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## Did You Read It?

**D**ID you read that "Special Notice" in last week's RECORD requesting you to send us the names of young people who ought to attend Keene Academy? It is none too soon for those who expect to attend next year to begin to lay their plans.

The Academy opens October 19. It is very important to be present at the beginning. Students often fail in their year's work simply because they miss the first few weeks of school, thus failing to get the foundation principles. If you wish a successful year's work, be present at the beginning and stay till the close. Many are so late in deciding to come that they find it impossible to be present when school begins. Decide now to attend the Academy the coming year, and lay your plans to be present October 19. It is wonderful how God's providence opens the way before those who consecrate themselves to Him.

Again would we urge our brethren and sisters to search out young people who ought to attend the Academy. Send us their names at once. Do not advise those to attend the Academy who are a constant perplexity where they are. We can seldom do much for such persons, and they often do the school much harm. We want young people who love God's work. Please do not neglect this matter

C. B. HUGHES.

July 2.

**T**HE first Sabbath in July is the time the regular mid-summer offering is taken for the support of our work in foreign fields. The Annual offering which is made at the time of the Week of Prayer and the Mid-summer offering are the two general offerings made during the year for this purpose.

The carrying of the message pro-

claiming to the world the soon-coming Saviour, is, by far the greatest work before us—the work in which every true Seventh-day Adventist is deeply interested. Not every one can leave his home or country to assume the burdens of this work in foreign fields, but every one can have an active part in it by contributing liberally to help speed those on who are so situated and trained that they can go.

No other church or denomination is taking so active an interest in foreign missions to-day as ours. For the great interests at stake, the wonderful importance of the work, and the love we have for it, may we not only keep up this interest already aroused, but may we not increase it?

Last year this offering amounted to more than ten thousand dollars; this year it could easily be doubled, and what an encouragement and help it would be to our brethren who are sacrificing everything as they leave their homes to go to these dark places of the earth.

As this offering is taken in our churches, we would suggest that special prayers be offered for our brethren in foreign lands, that their courage may be kept good and their work pushed with vigor on.

We are confident that as our people are interested in foreign missions, they will make this a most liberal offering. Should any individual or any church desire to assist some special field in which they have some special burden, make mention of the matter with the offering.

May the Lord greatly bless His people at this time, not only with means to help forward His work and hasten His coming, but with willing hearts and rich experiences.

W. T. BLAND,

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What are you doing for the RECORD

## Union College Year Book.

**T**HE Union College Year Book will soon be ready. It will contain the usual information concerning facilities, plan of work, courses of study, expenses, etc., which will be of interest to those who think of attending school the coming year. Our German, Swedish, and Danish-Norwegian people will be especially interested in the description and courses of study of the Bible school, conducted in each of these languages for the training of gospel workers; because these are the only schools of the kind in the United States. All who are watching the working out of the educational problems of the denomination will want to study the announcement of new plans (a) for the industrial classes, (b) for promoting self-government among students, (c) for adapting the courses of study to the training of laborers for the missionary department of the Third Angel's message, (d) for the conduct of the College Homes, etc.

Union College is the only school in the denomination which still offers courses leading to degrees. Many will want to see what these courses are. Let all who wish copies of the new Year book address at once the President of Union College, College View, Nebraska.

MORE than 50,000,000 pounds of India rubber, valued at over \$30,000,000, were imported into the United States last year.

THE largest tree in the world lies broken and petrified at the end of a defile in Northwestern Nevada. It is said to be 666 feet long.

If a man hunts for difficulties, he may find two where he expects to find only one.

THE mint at Philadelphia recently melted twelve tons of gold in one day and repeated it the next day. And yet the eagle is a hard bird to catch.

## Arkansas Department.

## The Family Bible Teacher.

WE have in stock a supply of the "Family Bible Teacher," a course of Bible readings embracing twenty-eight printed lessons, beginning with the foundation principles of Christianity. A feature of special interest is the study of the prophecies which relate to the second coming of Christ. The lessons are short and to the point, especially adapted to missionary work, as they afford a means by which all may successfully teach the truth to their friends and neighbors at a meager cost of both time and means. The price of the set of twenty-eight lessons is only ten cents. Fayetteville and Gravette churches have been using the lessons for some time. Some one has recently inquired as to how best to use them, so I will quote a few suggestions:—

"Take lesson No. 1 and go to the people, giving them a brief idea of the course of study, and invite them to become regular readers. With those who accept the first lesson, promise to bring No. 2 the following week. As you make a return visit, show a personal interest in your readers by inquiring how they enjoyed the previous lesson, answering all questions briefly, avoiding controversy. This will necessitate a careful study of the subject. As the interest increases, more personal work should be done. How to obtain pay for the lessons, is a question which concerns those who use them in large quantities. The method followed thus far is to begin the lessons with the understanding that each reader is left free to donate as much and as often to the support of the work as he may choose. Another plan is to charge a fee of ten cents to every family who pursues the course beyond the seventh lesson. This gives an abundant opportunity to decide as to whether their interest is sufficient to go on with the course; if so they will not hesitate to pay this trifling amount. The first method was adopted by the writer of these suggestions with the result that much more than sufficient to pay for the lessons was received."

THE SALE OF OUR BOUND BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

The poet Whittier says,—

"Words spoken are like the air,  
But words written are always there."

Literature left in a home will instruct and bear its testimony for the truth long after the worker has gone. "One of the best methods of introducing books in this connection with the use of the 'Family Bible Teacher' is to use the descriptive leaflet of our different books; these can be neatly pasted in each lesson delivered. For instance, when lesson five is used on Christ's second coming, the leaflet describing 'Coming King' should be used, with numbers six and seven, 'Heralds of the Morning' and 'His Glorious Appearing,' and with eight and nine, 'Great Controversy,' and so on throughout the course. This will amount to a constant canvass of every reader each week for a different book." "When the course is complete, subscriptions should be taken for our periodicals, enabling the readers to continue their investigation of the truth.

"After the course is completed, new territory should be selected and the work repeated, special pains being taken to keep up the interest with those already interested. Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Let us begin work at our own door. The disciples commenced work in Jerusalem—at home."

### Notice.

WE trust that all correspondents will bear with any delay in not receiving their mail and consider the cause; the mails both north and south of us eventually reach us, but are many days on the road, due to the round about way they have to go, occasioned by the severe washouts on the rail road, etc.

### Items of Interest.

IN a recent letter from Elder N. P. Nelson we learned that the work among the colored people in this State, is progressing. A Baptist minister has taken his stand for the truth. There are now five workers among the colored in this State.

STATE Conference and Camp Meeting at Russellville, Pope county, Arkansas, August 11-21. Please remember the time, the place, and above all things remember to come.

THE special number of the *Southern Watchman* is not dated, therefore it will remain an up-to-date paper for some time. We quote the following extracts from some who are selling it. "This special number sells the best of anything I have ever yet tried." Many who have had no experience find no difficulty in selling twenty-five copies an hour. Brother Harrison, general canvassing agent for the Southern Union Conference, writes: "On Monday morning I got on the train and came to ——. I arrived here at 8:30, but it was nearly nine o'clock by the time I got started. That day I sold six more papers than I was able to sell in my best day's work with the *Signs*. Well, yesterday I did even better. I tell you this *Watchman* is a fine one. . . . If our state agents every where would only take an interest in the matter and drill the workers and churches, this paper would be sold by the ton."

BROTHER V. B. Watts writes from Gertry that his interest is still good, also that they are holding a Sabbath School convention with a good programme.

BRETHREN Griffin and Bender expect to close their meetings in London Sunday night, and separate for different fields of labor until time for camp meeting.

BROTHER Dewy Kinzer, of Afton, who has been working in Fayetteville for the past two months, stopped in Springdale last night on his way to Afton. He is returning to take up the canvassing work in the Territory and will be accompanied by Brother J. S. Rouse, of this place who is going to enter the work. They will canvass for "Bible Readings" until camp meeting.

BROTHER E. L. Pickney has been delivering the past week, and writes that the Lord is blessing him in his work. One day while making his delivery he took three orders for "Bible Readings."

### Field Report.

PRUITT.—I went to Pruitt, Arkansas in answer to a repeated call from Brother J. D. Row to come and hold a meeting at that place. I began the meeting on Monday night with good attendance considering the short notice, having arrived there that morn-

ing. The attendance increased gradually as long as the meeting lasted, the interest also being good. After continuing the meeting two weeks, the cold and rainy weather having kept the corn crop back, and the cultivation of the corn and the harvesting of the wheat and oats coming upon the farmers at the same time, rendered it impossible to continue the meetings longer. The people desiring to hear further, and not being able to do so and attend to their crops, asked me to close the meeting for the time being and return as soon as possible after Conference, which I promised to do. The last night of the meeting the house would not hold the people. Several declared their belief in the binding obligations of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and said they would study their Bibles until I returned. The Lord blessed wonderfully in presenting the message, for which I am profoundly grateful. To Him be all the praise. I will start for Jonesboro the first of the week to visit that place in the interest of the work in response to a very urgent call and will remain there until time to arrange for camp meeting.

J. A. SOMMERVILLE.

### Canvassers' Institute.

**T**HERE will be a canvassers' institute connected with the camp meeting for the benefit of those who are going to engage or continue in the field work. It will be conducted by Brother Manfull and others of experience, and will continue after the camp meeting closes if so desired. These timely instructions are of invaluable help to those who are going to engage in this all-important branch of the Lord's work. We trust that these meetings may be well attended, and as a result a goodly corps of canvassers will enlist for the battle field, ready to take up work immediately at the close of the camp meeting. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. "The canvassing work should no longer be neglected. There should be a more general interest in our canvassing work. The circulation of our literature is one very important means of placing before men and women the light God has committed to His church to be given to the world. The books sold by our can-

vassers open to many minds the unsearchable riches of Christ." "The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns should be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it? The Lord Jesus, standing by the side of the canvassers, walking with them, is the chief worker. If we recognize Christ as the One who is with us to prepare the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions in just the lines needed."—*Testimonies*.

### Notice.

WE are very anxious to get a few small tents for our camp meeting, as they are much needed, as you all know that the tents are old and much the worse for the wear. They are better than none if the weather remains pleasant, but showers are liable to come, and then they are almost worse than none, for strained water is about as wet as what rains upon us without passing through the leaky tents. Now we have some money on hand that has been kindly contributed from time to time and thankfully received, but an increase is necessary to get the desired tents, and we earnestly solicit contributions for that purpose, trusting that you will all realize that it is in the line of missionary work, and that we are all a part of the Conference, and are all equally anxious for the upbuilding of the work in this State.

Now please respond to this appeal promptly, as we want to get the tents right away in order to have them reach us in time for the meeting. Please send all contributions to the Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Arkansas, where they will all be gratefully acknowledged and applied for the purpose for which they are sent in.

Are you going to camp meeting?

## ✦ Texas Department. ✦

### Field Reports.

WITH THE GERMAN COMPANIES.— I will write a few lines to the RECORD to let its readers know that although they have not heard of me for some time, I have not been idle. But seeing myself in great need of more room for my large family, and not feeling well during the winter months as I am much bothered with neuralgia of the head and breast in winter, I embraced the opportunity of making an addition to my house. But in March I started out again. The first place I went to was Hurnville. I stayed with this German company for almost five days, preaching to them and their neighbors, who showed great interest; and sooner or later we expect an addition to that company so we can organize them into a church. We also celebrated with much weeping and rejoicing the Lord's ordinances April 2.

From there I went to Wichita Falls, where we have one family. Although I had not seen this good brother and sister for almost two years, they stand firm in the truth for these last days; and on asking him whether he was faithful in paying his tithe to the Lord, he answered that he had sent in something like eighty dollars for the past year. O, for more faithfulness in this respect among God's people. At this place we called in the neighbors, and I preached to them. For the first time I had the chance to see in my meeting, and preach to the dear brother's brother and sister-in-law, who were very much filled with prejudice against us. I also received a pledge for our new tent from this brother, which has since been sent in.

From here I went to Sanger German church and found them all of good courage in the Lord. The brethren here have had one of the best church schools in the State, taught by Sister Olsen, Brother Nelson's adopted daughter. These brethren have had a church school for the past two years, and brethren, you can notice it in their children at once. Although this church is not very large, they had up to that time paid over \$600.00 tithe, and in the face of that fact I found them ready to raise almost enough to buy a new tent for

the German work in this State, which has since been bought.

I next went to Lavernia, almost twenty-five miles east of San Antonio, where we have a German family keeping the Sabbath, also by themselves but holding on faithfully. I held a few meetings at this place, but as there was no special interest, I returned to San Antonio and stayed with Brother and Sister Neff a few days. As Brother Neff wanted me to see some of his interested readers, I went with him. Brother and Sister Neff are doing a good work in San Antonio. When I was there, he had some who were ready for baptism.

From there I went to Brenham. As I am the local elder of this church, we held quarterly meeting and celebrated the ordinances of the Lord, Sabbath, May 7. I decided I would stay a week with this church and hold night services, which resulted that on Sunday, May 15, I had the privilege of baptizing five dear souls, who were added to the church here.

My next stop was at Caldwell. At this place I stayed with Brother Knudson over night, and the next morning I took in the situation of the town and surrounding country to see whether we could pitch our tent to hold a gospel tent meeting, so here you will find us now—Professor Lorenz and myself—holding a tent meeting. We commenced our meeting last Wednesday, June 8, with a moderate attendance, but it is slowly increasing. We expect a goodly number to-night. We will report more of this meeting later on. Brethren, remember your German servants when you approach the throne of grace.

C. W. MILLER.

June 12, 1904.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—My lot has been cast among the people of the West for more than a year. This privilege I esteem very highly. I have met with most, but not all, of the dear brethren and sisters of this district, and I find them to be (as I think) good, average Adventists, but very badly dis-organized. I have a very great burden to see our people better organized and working understandingly together. I feel that in unity there is strength. We should work in concert.

Now the Conference is going to considerable expense in arranging for us to have a local camp meeting, and

I am intensely anxious to see a large attendance of our people. Let each one of us do our very best to have some friend whom we think might be reached by the precious truth, come with us. Come, praying for a special revival of the Advent zeal and enthusiasm. We have a great God, why not expect great things of Him? He invites us to come boldly to His throne.

We have a nice, new church house at the Gap, and we desire to see a strong church (spiritual house) organized there of consistent, God-fearing brethren and sisters. When the laity of the church call for a minister to come to their place and preach, they always want the very best that can be had. They want one who can give the message in a forceable way, one who is consistent in all his habits of life. That is all right. Just so with the minister, he delights to preach where his lay-brethren are living Godly and thus consistent lives. Oh, there is much that depends upon our deportment,—much more, I fear, than many are aware of. Let us examine ourselves to see whether we be in the faith.

W. M. CUBLEY.

Notes from the Canvassers.

[Continued from last week.]

DON'T that beat picking cotton, when the Lord's work is languishing? Many will say, "You are a natural canvasser, and it will do for you to talk." But I deny the charge. Brother Stevenson, who was tract society secretary at that time, can tell you what a poor record I made in my early years at canvassing. Why, the first month I canvassed I did not take an order, and then had to go home on account of poor health.

Girls give this matter a thought, you who are wishing for some way to earn your way through school. Country canvassing is not to be compared with that in the towns, as regards health, expense, per centage of orders taken, and the pleasure there is in it. Now I have a number of girls in mind who have nothing special to keep them and who could just as well arouse themselves and awake to their possibilities. How gladly I would help all such by giving them the benefit of my experience.

The canvassing work is a grand school of learning. Girls will learn

self-reliance and business qualifications, tact, dispatch, patience, character-reading, energy, and if you are depending on God for your success, you will learn many lessons of trust and confidence in the Lord. It is a much safer work for girls than city canvassing, though many people think otherwise until they have had the experience. I pray God that these words may help someone in deciding to make a trial of this work.

ARTIE TAYLOR.

Appointments.

No providential hinderances, I will meet with the following companies in quarterly meeting:—

Clifton, . . . . . June 23-26  
Austin, . . . . . " 27-28  
Lexington, . . . . . " 28-29  
Keenan, . . . . . June 30 to July 2

I will remain at Keenan until camp meeting to follow up an interest awakened by my visit there in January.

A. W. JENSON.

Keene Notes.

NEXT Sabbath is the regular time for the quarterly meeting.

MRS. C. B. Hughes and daughter leave to-day for a visit with friends in Oklahoma and Missouri. She also expects to attend the Teachers Institute at Atchison, Kansas.

MR. H. H. Luccock has received the appointment as postmaster at this place, and is now arranging his bond.

DR. P. F. Haskell and wife returned last Thursday evening from their visit to Louisiana. The Doctor is much improved in health and able to attend to his duties again.

THE Keene Canning Company has received the closed kettle for use in canning vegetables, and will soon have it in position to do business.

MRS. C. N. Woodward and two daughters are visiting friends and relatives in Kaufman county, Texas.

ELDER N. P. Nelson returned last Thursday from West Texas, and reports the workers there of good courage, and the work moving along nicely.

MRS. J. P. Humphries returned last Wednesday from her visit in Oklahoma.

Camp meeting will soon be here. Are you planning to attend?

✦ The Union Record. ✦

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Camp Meetings for 1904.

Texas, Keene. July 27, to August 7.  
Arkansas, Russellville August 11-23.  
Oklahoma, Guthrie Aug. 25 to Sept. 4.

OUR Press Fund continues to grow. Nearly every day we receive one or more small donations, which gradually swells the fund. If the fund was not for so worthy an object, we would not feel free to ask for donations, but since it is for the furtherance of God's work, we know he will bless liberality in that direction. It is desired that the fund be as large as possible before the camp meetings, as at that time many other needy causes are always presented for consideration. Are there not others who have a mite for us?

It is necessary that we should give notice to our delinquent subscribers that we cannot continue to send the paper after this issue unless their subscription is renewed. It costs us from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a week for paper upon which to print the RECORD, besides wrappers, postage, etc. There are just at present quite a large number of subscriptions which have expired,

which we must drop with this number, as we have no means of knowing whether they wish to continue except they renew. Please be prompt.

THERE has come in such a flood of "copy" for the RECORD this week that we are issuing two extra pages to partly clear up the books.

WE hope in our next issue to be able to announce what help we shall have at our camp meetings.

✦ German Department. ✦

Bericht.

Ich ging letzten Donnerstag [2. Juni?] nach Wilburton, J. T. um einige Tage mit jener Gemeinde zu verweilen. Von dort wollte ich nach Iowa gehen um der Lagerversammlung in jenem Staate beizuwohnen Da aber durch den vielen Regen, den wir hatten, viele Brücken weggespült wurden, und in Folge dessen kein Zug, während einigen Tagen durch Wilburton ging, wurde mir dies unmöglich und somit mußte ich daselbst bleiben, bis ein Zug kam; dann war es aber zu spät und ich ging nicht nach Iowa. Wir hatten dann einige gute Versammlungen und manche Schwierigkeiten wurden beseitigt. In einer Versammlung gingen wir durch das Gemeinde Buch und fanden, daß von einer großen Liste von Namen nur wenige anwesend waren. Es stellte sich dann heraus, daß mehrere nicht mehr in der Wahrheit wandeln.

Einige gebrauchen Tabak und sind also geistlich tot. Der Tabak ist nicht nur ein Gift für den Körper sondern auch für die Seele: denn ein Adventist der dies giftige Kraut gebraucht, gedeiht nicht. Mehrere Glieder wurden ausgeschlossen und die Namen etlicher wurden von der Liste gestrichen, da niemand wußte wo sie sich befinden. Ein Bruder wurde getauft. Es ist traurig wenn man Glieder ausschließen muß, aber, Geschwister, es muß sein. Was nützt uns die große Zahl Namen in unsern Gemeinde Büchern wenn sie geistlich tot sind.

Ich möchte deshalb jeder Gemeinde raten daselbe zu tun. Geht durch die Liste und wenn ihr solche habt, die nicht nach der Wahrheit leben, die ihr aber wiederholtemale ermahnt habt, so daß ihr rein seid an ihrem Blut, dann zählt sie nicht mehr länger als Glieder, sondern handelt mit ihnen nach Gottes Wort.

Diese Gemeinde hatte etliche über deren Fälle man nicht frei war zu handeln, ohne daß man es zuvor nochmals versuche und

sie ermahne in der Wahrheit zu wandeln. Laßt jeden Ältesten danach sehen, daß eine reine Liste gehalten wird, so daß, wenn der Bericht, am Ende des Quartals, eingekommen wird, man nicht fünfzig Glieder berichtet, wenn ihrer nur dreißig da sind.

Bitte, seht danach und laßt uns am Ende dieses Viertels einen genauen Bericht zu kommen. Wir möchten bei unserer nächsten Konferenz Leistung einen rechten Bericht abgeben, können dies aber nur dann tun, wenn eine jede Gemeinde einen genauen Bericht einwendet.

Möge der Herr seine Gemeinde reinigen und waschen, damit sie, wenn Er kommt, ohne Runzel und ohne Flecken vor Ihm erscheinen möge. G. F. H.

Summarischer Bericht von den Arbeitern in der Oklahoma Konferenz für den Monat Mai,

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Dies schließt die Arbeiter nicht alle ein welche von der Konferenz unterstützt werden. Einige haben noch nicht berichtet und andere sind auf sonstige Weise beschäftigt. G. F. H.

Oklahoma Department.

Field Reports.

CHANDLER.—The last two weeks have been rather gloomy and wet to hold tent meetings. There has been one heavy rain after another until the earth is full of water. Streams have been out over their bottoms, and the most of the crops will have to be replanted. The ground is so wet that wheat cannot be harvested. Almost every bridge in all directions from town is out. It has been almost impossible for the farmers to come to town. There has been three days during which there were no trains. We have now had a few days without rain; business of all kinds has been resumed, and we have hopes of a fair future. During the wet weather our

attendance was small, and it came in a bad time for us, when we were giving the Sabbath. We have had pretty good attendance the last few nights, and we still have hopes of seeing a good work accomplished. When you present your petitions before the Lord remember us, that God may give us wisdom in presenting the truth.

A. E. FIELD.

CARMEN, HACKBERRY AND HEREFORD.—In response to a call from Sister Mattie Price, Elder Haffner asked me to go to Carmen. I arrived there during the heavy rains, in the latter part of April and the first of May. There was such a sea of water everywhere it was found quite impossible to hold public meetings. Here we found some very precious souls who are being troubled on every hand. First by the "would-be" people, (that is, they would be the church of God, if accepting that title was all that was necessary to make them the church of God.) They were making a tirade against the Spirit of Prophecy, and certainly saying Lord, Lord, Matt. 7:21. It was gratifying to see these dear souls receive the distinguishing truths of the message. I dwelt entirely on the Spirit of Prophecy and the truths that distinguish us as a people. Three followed the Lord in the solemn ordinance of baptism. I did not see all of our people at Carmen on account of the weather. Some at Carmen have made the mistake of desiring to teach, when they themselves need to be taught; as they have not been learners in the strictest sense. There is a great demand at present for a tent meeting at Carmen.

Elder Haffner asked me to go to Hackberry and help Brother Braley finish the work there previous to our coming to Hereford. I found the work hard to finish in so limited a time. Brother Braley had been holding meetings for several weeks. Some eight or ten entirely new ones had taken their stand and made considerable progress in the truth. I spoke to them several times, dwelling much on the Spirit of Prophecy, Baptism and other distinguishing truths. On the Sabbath three followed the Lord in baptism. The Lord wrought a great work through Brother Braley, and the dragon's spirit stirred up the preachers of that vicinity to challenge him for a debate. It was near the

Methodist quarterly meeting, and as they felt they had sustained a great loss, the presiding elder promised them everything when he should come. It seemed to have developed to spirit of Goliath. Accordingly I consented to attend the conference and give them whatever they wanted, but learned that their meeting had been postponed for one month. I left Brother Braley with them another week. There is a live little company of fourteen at Hackberry asking for a tent meeting.

We have just begun a meeting at Hereford, on the western plains of Texas. It is a beautiful town of 2,500 people. Pray for the work here.

D. F. STURGEON.

Report of Tithe, F. D. O., and S. S. Donations.

FROM THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1904.

	TITHE.	F. D. O.	S. S. D.
Contord,.....	\$ 5.10	\$	\$
Carney,.....			1.40
Cooper, West,....	5.00		
Chandler S. S.,		1.50	
Dover,.....	2.40		
Enid,.....	39.30	4.25	
El Reno,.....	12.07		
Guthrie,.....	30.72		
Gip,.....	7.36	64	
Greenleaf,.....	10.00		
Hereford,.....	90.15		
Isabella,.....	25.00		
Isolated,.....	22.25		
Jennings,.....	35.87	5.23	
Mount Zion,.....	2.00	1.00	
Muskogee,.....	27.50		
McLoud S. S.,...			2.15
OkJahoma City,	90.16	15.08	
Omega,.....	94.00	5.25	10.09
Osceola,.....	12.28		
Perry,.....	12.80		
Parkland,.....	6.00		
Putnam,.....	1.75		
Perkins,.....	9.60		
Paul's Valley,...	12.12	1.10	
Seeger,.....	4.00		
Shawnee,.....	3.00		.66
Salem,.....	20.34		
Stroud,.....	4.00		
Star,.....	10.59		
Waukomis,.....	1.35		
Wilburton,.....	87.56	1.84	
Woodward,.....	56.41	2.60	
Total,	\$743.68	\$38.49	\$13.57

Paid out of the tithe fund for the same period of time \$1,298.77. T. J. EAGLE, Treasurer.

Institute for Oklahoma Teachers.

**A**n institute for the church school teachers of Oklahoma will be held at the close of our camp meeting

at Guthrie. Prof. E. B. Huffman, Educational Superintendent of the Central Union Conference, will have charge of the work of the institute.

During the four weeks of the school a tent meeting will be held for the benefit of the public. Each student will be expected to spend some time each day in house to house work and different lines of missionary work. Each one will thus gain an experience that will help them in training the children for practical missionary work.

We trust that all who expect to teach in the Oklahoma conference next winter will plan to attend. We want to hear from all who expect to be there. As soon as definite arrangements can be made a more extended notice will be given.

MRS. C. SORENSON.

Perkins, O. T.

State Agent's Report.

I LEFT Enid May 14, and went to Hennessey where I found Elder Sorenson holding meetings with good success. I had a good visit with the company and some promised to go into the work in the future. After this I went to Chickasha and found Sister Braley and daughter doing good work. They have gone into the country to work, and with them are her daughter and son-in-law; they intend to stay in the work all summer.

From here I went to Custer county, where Elder McReynold's family lives, to get a horse for one of the canvassers. I then rode on horse back until I reached the Gip church; and they thought it was too hard for me to ride on horse back one hundred and fifty miles, so they gave me a harness and buggy for the canvassers. I brought the horse and buggy to Lindsay where I met Brethren Garner, Cooper and Heaton, who were all of good courage and determined to press on to the end. I also brought Brother B. L. Thompson, who expects to work during the summer, to join Brother Garner.

I next went to Washita county and met with the Segar church over the Sabbath. We had a good meeting, and the Lord came very near us. This church is surely interested in the canvassing work, as one brother gave a horse and another a harness and saddle to help the poor canvassers who are working on foot. I hope others

will profit by their example and help to hasten this message by giving themselves and their means into the work.

I then returned to Chickasha and let a brother have one of those horses. He had canvassed all the spring on foot and took \$500.00 worth of orders. You can see by this that those who are willing to work will have success, and the Lord will provide them a better way.

I then made a visit to the Oklahoma Tract Society and found them very busy, and doing all they could to encourage the work. From there I went to Shawnee where I met brethren Hunter and Henry. Brother Hunter had been sick for seven weeks but was better. Then I went to Perkins and spent the Sabbath with that church.

I am now at home for a short time. I am of good courage in the Lord and thank Him for what He is doing for His people. Let us all be strong in the Lord and the work will soon be done.

JAS. BUTKA.

**Laborers Report.**

FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 1904.

Number of workers, . . . . .	19
“ sermons preached, . . . . .	217
“ Bible readings held, . . . . .	202
“ other meetings held, . . . . .	32
“ persons baptized, . . . . .	15
“ persons added to church, . . . . .	16
“ missionary visits, . . . . .	568
“ persons obeying and not joined the church yet, . . . . .	21
“ subscriptions taken for our different papers, . . . . .	9
“ pages of tracts loaned and given away, . . . . .	1338

This does not include all the workers who are supported by the Conference. Some have not sent in their reports yet, and others are engaged in other lines, as the State Agent, Conference Secretary, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Tract Society.

G. F. H.

**The German Work.**

I AM glad to send in my report as a laborer for the Lord in Oklahoma. It is a great pleasure for me to receive the RECORD, and see the good work being done in Oklahoma. I have had some precious experiences since I have been in this conference. I would have written for the RECORD before but it

is hard work for me to write in English. I came to Oklahoma in December 1903, so my first work was among the churches during the week of prayer. The Lord came very near in every meeting. Deut. 33:3 applies to our time: “Yea He loved the people, all His saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.” It is good to be in the hand of the Lord, the Almighty. His promise is for us and to us today; “Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

December 31 I went to Lahoma and started meetings in a school house near by. After a week Brother A. J. Voth came to help me. The meetings were a great help to the Lahoma church, and one brother began the observance of all the commandments. Others are convinced of the truth.

From Lahoma we went to Isabella the 30th of January and began meetings in our church there. The church was almost broken up, but the Lord came very near in our meetings from evening to evening, so everything was set in order again, by the Spirit of the Lord. After a week Brother Voth went to Keene, Texas, to attend the conference, so I began meetings three miles south from Isabella in a school house. The result of the work in four weeks was four souls baptized and received into the Isabella church. Pray for the German work in Oklahoma.

P. P. GAEDE.

**Notes from the Canvassers.**

It is with pleasure that I take the opportunity of writing a few words of encouragement for the canvassing work this morning. Owing to heavy rains in this section of the country, it is very difficult for me to get around. You would smile sometimes if you could see me, especially just after being bogged down in a creek. But when trials come, they only remind us of what our Saviour suffered for us, and this gives us new courage, to think we are worthy to suffer for Him. It makes me sad to see the report, as it comes out each week, and so many who have put in but a few hours work during the week. Now if we were hired out, working for wages, we would expect to put in full time. God's work is of no less importance than our own. If we only

put in twenty-five hours a week, we can only expect \$50.00 worth of orders; when, if we will put in fifty hours a week, we can expect \$100.00 worth of orders. Now that will certainly pay us well for putting forth the effort, besides getting so many more books in the homes of the people, and as a result many will hear the message, accept of the same, and be saved in the kingdom of God.

Brethren, we should all be awake to the times we are living in, realizing that the time of trouble spoken of by Daniel the prophet, is fast coming upon us. It is wonderful to see how God will work for us when we put forth every effort to please Him. I am getting tired and want to go home. We have compassed this camp long enough. Let us all arise, go forward and finish this work. The work must be finished, and what we do not do now in a time of peace we will have to do in a time of trouble. As we go forward, let us pray for the success of our fellow canvassers, praising God for all things.

L. T. HEATON.

THE day of the Lord is creeping upon us. Wherever we can, we should give the message quickly and plainly, and tell the people their eternal salvation is depending on the knowledge and obedience of the message we carry. “Great Controversy” is a new book to me now, although I spent four years selling it before. I have visited one hundred and sixty-one families, taken sixty-five orders, valued at \$190.00, in twelve days. Every person I have met, I have told them the Lord is coming in this generation, that the Judgment began in 1844, and told about Christ's work in the sanctuary. You ought to see the wonderful interest as this is a new message to them. I get all my orders on these three points and the three angels' messages of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation.

This Indian Territory may be opened for settlement in two years, and now is the time to carry the message to these people before the prejudiced people—Satan's agents—come here. We must carry this message to this whole nation—the Chickasha Choctaw—in the next year, or before the land is opened. Now is the opportune time to sell books here.

B. L. THOMPSON.



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<b>Oklahoma.</b>									
William Bricker,	Tecomseh	G C	30	44	8	21 00	4	50	
*B. L. Thompson,	Hope	G C	97	119	50	148 75	5	75	
*F. M. Garner,	Hope	D & R	64	80	29	75 75	4	25	
*J. F. Goss,	Afton	B R	64	86	37	81 75	20	35	
*R. Frymire,	Afton	G C	57	86	18	53 50	39	50	
*C. N. Thompson,	Afton	G C	62	87	24	78 00	21	75	
*Frank Pruett,	Claremore	B R	49	73	26	69 75	5	00	
Jacob Bricker,	Tecomseh	G C			4	10 50	4	00	
W. S. Roy,	Catoosa	B R	42	48	25	94 25	6	50	
Ula S. Fittro,	Miami	G C	3	7	1	3 00	1	00	
J. M. Fittro,	Miami	H H B	35	9	1	4 50			
Lotie Fittro,	Miami	G C	4	8	2	5 75	4	25	
J. B. McConell,	Foyil	B R	14	13	6	17 50	3	25	
Mrs. M. Johnson,	Earlsboro	D & R	32	47	17	24 75	4	50	
L. T. Heaton,	Lindsay	G C	41	40	24	73 50	1	50	
Mattie Braley,	Chickasha	G C	29	28	19	55 00	2	75	
Total, 16			610	742	291	811 25	128	85	
<b>Texas:</b>									
E. F. Seat,	Parker Co	G C	10	15	2	5 25			
Artie Taylor,	Erath Co	D A	33	41	15	54 00		75	
Lydia Springstead,	Ereth Co	D R	29	37	6	14 25	1	50	
W. F. Mayers,	Parker Co	G C	18	20	4	9 75	1	00	
A. J. Jensen,	Round Rock	C K	20	20	13	19 50	6	25	40 50
J. F. Quinn,	Coleman Co	B R	9	8	4	11 25			
J. T. Harper,	Parker Co	P P	30	30	4	9 75	10	00	
C. T. Burroughs,	Montgomery Co	M N	20	36	28	37 00	1	25	
J. A. Foster	Montgomery Co	G C	21	25	11	24 75		50	
Total, Agents, 12			190	232	87	185 50	21	25	40 50
<b>*Arkansas.</b>									
W. L. Manful,		B R	71	122	19	23 75	2	75	
E. L. Pickney,		B R	27	27	41	36 25	1	30	
Total, 2			98	149	33	59 75	4	05	
*Two weeks.									