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An Important Change.

THE friends of the Keene Academy will be interested to know that Elder C. Sorenson and wife are to have charge of the school home during the coming school year. In the past this work has been done by the principal and his wife. This has so occupied the time of the principal that he has not been able to look after the general interests of the school as he should have done. We are sure that this division of responsibility will greatly strengthen our school. Elder Sorenson will also be our Bible teacher.

The Academy board is planning to make our school, in the true sense of the word, a training school for Christian workers. Every member of the Southwestern Union Conference desires that this shall be so. But if it is so, it will be because the efforts of the school board are seconded by every member of the conference. One of the best ways to do this is to send us a goodly number of consecrated young men and women.

We ask each one who reads this to ask himself if he does not know some devoted young person who ought to attend the Academy. If so, do not delay, but at once encourage the young person to come. Send us his address that we may send him a calendar and correspond with him.

The writer well remembers the words of encouragement he received when a young man. They changed the whole course of his life. There must be young men and women throughout this conference who need such help. What an opportunity to work for God! Will you improve it, dear reader?

C. B. HUGHES.

And He Believed in the Lord.

THE above statement is God's testimony of Abraham, who believ-

ed. God was able to do just what he said, even though there seemed to be tremendous obstacles in the way. Though what the Lord told him was contrary to nature, and to all human appearances, a tremendous problem for solution, he, nevertheless, accepted God's statement as truth, and as a result God made him a righteous man. And we are told in the word of God that this statement, quoted as the heading, "was not written for his sake alone, . . . but for us also, . . . if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead." Rom. 4:23,24.

When, four years ago, the word of the Lord came to this people that the Lord had inaugurated a plan whereby our schools could be freed from debt, to many it seemed an almost impossible thing. There were many obstacles, and the plan itself seemed such a strange way to accomplish so mighty a task. Who would naturally have thought that hundreds of thousands of dollars could be raised by the selling of "Christ's Object Lessons?" But God said that it could and would be done; and every one who accepted this statement as the word of the Lord knows how remarkably and wonderfully God demonstrated His truth.

The writer well remembers when the testimony was first read, what an impression it made upon his soul, and what a burden seemed to rest with us. God has said that not only was it to be done, that this book was to be sold for the relief of our schools, but that it was to be a *test* to the people of God, to see if they would be willing to deny themselves, and sacrifice for the work of God. Having Canaan in view as the objective point, and the personal presence of Jesus Christ as the goal of ambition, and righteousness by faith as the sole means of obtaining these blessed results, what should be done, save to obey what the Lord has said?

Immediately obeying the word of the Lord, though not having read scarcely any of the book at this time, the Lord opened wonderful doors and avenues whereby the book could be sold. Angels of God did certainly go with and before the work to prepare the way. People were met in offices, in stores, in factories, in warehouses, on the street, in the roads, on the side walks, in the street cars, on the steam cars, in churches, in the homes, and in every other place where access could be obtained. Scores and hundreds of the books found their way into the homes of the people, as well as into the hands of ministers. No less than eight or nine ministers advertised them before thousands of people on Sunday and other evenings, recommending it as highly as any of our brethren could do, as well as doing all in their power to circulate it. Scores of names were given among their best people to purchase it, and one minister, of his own accord, secured a horse and buggy, and drove us around from house to house among his parishioners, and waited without to care for the horse while we entered the homes to sell the book.

The Lord said that this book would be a blessing in the homes of the people, would convert sinners, and heal backsliders. What joy it brought to the soul to see the tears run down the faces while the precious truths contained in that most blessed volume were read to them. Angels indeed did accompany the truths of that blessed book.

Then the Lord said that this book would be a means of uniting in love and fellowship. What a blessed pleasure it was to the writer one day to see the brethren and sisters who had been estranged from each other for more than a score of years in the same church, lay aside all differences and estrangement, and heartily unite as one in carrying out the plan of

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Arkansas Department.

Obituary.

WILLIAM L. GENTRY died at his home near Daisy, Arkansas, on the 17th day of May, 1904. He was confined to his bedroom eight weeks, suffering great pain and torture. Though he bore his suffering with patience and said he was going to die soon, he did not fear death, for he was ready for the resurrection.

Grandpa Gentry has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for twenty-five years and has been a faithful worker for the Lord. He was eighty-two years of age when he died. For several years before his death he read very much of the religious works and was always searching the Scriptures to find more light on the Bible. His faith was strong, and he lived it out until the end, and was fully prepared to meet his Lord without a doubt. THOS. S. FANT.

Extracts from Letters.

WE are doing what we can to spread the truth; we went out ten miles in the country to visit a man who is interested in the truth, and I had a fine visit with him. He is favorable to the truth and would like to hear some preaching by our people. I also found a lady who is convinced of the truth, and I am praying that the Lord will help these people to see the importance of following God's Word as He directs. J. S. ROUSE.

SISTER Moss, of Gravette, writes that the good Lord has especially blessed them since the good tent meeting held there last spring, and she hopes that Elder Sommerville, will return again and give them some more good sermons, for he is not afraid to speak the plain truth.

BROTHER Kinzer, of Afton, writes that prospects are quite discouraging, for the country is drowned out; wheat and oats are lost.

The Field.

BRETHREN Rouse and Dewey Kinzer have been compelled to give up the work, due to excessive rains causing the destruction of crops in the locality of Afton, Indian Territory, where they have been canvas-

sing. They may resume it again after camp meeting if prospects are favorable. Brother Rouse has returned to his home in Springdale, and Brother Kinzer to his home in Afton.

The Agitation in Favor of Sunday Legislation in Rome.

[Continued from last week.]

WE notice, therefore, from these remarks that the fourth commandment itself was quoted in support of this Sunday legislation. And another thought that should not escape our attention is the fact that right in the very halls of the Italian Legislature the example of the United States is referred to when that body is promulgating a Sunday law. And in this connection we recall the words of the prophecy which says, "He exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." We know that the United States is here referred to as that power which will influence the earth to render obedience to the papal power, for Sunday is a child of the Papacy. And not only will the United States, according to this prophecy, enact laws in favor of Sunday in its own territory, but it will also influence the other nations to do the same. . . .

The Sunday law has not been passed yet, owing to some disagreements on certain parts of the law. But it is sure to be passed before long. And the Catholic church itself is one of the potent forces behind this Sunday closing movement in Rome. For over a year the Catholic church has been waging a vigorous warfare over Sunday closing. The head priests in the different parishes have instructed their members that no Catholic should buy from any firm that refuses to close its place of business on Sunday. As the Catholic trade is such a strong factor in the business of Rome, many close their doors on Sunday for fear of losing this source of revenue. But then, this Sunday closing is quite characteristic of the Catholic church, where religion is a matter of external form. For while many close their places of business, yet they continue their work behind the closed doors. When we

came to Rome we were informed that people made no distinction between Sunday and other Catholic holidays. But we see the condition has changed rapidly, even during our short stay. For it seems that the prophecy must be fulfilled, and Sunday must be accorded the place that the Word has assigned to it. It is certain that in the near future the "day of the sun" will be exalted again in the place of its birth.—C. T. Everson, in *Review and Herald*.

WE note from the above the rapid fulfillment of prophecy abroad. What should it mean to us, who have been given the light on these things?—It means that our time for work is short. God tells us in His Word that He will cut His work short in righteousness. We cannot take up a daily paper without noting some indications of the age of the world in which we are living,—cyclones, wrecks, and disasters, on every hand; and still how many of us fail to heed the Saviour's word that it is high-time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. We have evidences that the time is right upon us that the work that has been done with ease, will require much more effort and have to be done under difficulties. The increased destruction of crops from year to year is one of these evidences. Notwithstanding the Lord will surely have a people who will carry forward His truth even under difficulties, for there are many honest souls to be gathered out, who are hungering and thirsting for the truth. Is it you, is it I that will have a part in this closing message? Let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

LET no man extend his thoughts or let his hopes wander toward future and far-distant events and accidental contingencies. This day is mine and yours, but ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For he that by a present and constant holiness secures the present and makes it useful to his noblest purposes, he turns his conditions to his best advantage.

NO man has so many faults as his enemies declare, or so many virtues as his admirers claim.

TO love Christ is to keep His commandments. The two are inseparable.

✧ Texas Department. ✧

The Alto Camp-meeting.

ELDER Eastman and I arrived at Alto Friday evening, July 8. The camp meeting was located three miles north of Alto near a large school and church house. The shade was perfect and it was a beautiful place for a camp meeting. Although it rained nearly every day the ground was not muddy owing to the sand.

The attendance of our brethren was very small; some came and remained over the first Sabbath and then went home; others came the following Thursday and Friday and remained over the second Sabbath and Sunday. It proves to be a better plan to have local camp meetings continue over but one Sabbath, as all the brethren who come will then be there at the same time.

The outside interest and attendance was excellent every night. These woods seem to be filled with people and every night they come from every direction to attend the meeting. Nearly every night some one would stand up and say, "I am convinced of

the truth and intend to keep next Sabbath." The prophecies were dwelt upon every night, but during the daytime the instruction was more of a practical nature to those who have lately commenced to keep the Sabbath. This was found very necessary as tea, coffee, pork and tobacco has been used more or less by nearly all the Sabbath keepers in this part of the state. But all the brethren seemed willing and anxious to learn when these errors were reproved. Elder Hale is giving the message the right sound, and there is a great opportunity to do a great work in this part of our conference when we have consecrated laborers to preach the message in all its bearings. N. P. NELSON.

Keene Notes.

THE Conference Committee will be in session here to-day. There are already present Elders Nelson, Field, Miller, Eastman, McCutchen, and Felter, and Brother Foucher, the other member is looked for this morning. Many important matters, and details of the camp meeting will be attended to.

ELDER T. W. Field reports the tent company at Mineola having a good attendance and interest.

ELDER J. P. Lorenz is working with the churches and scattered persons in and around Bowie, Texas, and expects after the camp meeting to go to that part of the State with a tent.

THE appointment for the weekly prayer meeting Wednesday night is withdrawn, and a business meeting of the church is called. Arrangements for the camp meeting will have to be made and a large attendance is desired.

BRETHREN Stevenson, Matthews, and Etchison are kept busy telling of their trip to Cuba recently.

THE Ladies' meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chapel. The subject for the reading will be "Amusements." A general invitation is extended.

THE Conference has ordered a large supply of all kinds of fresh foods such as crackers, granola, granut, nut preparations, etc, which will likely be received the last of this week, and may be had at either of the stores. They will be on sale at once and through the camp meeting.

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Texas State Conference and Camp Meeting.

Keene - - Texas,
From July 27 to August 7.

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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.

WE are glad to be able to announce that Elder E. W. Farnsworth will attend the Texas camp meeting, and it is hoped he can arrange to attend at least over the first Sabbath of the Arkansas camp meeting, but this is not certain. It is also thought quite certain that Elders I. H. Evans and J. S. Washburn will attend all the camp meetings in our field. These are all very strong laborers, and able to give us the best of help and counsel in the meeting and our work. The Lord is helping in the preparations and is ready to bless all the way; all will be well if the brethren will come out. May the Spirit of the Lord move upon a large number to attend.

A Special Series of Articles.

WE are glad to announce that Brother A. T. Jones will write a series of important articles for the *Life Boat* on Present Truth. The first of these

will be in the August number, and will be devoted to the sanctuary question. Your unconverted friends and neighbors will read them, and thank you for putting the paper into their hands. Single copies, two cents; thirty-five cents a year. Send orders to your Tract Society, or The Life Boat, Hinsdale, Illinois.

The Field of Mexico.

WHILE reading the RECORD and seeing that the work of giving the last warning message to a dying world, is going on in an encouraging way, it came to my mind that the brethren at home would like to hear from abroad of the field of Mexico. Though Mexico is our next door neighbor, and we need not cross the ocean to get here, yet it means learning another language, and getting accustomed to a different class of people and their ways. Mexico is close to us, yet little work has been done here towards giving the last message to this people. Many of our brethren have seen the condition of this field and gotten discouraged. But what shall we do?—Let this people die because circumstances and prospects are not so bright here as in many other places? Surely every worker in the cause would say, "Press onward and trust in the Lord to give the harvest.

Our church membership does not exceed fifty in this republic, but those who are here have worked hard to get a printing press, and are now erecting a building on a piece of ground which they have secured in a suburb town near the City of Mexico. Some help for this work has been received from the brethren in the States, for which we are thankful. The press has been kept busy since it was bought in printing the pages of truth for this people.

I have been canvassing in this field most of the time that I have been here. After working four month in the City of Mexico, which is a very hard place to put our literature in the hands of the people not only on account of Roman Catholicism, but also Spiritualism and many other corruptible doctrines have a great influence in this city, it was thought best to re-work some of the field where I first took subscriptions for the *Mensajero de la Verdad*, in which the Lord

blessed me abundantly, as about forty per cent took the paper for another year. From that place I went to a number of villages. In each of them the Lord gave me success in taking subscriptions and selling books and papers. Some days I would sell five and six dollars' worth of literature. But as it is quite an item to keep in health here, I was compelled to leave the work a few days to regain my health, but am now ready to go forward again in the work.

JOHN HARZEMAN.

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God. What a joy to see them greet each other as brethren and sisters in the Lord, and manifest a spirit of love and co-operation that almost surprised themselves. But this is what God said it would do; and it was ever so. Blessed be God for His precious word.

And how truly has the foretold promise been fulfilled,—a blessing to the people who have received the book, a blessing to the church that has sold the book, a blessing to the worker, who has sold the book, a blessing to the school that has received the money to relieve the indebtedness. Never has there come a greater blessing into the life and experience of the writer than was received while selling the scores and many hundreds of these books.

May God help one and all to do our part as has been indicated, that the reproach may be rolled away from the people of God, and we be found, like Abraham, to be friends of God, because we obey His voice and keep His charge. "And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness," "and he was called the friend of God." Gen. 15:6; James 2: 23. G.

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WORK on the new public school building is progressing satisfactorily. Much of the material is on the ground, and it is expected it will be ready for the opening of the school year.

PROF. C. B. Hughes and family are visiting old friends in Missouri, and at the world's fair at St. Louis.

A full report of the work of the Conference Committee, giving the committees appointed and arrangements made, will appear next week.

Oklahoma Department.

Field Reports.

FOREST HOME, MENO, AND AMES.
 —Thinking perhaps it might be of interest to the readers of the RECORD to know how the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard is progressing, we send in this report. We came here December 23, and since that time have held meetings at Forest Home, Meno, and Ames. Each one of these meetings resulted in a few uniting with the old Concord church which had about died down on account of removals. When we came here the church membership was five. It is now thirty-four, and they have a Sabbath School with forty-eight enrolled. We were assisted at different times by Elders A. E. Field G. F. Haffner. We held quarterly meeting July 2. The number who reported was thirty-one, and the meeting was enjoyed by all present. We are now preparing to go to Chandler for a few days, then to Custer and Dewey counties. Our stay at this place has been a pleasant one to us. We have enjoyed the work here, and we hope to get back and hold more meetings after busy times are over, as there are others still in the valley of decision. We appreciated the self-sacrificing efforts of the brethren and sisters of this place. May God bless them and help them to press on in the good work, and when Jesus comes, to be ready to meet Him, is our prayer.

MINNIE SYP.
 L. P. SYP.

POND CREEK.—After closing the effort with Elder Conway at Medford, Brother Baxter and I brought the tent to Pond Creek, while Brother Conway and wife went to Muskogee. The 3rd of July I celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house with the church at Enid. A number of the brethren from the Banner church were present. Elder P. P. Gaede was also with us and assisted in the meeting. Two members were added to the church, one on profession of faith and the other by baptism. In the afternoon the brethren went to a creek near town, where a brother who has fully given himself to the the Lord was buried with Christ is baptism. The Spirit of God was present and a lady who had given up the Sabbath

promised to take up the duty again, and live the present truth. We have had two meetings here just before the fourth with about fifty out the first night and twenty the second. After the present excitement subsides, we will try to make an earnest effort to enlighten the people with the message. Pray for us. W. H. WHITE.

HEREFORD, TEXAS.—Our tent meeting has been closed at Hereford with no visible results to the outside. Our meeting was interrupted considerably by the rainy weather, as it threatened rain or rained almost every evening. Our meeting was well attended considering the weather. We also had free access to the people's homes, of which we made diligent use. The Texas people are a warm-hearted, sociable people.

Through our public and house-to-house efforts we succeeded in convincing many people of the truth for this time. Besides the people seemed to move slowly; thy are well pastored by the type of Jeremiah 23: 30, 31. Some seemed to be drawn especially near the point of obeying and promised us faithfully that they would follow nothing but the Word. While we felt impressed to give them the words of Paul to the elders of Ephesus, (Acts 20: 32) we realize that the same spirit of apostacy had also "daubed them with untempered mortar, saying, Thus saith the Lord, when the Lord hath not spoken;" (Ezekiel 22: 28) "and they have made others to hope that they would confirm their words." Chapter 13: 6.

There are some very encouraging features in the work at Hereford. The entire town is stirred, and the interest our people here took in the work was excellent. Though we have but a few people at Hereford they met almost the entire expense of the meeting and showed in every way that the meeting was theirs. I speak of this not only to their credit, but that it might be an example to our people every where. Two who had been keeping the Sabbath for some time were baptized and added to the church. We celebrated the ordinances with them. This was the first opportunity for most of them. In reality there is no church organization at Hereford, but some well organized material. We organized a Sabbath School of fifteen members. They had

been holding Sabbath School but were not organized. We are at Tyrone, Oklahoma, where we will begin a meeting this week.

D. F. STURGEON.
 WM. BRALEY.

July 4, 1904.

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

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Keene, Texas, May 10, 1904.

To Whom It May Concern:—

I have lately tried the new variety of Dewberries which Mr. J. T. Chesnut of this place has developed, and can freely say it is the best berry of the kind I have ever eaten. Besides being large and plump, it has an excellent flavor, sweeter than the other varieties. The fact that some of them kept in perfectly good condition for forty-eight hours in my house before they were eaten, shows that they will be good shippers. They are an early berry on the market. This year the crop of them is about half gone as the Austin Dewberry is coming on the market. They are even earlier than the McDonald.

C. N. Woodward.



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