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An Important Matter.

ON page 230 of Volume 8 are these words:—"The youth should be encouraged to attend our training schools for Christian workers, which should become more and more like the schools of the prophets. These institutions have been established by the Lord, and if they are conducted in harmony with His purpose, the youth sent to them will quickly be prepared to engage in various lines of missionary work. Some will be trained to enter the field as missionary nurses, some as canvassers, and some as gospel ministers."

It has been the constant endeavor of the faculty and board of Keene Academy to plan during the past year to make the coming year a very profitable one. We feel that great responsibility rests upon Keene Academy to properly train young people for God's work. We are glad to know that so many of our brethren and sisters throughout the Union Conference are seconding our efforts. Surely with all our united prayers ascending to God, we may expect much of His blessing during the coming year.

We ask our friends to read carefully the extract at the beginning of this article, and then do their duty. It will not take much time to speak a few words of encouragement to some young person. Many of us are so busy that we find it difficult to obtain time for a studied visit. This is not necessary. The current of many a young life has been set heavenward by some busy person who added to his greeting a very few words of counsel and then passed on little thinking that with his words a noble purpose had entered the young heart, which would henceforth control.

Please remember to send us the names of worthy young people that we may send them calendars and correspond with them. C. B. HUGHES.

The Colored Work in Arkansas.

MAY 25, I left for Devall's Bluff, Arkansas. I had received an urgent call from Brother S. S. Ryles, who is the colored minister at that place. Seven miles from Devall's Bluff the brethren have pitched a tent in which meetings are conducted by Brethren Ryles, Defreeze, and Devereaux. Ten have taken their stand for the truth and united with the church, and three others have been baptized. The baptism was a very solemn occasion. We witnessed the mighty power of God as well as the power of Satan. It reminded me more of apostolic days than anything I have ever seen before. We can surely see that Satan is wroth because he knows that his time is short.

A colored Methodist minister has accepted the truth in spite of great opposition. He has had a good Christian experience and is a nice, humble man, and if he can be brought into full line with the message, he will become a good worker for his race. He is going to Lake Village, where they are intending to put forth another tent effort.

The brethren are planning to build for an industrial training school on a plot of land containing forty acres. This can be purchased at a reasonable price, and any one wishing to help in this work can address C. N. Woodward, Keene, Texas. Any donations will be gladly received and greatly appreciated.

I can testify to the fact that when the third angel's message takes hold of the hearts of the colored people, they are as willing and earnest as any one can be.

We are hoping that as good results will be realized from the meetings at Lake Village as have been at Devall's Bluff.

N. P. NELSON.

BETTER be clean in the sight of God than glistening in the sight of men.

Our Weekly Offerings.

OUR brethren in Keene, Texas, have had such splendid success in the use of the little offering envelopes that we are constrained to pass the good word along. The secretary writes:—

"There can be no great success achieved in any line without diligent, persevering effort. This is as true in the work of the Lord as in worldly business. People are so apt to want to see great results at once, and forget that oftentimes great results are due to persevering efforts in small things. The Keene church is realizing this in their offerings to missions.

"For the last quarter the report of first-day offerings showed only \$2.75 for the entire quarter. At the quarterly meeting it was decided by vote of the church to take up the envelope plan for collecting the weekly offerings. We have now taken up six offerings amounting to \$37.81, besides several other offerings for different purposes. This is at the rate of over \$80.00 a quarter, or \$325.00 a year.

"We hope to be faithful in this matter throughout the year, and thus add hundreds of dollars to the fund for carrying the gospel to other lands."

We know there are still some churches that have not adopted this simple plan. We urge you to give it a trial. It will not only increase your gifts to missions, but it will bring a blessing into your own souls, and a revival in your midst. It means the providing of means to do the work that will hasten the return of our Lord.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

Mission Board, 222 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

THERE are people who doubt the Bible who believe everything they see in the newspapers.

Arkansas Department.

Camp Meeting Fund.

CAMP meeting and tent fund at last report,	\$53.53
J. W. Jones, of Ava,	5.00
Sister Otis, of Mansfield,	1.00
Sister Row, of Pruitt,50
M. D. Smith, of Chicago,25
Total,	\$59.28

We would say in regard to the above fund, we are planning to get some family tents, two if possible, as we are sadly in need of suitable tents for the ministers, as well as others. We also quite recently find that we will be minus a suitable tent for a dining tent, also one for the childrens' tent. Now the two large tents which have heretofore been used for these purposes, are much the worse for the wear of several years, and in taking them out into the field for use recently, one succumbed in putting it up, and the other, a heavy storm finished it. So, dear friends, you doubtless realize the condition of our Conference tents. Brethren Griffin and Bender have been using the new audience tent for their meetings, as that is the only suitable tent we have now for field work, and as we are dealing on a cash basis, we cannot run in debt.

Long usage, storms, etc will wear out tents in time, also insufficient care. The tents have been well housed the past year and kept in separate sacks, thus protecting them when shipped. While we are grateful for the donations that have been received, and it will be used as far as it goes for the purpose sent, it is insufficient to supply the needs of the coming camp meeting, as well as furnishing tents for the workers in the field. Now we realize that there is none of us who want the work in Arkansas to be thwarted for the necessary means to carry it on. When we give of our means according as the Lord has blessed us for the advancement of the work, we are doing missionary work just as much as those who are out in the field preaching the message, or circulating the pages of truth. Let us be missionaries in word and deed, thus following the foot-steps of our Master.

SABBATH, July 2, has been set

apart for our Midsummer Gift to Missions. A special reading has been prepared and sent out to the churches by the General Conference, which will take the place of the July Second Sabbath Reading.

A SABBATH School of eleven members was recently organized near Locksburg. They are also doing missionary work among their neighbors. A prayer meeting, which is attend by some of the outsiders, is held each week. One man has begun keeping the Sabbath.

Field Report.

LONDON.—We are still at London though we closed our meetings in the tent Sunday night, June 12. We have taken down the big tent and stored it away till we shall need it at Russellville. There is some interest here, and to develop this, we are visiting among the people. To-morrow (June 25) we shall hold our first Sabbath School in this place. Two families say that they will keep the Sabbath. We hope and pray that there will be others who will obey the Lord. Saturday night and twice on Sunday we will preach at a little town about three miles east of here called Mill Creek. We are of good courage in the Lord and want to press forward in His work. Brother Griffin is planning on a meeting near Van Buren, and will leave here the first of the week. My wife and I will remain here as long as there is anything to do. As a greeting to all, we send 2 Thess. 5:16-28. U. BENDER.

Mission Notes.

BROTHER and Sister J. A. Chaney have gone to Basutoland to take charge of the work there. Brother Chaney spent several years in Matabeleland, where he gained a valuable experience in work among the natives. Brother J. M. Freeman, who has had charge of the work in Basutoland since it began, goes to engage in labor in the Orange River Colony.

WE have just received word that Dr. A. W. George, who went to Turkey last fall, has secured his medical certificate in Constantinople. This gives him the privilege to practice medicine in the entire empire. He is now studying the Turkish language.

Texas Department.

Field Reports.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—On the first day of June, at 8:30 P. M. we, Brother and Sister Cubley and the writer, commenced a meeting at Clyde. On the 3rd three preachers of the second blessing type came and began a meeting within one hundred yards of the church we were using. I plead with them to remember the golden rule, but they could not see that it was wrong to divide our already small congregation. I asked them to set a time when they would close, but they would not. I then proposed to divide the time with them, *i. e.* that we would preach one night and they the next as long as the people would come out, but they would not consent to that. That night there was preaching at three houses and very small congregations at each of them. As it was our purpose to unite, not to divide, the people of Clyde, therefore we said we would hold no more public services until the effort at the school house had closed. After two or three efforts to secure a crowd with their noise, they quit and left us in possession of the field. We then resumed our efforts.

On the 10th we were made glad by the coming of Elder N. P. Nelson, who preached two sermons that were highly appreciated. We also enjoyed his counsel, and advice, and his prayers. On the 13th Brother Nelson and I went to Buffalo Gap, some twenty-five or thirty miles away. That night and the next Brother Nelson had the pleasure of preaching to the little company there, and a few friends besides. I feel sure that Elder Nelson enjoyed this visit, and that he was favorably impressed with this portion of the State, and will be able to speak a good word for us, and encourage others to come and get homes here, thus helping us build up a church and church school. I know that his prayers will go up with ours for the success of our local camp meeting, August 19-29.

June 15, I accompanied Brother Nelson to Abilene, where he took the train for his home, and I with horse and buggy turned my course toward my home in Fisher county, where I arrived at the close of the following day, having been away nearly three

months. The northwestern part of Fisher county is very dry, and I see no prospect for a crop of any kind to be raised this year. The little company at Rives are of good courage in the Lord, and they enjoy their Sabbath School. They will attend the local camp meeting, and most of them intend to make their future home at Buffalo Gap. Brother and Sister Cubley are still at Clyde.

N. J. ETHEREDGE.

Brenham Church School.

LEAVING Keene I arrived in Brenham November 6. I found all my pupils there, anxiously waiting for me to come and begin our school. On Monday, November 9, we all met (fourteen in all) in the neat church in which our school was to be held, and after a little work the school was classified. Tuesday morning we were ready with what books we already had to begin our work in earnest. Each one seemed to take a great interest in his work, and by the help of the Lord everything worked harmoniously. From the very beginning of the school the pupils were encouraged to go out and sell our literature. The little ones took a greater interest in this than the older ones. The childrens' tuition for the entire seven months was almost entirely paid in this way, there being only one or two of the patrons paying for their childrens' tuition in any other way.

After a few weeks of work by the children, we organized a little society, in which they would have a chance to relate their experiences to one another. We had a president and secretary. This society met every two weeks on Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock, and was known as the Busy Bee Society. This was thought a suitable name, for the little ones were surely busy little bees. I am glad to say that one or two of the patrons were also engaged in this work with us. During the whole term nearly seven hundred copies of the *Signs, Life Boat, Good Health, and Bible Training School* were sold, besides a great many papers that were given away. There were also six or seven of our larger books sold.

The Lord was indeed with us, and many times we found it necessary to repeat and look to the many precious promises of our Saviour. Some of

the people here were very prejudiced, and this made it hard for us at times. Near the close of school Brother Miller came down and held a series of good meetings, at which, among others, three of our students were baptized and gave their lives to the Saviour and His service. Our school closed after a seven months' term.

CLARA L. SEAMAN, *Teacher.*

Why This Delay?

BRETHREN and sisters, have we not been hearing for many months past that "There shall be delay no longer"? The first time I read these words, my heart fairly leaped for joy, yet camp meeting after camp meeting has come and gone, we have settled back into the same old rut, and there has been delay. But who is to blame?—We, individually. Sisters, do you enjoy standing over the hot stove, baking bread that soon moulds, cooking meat that soon spoils, cakes and pies that clog the digestive organs, and necessitate doctors' bills? O, would not you rather be entering the pearly gates, where a feast will be prepared for you by the Giver of all gifts? Sisters, do you enjoy bending over your needles until far into the night, preparing ruffles and tucks, flounces and furbeloughs, which so soon wax old? Would it not be far more delightful to be clothed in "white raiment" that our tired fingers have not been called upon to make, and our weary bodies will never have to wash?

Have you ever stopped to think seriously and prayerfully that it is possible for you to bring about this glorious change at once? How?—By praying earnestly and persistently that God's Spirit may be poured out upon you.

How long will we be assembled at our camp meeting?—Just ten days. How long did the early disciples tarry at Jerusalem to be endued with power from on high?—Just ten days. Think of what we might gain in ten days. But these ten days were not spent in cooking extra dishes, in displaying fine clothes, in gossiping, in criticizing, in planning and scheming for an office, oh no. They were spent in deep heart-searchings and agonizing prayer. "They put away all differences, and drew close together in Christian fellowship."

The Lord has said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. But we cannot preach this gospel with power until the Lord has poured out His Spirit upon us, in other words, until we have received the early and the later rain. God has promised it, but not without the asking. We find that at the end of the ten days of waiting and praying, the disciples were endued with such power that thousands were convicted and converted in a day; and that in a short time the gospel of the kingdom had been sounded to all the inhabited parts of the earth.

But the Lord has promised us a *double* portion—both the early and the latter rain. "Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee." Zech. 9:12. "Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we receive power? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to us than parents are to give good gifts to their children. . . . Companies should be gathered together to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely. Especially should men pray that God will baptize His missionaries with the Holy Spirit." *Volume 8, p. 22.*

O brethren, sisters, let us drop these petty things that are keeping us out of the promised land, come together in unity, and claim the blessing of the Spirit, which God has promised us. How sad it will be to return to our homes from the coming convocation, only to take up the same old routine of labor with no signs of an immediate closing of the work which God has entrusted to us. Will you work and pray to the end that this may not be so? **MRS. J. A. THWEATT.**

A NATIVE of southern India has begun to translate some of our tracts in the Canarese language. He has already translated and printed in neat tract form, at his own expense, "Turkey in Prophecy," "Christ's Second Coming," "The Coming of the Lord," and "Russia in Prophecy." Such work as this, by a man who has never seen one of our people, shows clearly that there are forces to work in carrying this message that we know not of, and unless we arouse to do the work appointed to us, others will be raised up to carry it forward.

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Camp Meetings for 1904.

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Arkansas, Russellville August 11-23.
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NEARNESS of life to the Saviour will necessarily involve greatness of love to Him. As nearness to the sun increases the temperature of the various planets, so, near and intimate communion with Jesus raises the heat of the soul's affections toward Him.

THE camp meeting season is right upon us. Are you preparing to go? Many have read in the *Review* the forward step taken by the Iowa Conference in voting one-half of their laborers and one-half of their tithe to foreign fields. While this would not be possible in this needy field, where much of the territory has never been entered by the living worker or the printed page, there can be even here the same degree of sacrifice and whole-hearted consecration to God's work as in that great conference. The time has come for these moves to be seen, and it should be the earnest prayer of every child of God that

mighty forward movements may be seen at all these meetings.

The calls to labor are many, so that those with every kind of talent may be put to work. The ranks of the ministry should be constantly recruited from our most promising young men, so we may answer the Macedonian calls from other and more destitute fields. According to what the Lord tells us the book work is languishing, and is waiting for earnest, faithful men and women to take it up that it may be revived, and the printed page go by the thousands as in former years. Let us not wait till the camp meeting this year for a revival, but seek God first for a revival now, and come to the meeting filled with zeal to do something for His name's glory.

WORK on the Academy calendar is being delayed somewhat by an extra amount of work on the RECORD, but it is being pushed as fast as it can be, and will likely be ready for delivery in ten days or two weeks.

Planning for the Work in Washington.

I HAVE just received a most beautiful leaflet which has lately been issued by our people at Washington, D. C. It sets forth in a very pleasant and convincing manner the importance of the work that is being established there, and makes a very strong plea for immediate financial help. The leaflet is to be sent to all our laborers, with the request that the matter be presented before all our people.

I know that Seventh-day Adventists are greatly interested in this enterprise. The Lord has spoken so pointedly on this subject that there can be no doubt entertained about the utility and importance of this work, and there will certainly be a hearty response among our people in behalf of our work. The aggregate sum required for the present is \$100,000. If this amount can be raised in 1904, it will supply the present needs of the cause at that place.

Be ready to receive the instruction when it comes, and then act upon it as soon as possible. WM. COVERT.

Little Rock Sanitarium.

THE Lord has wonderfully blessed the work here in medical lines,

and as our work increases we find we must have more room, so we have secured a lease on a fine new building going up about twelve feet from us. Our lease is for two years with option for three more. This building although built for a dwelling is admirably adapted to our needs, containing eleven good rooms and is up to date in every way, with electricity, gas, hot and cold water, and will be ready to occupy in about two weeks.

Of course this will mean twice as much rent as we are now paying, but the Lord will send us the work I know. He has been so faithful to us in the past that I have perfect faith that we can trust Him in this when it seems that this is His plan for us to enlarge.

In closing my books for the year ending June first I find that we have cleared above all expenses just a little under one thousand dollars, which is a gain over last year of nearly three hundred dollars. Our help is all paid up to date, and our liabilities amount to about one hundred and fifty dollars, and nearly all of that is wages due myself and wife that we have not drawn out of the treasury.

In the new building I will fit up a nice, neat operating room, and the entire upper floor will be devoted to surgical work. Two rooms are large enough to accommodate three beds each, and in that way we will be able to accommodate twelve patients at one time.

We are all of the best of courage and realize that we are living in a time when every one should be pushing the battle to the front with all vigor, trusting in our great Commander, who is able to conquer every obstacle and give us complete victory. Brethren, remember the Little Rock Sanitarium in your prayers that we may be a shining light to this city and teach the third angel's message fearlessly with all meekness and humility. This should be the one purpose of every Seventh-day Adventist institution in the world. I pray God that we may not come short of doing the work it is our duty and privilege to do, but that we may stand as faithful watchmen ever warning those who are in darkness to flee from the wrath to come and accept Jesus as their Saviour while opportunity is offered.

DR. W. C. GREEN.

Is your subscription out?

Oklahoma Department.

A Sabbath School Convention.

A SABBATH School convention was held at Gage on the 11th, which was the first Sabbath School convention ever held in Woodward county; and considering all things, it was a grand success. It was so much of a success that a district convention was organized which will take in all the Sabbath Schools in the county. The attendance at Gage was not as large as it should have been, but was really more than was expected considering the stormy appearance of the morning. The schools represented were, Gage, Shattuck, Opel, Oleta, and Woodward. The morning exercises began with the Sabbath School lesson. There were but two classes, one in German and one in English. The one in German was conducted by Brother Ebel, and the one in English by Brother William Sturgeon. After the lesson the convention proper began. The programme was an interesting one, and the papers were well prepared, but the discussions were not as full as they ought to have been. After the reading of each paper, (which was in English), Brother Ebel would present the subject matter in German, so that all received the full benefit of the subject under discussion.

At the conclusion of the convention it was unanimously agreed that we organize a district convention, which was done, and C. M. Hayhurst, of Woodward, was elected President; Alex. Steinert and William Sturgeon, Secretaries; and an Executive Committee as follows: Brethren Harris and Buckminister, of Gage; A. P. Green, of Hackberry; John Armbricht, of Shattuck; and Jacob Feerer, of Oleta. It was decided that the next convention be held at Opel, as this place is more centrally located, and the date set is the second Sabbath in August. Now brethren, let us all work to make this convention a grand success, and let all begin to make their preparations to attend this convention and insure its success.

C. M. H.

Field Reports.

AMONG THE TENT COMPANIES.—I

have been visiting some of our tent companies lately, and find the workers of good courage, but at some places the interest was not very good. At Chickasha, where Elder Dake and Brother Voth had their tent pitched, there was no interest at all. They could not get the people out. Something else interested them more than the truth, so I instructed them according to the advice Christ gave to His disciples that if they received them not in one city, go to the next, so they have moved their tent to another place.

At McLoud, where Elder Sorenson and Brother Hampton are located, I found a fair interest and pretty good attendance. They are nicely located under nice shade trees. We hope that a strong company will be raised up at that place. From there I went to Medford, where Elders Conway and White is holding the fort. The interest is not very large, but the few who are interested seem to take hold. I think there will be a few that will walk in the light. They expect to finish up the work in a few days when Elder White and Brother Baxter will take the tent to Pond Creek, and Elder Conway and wife will go to Muskogee to join Brother Maxwell in a tent effort at that place, as Elder Bagby was called home on account of his wife's sickness, thus leaving Brother Maxwell alone. I also went to visit Sister Syp and the Concord church. I found quite a large church together on Sabbath. It was a marked difference from what it was when I first met with them. The Lord has blessed Sister Syp's work in that vicinity. She is now holding meetings at Ames, where just two or three have taken their stand with us. Others are investigating. One lady preacher is deeply interested. She came with Sister Syp to the Sabbath School and seemed to enjoy the Sabbath School and sermon very much. She is thinking of keeping the Sabbath. We are in hopes that she will soon take her stand with God's people on the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Brethren, let us all pray for the success of the work. Remember the different tent companies. Satan is working hard against them, but the truth will triumph.

G. F. H.

Camp Meeting Committees.

U NDOUBTEDLY a good number of our brethren and sisters have been looking the Oklahoma Department of the RECORD through the past few weeks to find in its columns something about our next camp meeting, which is to be held at Guthrie. We hope that this may not only be true of some, but that every believer in the third angel's message may not only look for our camp meeting announcements, but may plan and get ready to be a personal witness of the blessings the Lord has in store for those who will attend. Surely no one can afford to stay at home. Come and bring your friends and children with you. Everything will be done to make the place as comfortable and pleasant to all as possible.

At the last council of the executive committee the following persons were appointed to have charge of the different phases of the work in arranging for the camp:—

Superintendent, J. R. Bagby.

Baggage, R. H. Thompson and Martin Blehm.

Pitching of small tents, James Butka.

Pitching of large tents, W. H. White and D. F. Sturgeon.

Lumber, A. J. Waters.

Furniture, F. H. Conway.

Tent rent collections, E. L. Maxwell and Bernhard Voth.

Grocery, J. Parker and J. B. Hampton.

Dinning tent, Brother and Sister W. B. Etchison.

Leaders of childrens' meetings, Mrs. Minnie Syp, and Mrs. Laura Field.

Organist, Mrs. C. Sorenson.

Reception tent, Mrs. Sopha Parker and Mrs. L. C. Wickman.

Ministers' tent, Mrs. T. J. Eagle and Mrs. F. H. Conway.

Bell, W. E. Baxter.

Auditing board, C. W. Marshall, C. Shaeffer, A. A. Neufeld, Fred Gronemyer, Enoch Baker, and T. F. Champion.

If any of the above named persons are unable to fill the assigned offices, they should notify us immediately.

WILLIAM VOTH.

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Artie Taylor,	Erath Co	D A	24	28	15	52 50	1	25	
Lydia Springstead,	Ereth Co	D R	35	45	4	9 75	2	50	
W. F. Mayers,	Parker Co	G C	53	68	11	25 50	6	25	
A. J. Jensen,	Round Rock	C K	40	30	22	33 00	4	25	9 00
J. F. Quinn,	Coleman Co	B R	34	33	13	35 50		50	
J. T. Harper,	Parker Co	P P	30					15 00	
J. A. Poster	Montgomery Co	G C	21	31	17	38 75			
W. T. Johnson,	Johnson Co	D R	10	8	3	6 75		25	
A. S. McCully,	Madson Co	D R	44	68	11	25 50	2	70	
J. L. Jones,	Comanche Co	D R	27	37	14	34 25	2	50	
Cullie Taylor,	Comanche Co	D A	14	17	4	14 00		25	
Elijah Taylor,	Comanche Co	D R	20	21	9	25 50		3 25	
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W. L. Manful,		B R	33	58	13	26 00		50	

AN APPEAL For The Keene Sanitarium.

WE wish to call the attention of the people of the Texas Conference to the sanitarium at Keene. For the past two years the present management has endeavored to conduct an institution that would be a credit to itself, to Keene, and to the Adventists of Texas. Whether we have been successful or not, we are not to be the judges.

In that two years we have received patients from all over Texas, as well as various States of the Union. Most of these have returned to their homes well; with their hearts full of gratitude for what the Lord, through the Keene Sanitarium, has done for them.

From the very first we have conducted a nurse's training class, where the Bible is made the chief text-book; and where the object of the instruction is to prepare them for Bible and medical missionary work. At present we have ten promising, consecrated young people in our class.

Upon taking up the work there were certain terms agreed to by the board and myself, which were to govern our obligations to each other. I for my part have faithfully and conscientiously tried to live up to these. The concluding statement of this agreement reads as follows,—“At the end of two years, should it show by the books of the Sanitarium, that with the utmost economy, and the most earnest efforts upon the part of the management, that it is impractical to conduct a sanitarium in this place, we will not hold the Doctor bound to remain.”

For two years our entire family, without compensation or remuneration, excepting schooling and clothing, have labored untiringly to make the institution as it now stands—self-supporting. Myself and wife have not reserved enough to buy clothes, but money has been given us by relatives and friends for this purpose. From September 1, 1902 to January 1 1904 we were forced to go in debt over \$1,000.00 for necessary expenses. What extravagance, you may say! Perhaps, however, your criticisms will be less severe when you understand why. We had quite a number of patients, but they were from that class who were unable to pay for their stay. It takes just as much food and of as good quality to make a poor man well

as it does a rich man; it also takes as much fuel for his fire; as much ice for his treatment, and as much time from the doctor, (usually more.) You ask why we took such,—because we were urged to do so by members of the conference committee, and our fidelity to the cause, and our missionary spirit was questioned in any case where we hesitated.

I am gratified to say, however, that since the first of January our efforts have been met with success, and from what we have experienced in that time we feel that were we properly prepared to treat and entertain patients, we would have all we could do, and that from the wealthy who can afford to pay such prices as it is necessary to have to run a sanitarium financially successful. When we have a sufficient number of this class to pay running expenses, we will be glad indeed to take the former. For being of that class ourselves we have a brotherly feeling for the poor.

The climate here is delightful in the summer and moderate in the winter; the location is charming as far as elevation and prospective is concerned, and we feel that these, together with proper accommodations, will draw the people to us. But without the accommodations it would be useless for the people to come.

Perhaps you wonder and question what the lack of facilities are of which I speak. First, to your committee we promised the following:

“The principles upon which, and for the propagation of which, this institution was established, as brought out in the Testimonies of Mrs. E. G. White, shall be those by which it shall be managed; any departure from these principles shall be cause to forfeit this contract.”

In reading the Testimonies we find that we are unable to live up to this article, hence we forfeit our lease at once. The Sanitarium owns less than an acre of land. In Testimony Volume 7, page 78 we read: “Encourage the patients to be much in the open air. Devise plans to keep them out-of-doors, where, through nature they can commune with God. Locate sanitariums on extensive tracts of land where in the cultivation of the soil patients can have opportunity for healthful, out-door exercise. In the night season I was given a view of a sanitarium in the country. It was

surrounded by beautiful shrubbery beyond which were orchards and groves, and connected with the place were gardens.”

Thus is given to us from the Lord the place of location and character of surroundings. What can we do with an area of a few feet in keeping our patients out of doors and engaged in raising flowers? And with water only sufficient to give treatments with, and that of such a quality that it destroys all metal that it comes in contact with, and frequently prevents its use upon sensitive patients because of its gummy character. There is a nice plot of ground containing an orchard and berry patch, joining the Sanitarium lot, which can be obtained for a reasonable amount. Could this be purchased and water procured, the above-mentioned impossibility might become possible.

Again, there is no sewerage from the house. The bath water is removed by buckets and used to water the lawn, and the slops of the house are carried from the house to some distance by the girls doing the room work. In pleasant weather this is not so bad—can be endured, but in rainy, cold weather it habitually exposes the young ladies to colds. Last winter there was an average of one lady helper sick constantly, due to exposure thus and in our poorly-arranged bath room. I cannot conscientiously work where such trials are necessary.

Having no sewerage, we, of course, have no water-closet in the building. You can imagine our embarrassment frequently when patients, who have come long distances that they might receive conveniences supposed to be afforded to sick people, and which many have in their own homes, have to go out of the house in inclement weather.

Last winter we had with us, among other patients, a young man from Terrell suffering from stomach trouble, a judge from Liberty, and a young lady in good health physically, all able to be about, all in need of exercise, but because of the cold they had to remain in doors, except when compelled to leave the house. We tried as best we could to give them gymnastics in our narrow halls, but it was very unsatisfactory. All our patients would recover faster if we had a gymnasium for them to walk and exercise in when it is cold, and to march in at all times.

The heating of our rooms by stoves is very unsatisfactory. The irregularity in the production and distributing the heat is so distressing. Last year our patients would sit in the rooms with their feet to the fire while their backs would be cold exposed to the draught coming through the cracks. Our unpleasant experiences with the heating of the building last winter caused us all to resolve that we would never spend another winter under the same existing circumstances. Steam heat is needed, and will be necessary before the institution can be run successfully.

Another great drawback is the absence of an elevator. There are no sleeping rooms on the first floor, and patients, although weak and tired from a little walk or vigorous treatment, have to climb one or two flights of stairs to get to their apartments. In certain cases we carry them up and down; this takes two men, who unless hired for the entire time are often hard to find accessible. An elevator is an absolute necessity.

Another requisite is a barn large enough to protect our horses, harness, and vehicles, also sufficiently large that when called in the middle of some stormy, cold night I can hitch up without getting wet and chilled before taking a three-or-five-mile drive.

We have considerable trouble with our laundry. We use so much linen, sheets, towels, etc., about our bath, treatment rooms, etc., to say nothing of the individual laundry of our large family, that it makes it very expensive to have it hired. We have plenty of help but no place where so much can be handled.

We have nearly all the time several very sick people confined to the bed. These patients during day and night require attention. We leave little bells with them to ring when they care for anything. Very frequently the nurse will be at some distance and cannot distinguish from the sound which room to enter, and hence has to make inquiry until located. In the night this is very bad, also as the ringing of the bell disturbs others. We must have electric buttons.

We have a family of ten young people. When there are enough patients in the house to pay running expenses, we have not room for these in the Sanitarium, and having to rent rooms outside, has increased our running ex-

penses. Some of our help are necessarily young. We are held responsible for their conduct both when on and off duty. When they are located in rooms in different parts of the town we cannot tell what they are doing, nor have the moral control over them which it is right that the parents of these young people expect us to have. We will either have to have a separate dormitory or enlarge our room capacity of Sanitarium building; this we think better for various reasons.

These are some of the most important necessities; there are also many things about the house which will have to be changed before it will be suitable for sick people.

I have been studying the Testimonies and praying over this matter for some time, and I do not feel it my duty to remain here and labor under such disadvantages, when there are openings elsewhere, where with the same amount of labor more good can be accomplished. Upon careful figuring the very least that it would take to make these improvements would be \$3,500.00. Hence it will be absolutely necessary to raise this amount if the work under the present management continues at Keene. I do not say that we will withdraw from the work, but that we will ask the conference to locate it elsewhere, where these conveniences are already to be had. Yet Keene is quite an ideal place for a Sanitarium; the delightful breeze which blows constantly, the beautiful location commanding a view of the surrounding country, the quiet restfulness all make it a location long to be sought for and hard to find.

Then too we have now established a reputation which will bring us patients in the future. God directed us here, and we have left it with Him whether we go or stay. We cannot stay, as deeply as the management is in debt with no prospect of getting out, without the improvements mentioned. \$3,500.00 ought not to be a sum which it will be impossible to be raised by the Adventists of Texas for such a work as the Sanitarium. There are surely 350 individuals or collection of individuals in this broad State, who are interested enough in their own institutions that they could raise \$10.00 to donate to this work at Keene.

We do not feel as though the request is unreasonable. Not only my-

self insist upon these suggested enlargements but also the nurses join with us. Several of these are breaking down in health because of the hard work necessitated by our lack of facilities. Some have already left.

We hope that every Seventh-day Adventist in Texas will think and pray over this matter, and come prepared to do something definite.

We solicit correspondence with our brethren and sisters throughout the State in reference to the Sanitarium situation. We do not wish to do anything which will retard the cause. We are forced to do something that we may relieve ourselves of debt.

P. F. HASKELL., M. D.

Keene Notes.

PROF. A. Kunze came in last Tuesday morning and spent the Sabbath here. He left Sunday morning for Oklahoma.

MISS Ida Nelson returned home last Wednesday morning from her visit to College View, Nebraska.

MRS. M. J. Lewis has been very low for several days, and at this time is not expected to live more than a few hours.

MRS. J. R. Hudson is visiting friends in Louisiana.

THE Keene church held their quarterly meeting last Sabbath with a good attendance and interest.

A PRIVATE letter from the tent company at Mineola last Friday stated that they are having a good attendance; the night before they wrote the tent was full.

ELDERS Lorenz and Miller have closed their tent effort at Caldwell, as there was no interest. They are looking for another opening to hold a short series of meetings before camp meeting.

ELDERS Nelson and Eastman expect to leave Thursday for the Eastern Texas camp meeting at Alto.

ELDER J. N. Somerville leaves to-morrow morning with his family for a visit with his father and mother at Springdale, Arkansas.

MR. L. P. Syp, one of the Oklahoma laborers, has been in Keene for several days looking for a place to locate his family, in order that his children may have the advantages of the school here.