant, mechanic, day-laborer, etc worked in that way, what would be his expectations of success? Brother Manfull is endeavoring to have a class of canvassers who will realize the necessity of persistent, full-time effort. May the Lord help him to that end, and thus raise the standard of this all-important branch of the work in this needy field.

Second, We are all familiar with the fact that there is always work for the colporteur. We have frequent appeals throughout the state for such and cannot fill them. The harvest is great, and the laborers are few.

Third, There rests a duty upon all who have accepted the saving truth for this time, to shed their light

abroad upon others. In so doing we not only bring others out of darkness into the wonderful light of salvation, but we will grow in knowledge and grace ourselves. An unused machine becomes rusty and finally unfit for use; an unused muscle grows weak and useless; so it is with our spiritual life. We must cultivate as persistently as we do our bodies and brains or we will grow dull and indifferent and not only lose our own soul's salvation but be held responsible for many others whom we might have enlightened. I quote from the late volume of the "Testimonies." "God calls upon every church member to enter His service. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life giving power, its healing virtue. Everyone must learn to work, and to stand in his place as a burden-bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption. The entire church acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit."

### Notices.

PLEASE do not forget the Tent and Camp Meeting Funds. The time is drawing near when we will need to use them. You all remember that the tents in our conference are very old and much the worse for wear, and we know that each one feels a responsibility individually in carrying this truth to others, many of whom are reached through the camp meeting and tent efforts, and must we have leaky tents with which to carry them on? Tents will wear out with the best of care, but at present we have the best of facilities for caring for them. We trust that each one will contribute a little or perhaps a large amount to these funds. All will be gratefully acknowledged and used for the intended purpose. Please send all donations to the tract society, Springdale. F. E. H., Secretary.

### Missionary Reports.

SALLISAW.	
Church members,	6
Letters written,	3
" received,	1
Bible readings held,	2
Periodicals distributed,	100

Pages of tracts, etc. given away,....	100
Pages furnished members by libr....	75
GRAVETTE:	
Church members,.....	15
Letters written,.....	4
Periodicals distributed,.....	281
Pages of books, tracts, etc. loaned,....	5,556

We have tried for some time to get the brethren and sisters to realize the benefit derived from reporting their work. Blanks have been sent out each quarter, and this last quarter a special effort was made, but only two reports have been returned. We are very grateful for these and publish them above. We don't conclude by this that the others are not doing any missionary work, but they have neglected to keep an account and therefore could not report. We are aware that the churches at Fayetteville and Little Rock, and the little company at Hot Springs are actively engaged in scattering the seeds of truth. So many have asked for reports of that line of the work, that we hope others will make an effort to report so that at the end of the next quarter we can have a full report to publish.

**Title Report**

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE FOR  
quarter ending March 31, 1904.

Isolated,.....	\$ 228.70
Springdale,.....	52.47
Black Rock,.....	56.00
St Paul,.....	8.85
Gentry,.....	45.25
Little Rock,.....	53.53
Ava,.....	23.69
Gravette,.....	21.48
Afton,.....	19.49
Sallisaw,.....	8.00
Miami,.....	1.65
Fayetteville,.....	37.61
Malvern,.....	24.00
Total,.....	\$ 530.62

**OFFERINGS.**

Sabbath School donations,.....	\$ 23.48
First-day offerings,.....	30.55
International Pub. Co.,.....	6.22
Haskell Home,.....	5.55
Blind,.....	.80
Religious Liberty work,.....	7.75
Memorial,.....	.85
Total,.....	\$ 75.20

The donations are not quite up to the previous quarter. We had commenced to raise the standard. "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after

many days." "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. "Labor not to be rich. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven." "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running together, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye meet withal it shall be measured to you again."

"Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field. . . . And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightful land." "If ye walk in my statutes and keep my commandments, and do them; then will I give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time; and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give you peace in the land, . . . and none shall make you afraid." "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." "Riches and honor are with Me, declares wisdom. yea, durable riches and righteousness."

The Word of God also shows us the result of a departure from these principles. "Consider your ways. Ye have sown much and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put into a bag with holes. . . . Ye look for much, and lo! it came to little; and when ye brought it home I did blow upon it." "When one came to a heap of twenty measures there

were but ten; when one came to the press fat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press there were but twenty. Why, saith the Lord of Hosts? Because of mine house that is waste." "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruits."

**Tent and Camp Meeting Fund.**

**W**HILE we are sadly in need of tents, we also are in great need of larger tents for the laborers to use in the tent work. The tent season is right upon us, and the insufficiency of tents for the work, for the old tents are just literally coming to pieces. Methinks I hear some one say: "Oh, if I could only do something for the Lord; if I could only get out into the work." We had a letter from a sister the other day, who said "she was just crazy to get out and do something for the Lord." Now the Lord has called us to work for Him right wherever in His providence He has placed us. We are not all called to be preachers, but we are doing just as much for the Lord if we give of our means to help carry the work forward, as though we were out in the field giving the message. It is by our means and our prayers that we are to hold up the hands of the workers. Those who are farmers can put in an extra crop for the Lord, to help forward his work, or they can raise some extra chickens, and the Lord will add his blessing if we put our hearts into the work to advance His cause.

**The Camp Meeting.**

At Russellville, Pope county, August 11 to 23. Russellville is on the Iron Mountain Railroad between Fort Smith and Little Rock. If you have not been planning to attend, now is time to begin to make preparations, for we cannot afford to miss these gatherings. As a conference we want to be well represented, for the advancement of work in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Let us come prepared to give a blessing, and you will be sure to receive one.

There will be an institute connected with the meeting for the benefit of that important branch, the canvassing work, conducted by Brother W. L. Manfull. More about this later.

## ✦ Texas Department. ✦

### Field Reports.

WACO.—During a series of meetings at Waco, Texas in February and March, a church of nine members was organized, and nine more were added—seven by baptism and two awaiting that ordinance. A live Sabbath School is in progress, and plans are being laid for a summer church school. Forty-five dollars are already subscribed. We are expecting others also to help. Sister Waite was recommended as teacher. A board of seven were appointed to attend to this matter. Sister B. McCutchin is president of the board and W. R. Randle treasurer. Help us with your prayers and money. A two weeks' Bible institute is expected at the close of school about September 1. The above work was accomplished by the Lord through His servants. To Him be all the glory. S. S. RYLES.

LEON COUNTY.—After the Union Conference I returned to the work I had left in Leon county. I held a discussion with a Baptist minister, after which I pitched the tent and continued meetings ten days to finish a few subjects that I had been prevented from giving by the Baptist closing the church doors on me. The interest was small but deep. Three decided to obey, and joined the Sabbath School of the Jewett church, but were not ready to join the church. Eleven decided to wait. I have hopes of some of them. We had a good quarterly meeting with the Jewett church and took steps toward re-organization. There are many names on the old list that are a dead letter. We will make a new enrollment, and all those members who do not report in good standing will not be entered on the new enrollment. The church clerk, S. D. Grubbs, Concord, Texas, has the matter in charge.

EAST TEXAS.—After spending a few days with my family at Keene, I left in company with Elder N. P. Nelson for my district in the East. We came to New Hope first. We found Brother Hopkins as zealous as ever. He is helping his boys to get things to going on his new farm and expects to get out into the work as soon as he can turn the crop over to his boys. The spiritual interest at

New hope was good. Many of the young people took part in the social meeting, and a large number arose for prayers.

At Cusseta we found them hungering, thirsting, and God came near to fill them. We feel that much good was done there. They are doing well for a new company. They expect to build a house of worship in the near future.

At Avinger everybody was busy, yet they were not too busy for meeting and came out en-mass. They are also in need of a house of worship and talk of building one soon. Their old one is too small. New Hope and Avinger both have thriving church schools, and Cusseta expects to have one this fall.

I am now in Cherokee county. Brother Brandon has a very interesting meeting going on, and the brethren are of good courage. Brother Sommerville has a good work started here but has been compelled to leave on account of his throat. We hope to see still more fruit yet, besides what is already seen from his labors here.

D. U. HALE.

*Alto, Texas, April 27, 1904.*

EASTERN TEXAS.—In company with Elder D. U. Hale I left Keene the 14th of April and came to Naples, where we were met by Elder Hopkins who took us to his home near the New Hope church. Elder Hopkins has a well ordered home, but he feels it his duty to remain with his family this summer, as his children, as well as other children, need a fatherly care. I am glad that he intends to take up the work again, as I heard good reports of his labor wherever he has been.

The New Hope company has a nice little church building, and it was well filled both night and day while Elder Hale and I were there. This company is the second largest in our conference and has a membership of sixty.

Brother and Sister Adams have done a good work in the church school the past winter, and several of the young people expect to attend the Keene Academy another school year.

Brother Bledsoe, of the New Hope church, took us to Cusseta, a distance of about twenty miles. This was a very interesting trip to me, as I saw the beautiful pine. Some of these

trees measure as high as one hundred and eighteen feet. They will run up fifty or seventy-five feet without a limb. I have many times wished to see the forest where neither axe nor saw had ever been. This I had the pleasure of seeing, but there were only a few such places.

We stopped at Brother Day's and had a meeting the same evening in a little log cabin which has been used as a church school building the past winter. The little room was packed to its utmost. The company is very much in need of a church building and are also planning the erection of one in the near future. The company is both new in the place and new in truth, and number about twenty in all. They all seem to be of good courage and are very anxious to have a local camp meeting here during the summer.

We next went to Avinger. It was indeed a wonderful sight to see the beautiful timber as we crossed the Sulphur River. When we notice the beautiful things in nature, we can form a little idea of how beautiful the new earth will be.

At this place we stopped at Brother Ryan's, and I hastened over to Brother Jones's, where fifteen letters were waiting for me. We have a company here of forty believers, but the larger portion has but lately moved to this place. They had quite a large church school building, but it has lately been sold, and another building will be erected during the summer or fall which will serve as a church and church school house. The brethren here, although very busy, came out to every meeting. Brother Hale and I had good freedom in the Lord to present the truth in its full bearing in all points. The brethren gladly received the instruction given.

I find that the eastern portion of our conference has been somewhat neglected. It is an excellent locality for a family with but a little means, to locate and live out the truth before their neighbors. It seems that it will be necessary to have two local camp meetings in the eastern part of the State, as the brethren are so widely scattered.

Brethren, let us pray for the work that the truth may be preached in the forests, the plains, the hills and the cities, the villages and the hamlets.

N. P. NELSON.

PELHAM.—I have just returned home from Pelham, where I have been canvassing and holding Bible readings. I had quite good success as the people were very anxious to hear the message explained. I had the pleasure of selling fourteen small books, six large books, and also several tracts. Three persons signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath, for which I praise the Lord for it is He who giveth success to this work.

Q. V. SHAW.

CORSICANA.—I went to Mexia, and myself and J. H. Hollis walked twenty-five miles to Fairfield, Texas, where we worked from the 14th to the 26th. We had a good meeting, and at the close there were fifteen Sabbath-keepers, and others I think will come in later. I know the Lord was with us. We have many calls, but will not be able to fill them all. Please pray for us in our work for the colored people. THOS. DEFREEZE.

**Obituary.**

DIED.—Near Rolyat, Texas, April 19, 1904, of *la grippe*, my dear wife, E. C. Bodwell, aged 42 years, 7 months and 8 days.

She accepted present truth under the labors of Elder R. M. Kilgore at Poetry, Texas, in the fall of 1878, and has obeyed and lived it ever since. She knew she was going to die and was prepared for death. She said she had asked the Lord to forgive her sins and He had promised to do so. When asked if the nourishment she was given tasted good, she replied no; that nothing tasted good, and would not until she ate it in the kingdom of God; then everything would taste good. She fell peacefully asleep in Jesus without a struggle or a quiver, just as a little babe falls asleep in the arms of its mother. A husband and eight children, five boys and three girls, the youngest a baby girl of four months, are left to mourn her loss.

C. P. BODWELL.

**Keene Notes.**

Mrs A. W. Jenson is very sick and fears are entertained that she will not recover, on account of her age and feebleness.

Dr. P. F. Haskell has been very sick all the past week with a very

pronounced case of typhoid fever, but at the present time his fever is broken and it is hoped he will soon be convalescent.

Marcus Woodall is at home with his parents for a few days.

The tent companies are preparing to go out. Elders T. W. Field and Andrew Nelson, assisted by Robert French and wife and Marcus Woodall, will pitch their tent in Lone Oak, Hunt County, this week.

The Keene church and Sabbath school, with all the day schools expect to enjoy a picnic on the Nolan river west of Cleburne next Thursday. An interesting and instructive program has been prepared, and it is hoped a profitable time will be had.

Elder N. P. Nelson expects to be with the Jewett church next Sabbath and with the Houston church on the following Sabbath.

Those who have but little idea of the possibilities in fruit and vegetable farming should have gone with the editor to visit the farm of J. T. Chesnut yesterday. Brother Chesnut has several acres of berries; the dewberries and McDonald blackberries were just getting ripe, and several pickers were at work gathering the large, plump berries for the market. Besides the large crop of berries which is already on hand, he expects to have close to two hundred thousand tips for sale this fall; these are marketable at a good price. Besides the berries he has as fine and well-kept a vineyard as it has been our fortune to see lately. The vines are well set with fruit and promise a large return. It will pay anyone who has not done so to visit his place and see his fruit and obtain plants for their own setting.

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about this being the best seller that we have ever had in the way of a paper. Although it will contain 24 pages and be printed in two colors, the retail price will be only five cents a copy. It seems to us that such a number as this, to be sold at a nickel a copy, ought to have a circulation of at least a half-million. By a united effort this can be accomplished. Orders from conferences, tract societies and individuals are already beginning to come in very encouragingly.

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We are glad to be able to present our readers with an extra amount of matter this week. The departments have been accumulating a little more each week, and it seemed necessary to put out a larger issue and try to catch up. This will account for us being a day late with the paper. The reports of the work being done by our laborers in this one issue of the paper is worth the price for a year to those who are watching the work go forward.

We would call attention to the article on the first page calling for help to purchase a new press. Please do not pass it lightly by, but let each one who reads it and feels an interest in this work, take it as a personal appeal to them, and do all they can to assist in this good work.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by the Keene Academy Board to issue the calendar early—it is hoped by the close of school. A strong, earnest effort on the part of all the friends of the schools is greatly desired in order that it may be filled another year with young people who have a desire to fit themselves for work in some part of the Lord's vineyard.

**Oklahoma Department.****Field Reports.**

**MENO.**—We have been made to realize the fulfillment of Revelation 12:17 for the last two weeks here at Meno. The Methodist presiding elder challenged Sister Syp for a debate, and set the time to begin April 25. He then began a meeting in which he took up a tirade against the Adventists. He evidently had two objects in view. First, to prejudice the people against Adventists; and second, to wear out Sister Syp and the people before the meeting begins. They would hold their meeting until one or two o'clock in the morning so she could not review him. I came out to help her and take the burden of the work, so she could get rested for the debate. Since I came out here, they have opened the way for me to present the Law and Covenants to a large congregation, and with good effect. The opposition is making the truth shine brighter, and none of the members are in the least affected, but are more firm than ever. Some are taking their stand for the truth, and we expect to have baptizing next Sunday. We can say it was easy to see the spirit of the dragon. May the Lord stir His people to give the message in this generation.

A. E. FIELD.

**AVART.**—Last Sabbath and Sunday April 23 and 24, I spent with the Avart church. The Lord came near and blessed both in speaking and hearing the truth. As this church has been running down considerably by some families leaving them, their church organization was almost broken up. On Sunday they elected new officers and five joined the church. They promised to be more faithful in the future.

At present I am spending a few days with my family. We will hold some meetings in Shattuck. The Shattuck church had some new additions. Sunday, the 7th eleven souls were baptized, and others are going to be in the near future. Brother J. A. Lorenz has been working here for a month or so, and the Lord has blessed his efforts. This church now has a membership of about one hundred. May the Lord continue to add to its membership of

those that will be saved.

G. F. HAFFNER.

**OKMULGEE.**—I began meetings here March 23 and continued till April 24, every evening at eight o'clock. The attendance was about thirty-five and was nearly constant, those who began attending at the first continuing to do so till the close.

A good interest was manifested from the start, and we believe good results will yet be seen from the seed sown. The immediate results are six who have fully decided to walk in the light, and "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus," and unite with the church at the earliest opportunity. Five desire baptism as soon as an ordained minister can be had to administer the ordinance. The brethren here feel that they have been much strengthened by these meetings, and they have determined to make a decided effort to get the truth for this time before their neighbors.

There are many calls for help from all parts of the Indian Territory, and it seems there is no one to fill them. During the past week I have received four earnest calls for work to be done. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Brethren, pray for the work here. E. L. MAXWELL.

**PANHANDLE.**—I have just returned from a "round up" among the stockmen of Beaver county and north Panhandle. I started to Beaver county Sunday, March 27, and began meeting at Clearlake Thursday evening following. The meeting was well attended from first to last by quite all the same congregation that we had last summer. I found four Sabbathkeepers here at Clearlake last summer. Three of them had been baptized, and two had been members of the church at Liberal, Kansas, but had enjoyed little or no privileges of association with the church.

Since the beginning of our meeting last summer, six have been baptized, uniting with the Clearlake company. I closed the meeting here Sunday night, April 10, having organized a church of nine members. There are two others who would have united with the church if they had been at home. The Lord certainly witnessed to the word spoken by the presence of His Spirit, and all were drawn close to him and close together. There are other souls here who have been made

very dear to us as they have drawn so close to us through hearing the truth and having shown so much appreciation for it that while they had not taken their stand when I left them, all are encouraged to believe that they will soon be lead into the full light of the truth. In fact such expressions were made that as soon as some opposition was removed, they would take their stand.

The closing scene of the "round up" Sunday night, was the showing of the Lord's claim upon the herds, and it is certainly gratifying to know that there are stockman in the west who recognize that every tenth steer is the Lord's, with offering, for the giving of the third angel's message to all nations in this generation. Monday forenoon an impressive service was rendered in the baptism of Brother George Rederner, attended by a goodly number.

On my way home through the Panhandle I took dinner at a ranch where the lady who is not a Christian urged me to come and preach the truth to her neighbor, and as she expressed it, "open their eyes." She heard Elder Larson and others preach the truth, in her girlhood, in Iowa near Moravia. She said she was a Baptist then, and it caused her to give up everything. It was certainly strengthening to the second angel's message to hear her express the clearness of the hypocrisy of modern Babylon through her fall. She felt that she must be a Christian, though neither she nor her husband could be anything but "Seventh-day devils," as she said many called them. This woman is surrounded by a sea of cattle and a ranch of thirteen sections. It made me think of hunting and fishing them out. There are many places in Woodward, and Beaver counties and the Panhandle that must be worked, and that speedily. Pray for the work in short-grass section.

D. F. STURGEON.

**Hymneal.**

LAST Sunday, April 10, Brother Bernhard Voth and Sister Ava Brickman were united in holy marriage. The ceremony was performed in the O'Keene church by the undersigned in the presence of quite a large congregation. We wish them God's blessing in their married life.

G. F. H.

Monthly Report.

Notice

THE following is a report of the work done by the Oklahoma Conference workers as far as they have reported. Several have not sent in their report yet. We would like to see them all prompt in sending in their reports at the end of the month.

- No. of workers, . . . . . 20
- “ sermons preached, . . . 213
- “ Bible readings held, . . 151
- “ other meetings held, 26
- “ missionary visits, . . . 508
- “ subscriptions obtained, 7
- “ persons baptized, . . . 15
- “ persons obeying, . . . 14
- “ letters written by our State S. S. Secretary, . . . 221

Let all the workers remember our papers and take as many subscribers as possible. These seven in the report were taken only by two. Why should not each one take a few each month, then be sure and report it so we can give a correct report.

G. F. H.

Report of Tithe and F. D. Offering,  
FOR OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE FOR  
FEBRUARY, 1904.

	TITHE.	F. D. O.
Altona,.....	\$ 28.90	\$ .....
Cooper, West,.....	3.90	.....
Dover,.....	2.40	.....
Dickson,.....	1.90	.....
Doxey,.....	3.19	.....
Enid,.....	4.00	.....
Guthrie,.....	5.14	.....
Gage,.....	20.00	.....
Gyp,.....	39.90	.....
Hereford,.....	11.00	\$ 1.00
Hennessey,.....	15.00	.....
Huntville,.....	14.98	.....
Isolated,.....	30.45	1.40
Jennings,.....	.98	.....
Lenna,.....	93.00	.....
Oklahoma City,.....	49.12	.....
Osceola,.....	5.78	.....
Opal,.....	.....	5.20
Okmulgee,.....	2.00	.....
Perry,.....	.....	.50
Parkland,.....	9.00	.....
Perkins,.....	4.50	.....
Paul's Valley,.....	9.25	.....
Ruth,.....	5.65	.....
Seger,.....	9.63	.56
Shawnee,.....	2.45	.....
Stroud,.....	4.35	.07
Star,.....	6.40	.....
Waukomis,.....	10.70	.....
Wilburton,.....	12.20	.....
Watonga,.....	15.60	.....
Totals,.....	\$ 421.37	\$ 8.73
Tithe paid out during same time,.....	\$1,055.54	

T. J. EAGLE, Treasurer.

THE Oklahoma tract society is in need of about \$500.00 at once, and if those owing the society for a long time will help us at this time it will be appreciated very much. Who will be the first to answer?

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

Notes from the Canvassers.

I HAVE just begun working in the field as a canvasser. The Lord has been with me and blessed me in my work. I have been in the truth but a short while. I had been thinking seriously for some time of taking up this work, but could not gather courage to start until Brother and Sister A. R. Hill came into our community. They gave me courage, and I thank the Lord for my success. We had a meeting of canvassers at my house yesterday. Brother Butka was with us. He encouraged us all very much. His life and soul are in the work. The Lord will surely bless Brother Butka for the earnest, faithful work he is doing. I go out to-day of good courage. I ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that I may do much for my Lord and Master in this work, realizing the shortness of time and the amount of work to be done before our Lord's coming. W. L. COOPER.

WE came from our territory to Paul's Valley to meet Brother Butka. He was at Brother Cooper's. It did us much good to hear how the Lord had poured out His blessing on the other canvassers as well as us. We are greatly encouraged to press forward and help finish the work in this generation. The Lord says, "Ask for rain in the time of the latter rain." We ask an interest in the prayers of the remnant people.

A. R. HILL.

I HAD my first experience in canvassing Tuesday. I like the work very well and expect by the help of God ever to press forward in this wonderful work. Although the way seems hard at times, yet if we only think of the One who has gone before us, and ask God to direct us, we will come out victorious. I am of good courage and glad to have a part in this closing work. Pray for me in my work. OKA ROY.

AFTER Sabbath Saturday evening Sister Field and I, accompanied by

our five girls and a young friend, started out to find by practical experience what success the sale of the *Bible Training School* would meet in the business portion of Oklahoma City. This kind of work was new to at least four of the girls, but they remembered the instruction recently given them at the institute, and they had studied the paper and were determined to sell it for what it contained. Sister Field and I found our time fully occupied in keeping an eye over the company as they entered stores, shops, saloons, etc. In a short time our sixty-nine copies were gone, and the resulting disappointment pictured on faces and expressed in words forceably reminded us of King Alexander when he wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. Though in this case it was a lack of ammunition that caused the mourning. We greatly rejoiced that God used us as instruments in placing the truth in the hands of so many people, and we intend to try again next Saturday eve. MRS. ETEALEA L. TAYLOR.

I AM still pressing forward for my Master. It is astonishing to see so many people who know nothing about the truth in this country. The time has come when the people of God ought to work harder than ever before. God is impressing the people with this wonderful message. Now is the time to work. The Saviour tells us to go into the highways and hedges and gather them in. There is where I have been the past week in Indian Territory. God has wonderfully blessed me in trying to reach the people. I am of good courage in the work. Pray for me. J. T. MILLER.

I HAVE been working with "Daniel and Revelation" for the past four weeks, and have been enjoying the work. I am walking and taking from fifty to seventy-five dollars' worth of orders a week. I have farmed all my life and am now forty-five years old. I would be glad to see more of our young people take up the canvassing work. I realize there is a great blessing in the canvassing work. Come, let us all put on the strength of the Lord and go to work in earnest before it is too late. We are fully able to go up and possess the land. We need Calebs and Joshuas now. To show our faith by our works is the best plan. F. M. GARNER.

BROTHER W. E. Hunter and I are

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on the ground at Shawnee, Oklahoma, ready to push the work by the help of God in this city. We are working for "Thoughts on Daniel" and "Patriarchs and Prophets." We see by looking over the city that there is work before us. Satanic influences are here, but we are glad God is here and that He is a majority.

P. S. HENRY.

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Name.	Address.	Book.	Hours.	Exp.	Ord's.	Value.	Helps.	Del'd.	Value
<b>Oklahoma.</b>									
A. R. Hill,	Wymew'd, I T D & R	43	50	15	41	09	8	50	
Mrs. L. E. Hill,	Wymew'd, I T L G	5	5	3	9	50	1	50	
F. M. Garner,	Antioch, I T D & R	47	54	16	44	75	3	35	
W. S. Roy,	Claremore B R	39	51	10	23	75	1	15	
J. T. Miller,	Muskogee D & B	19	34	17	52	50	3	50	
Oka Roy,	Guthrie L G	19	46	4	12	00	1	00	
Lulu Henry,	Guthrie L G	20	37				1	65	
Jesse Sylvester,	Muskogee D & R	31	51	25	65	00			
Lizzie Sylvester,	Muskogee D & R	3	9	2	4	50	2	00	
W. L. Cooper,	Pail's Valley B R	35	55	38	97	00	3	25	
J. F. Goss,	Lenapath B R	36	51	30	75	75	9	75	
R. Fryniere,	Lenapath G C	31	65	25	70	00	5	50	
C. N. Thompson,	Lenapath G C	15	66	39	43	50	16	00	
S. P. Henry,	Shawnee P P	41	53	10	25	75	5	25	
T. F. Champion,	Claremore B R	31	68	19	42	00	5	40	
Frenk Pruet,	Claremore B R	35	51	16	45	75	6	00	
Lym Williams,	Claremore B R	21	32	4	10	75	4	98	
J. B. McDonell,	Claremore B R	33	51	22	58	50	15	00	
Mattie Braley,	Chickasha G C	46	177	6	27	00			
Mattie A. Price,	Blackwell D of A	5	5	1	3	50	1	50	
Nellie Southard,	Blackwell D of A	10	18				1	60	
Nellie Cox,	Blackwell D of A	8	16	1	3	50	1	85	
Total, 22			573	979	303	750 50	98	73	
<b>Arkansas.</b>									
W. L. Manful,		B R	16	70	35	32 00	5	50	
<b>Texas.</b>									
A. J. Jensen,	Round Rock	C K	32	36	18	26 00	9	00	
W. A. Koehn,	West	C K	29	37	10	16 50	3	75	15 75
E. F. Seat,	Crowley	G C	25	47	9	23 00	8	00	
Total, Agents, 3			57	73	27	49 00	17	00	15 75