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Educational Department

Conducted by C. B. Hughes.

The Outlook.

WE have just completed the tour of the camp meetings, and the prospects are bright for a good attendance the coming year. We have been especially pleased to meet so many consecrated young people who expect to be present with us. This is the great need of the school. If the young people who come to us are devoted to God, there can be no question about the success of our school. We are thankful for the financial prosperity, but we are earnestly praying the Master to send us this coming year a band of young men and women "whose hearts God has touched."

We ask our brethren and sisters everywhere to bestir themselves during the next five weeks in seeking out young people who ought to attend the Academy. Often a few words of encouragement, or a little assistance in some way will enable a young person to attend school, who would, otherwise, be lost to God's cause.

Remember that school begins Oct. 17. Let everyone be present at the opening, if possible. It often happens that a person can take a higher class by being present at the beginning, than if he enters later.

The Commercial Department.

THE Academy has secured Brother Harry H. Hamilton, of Jonesboro, Arkansas, to have charge of our commercial department. Brother Hamilton has had considerable experience in stenogra-

phy, type-writing and mimeographing, and is thoroughly prepared to teach these subjects. There is a good demand for first-class stenographers. But a thorough preparation cannot be made for this work in a few months. At the College View Convention the stenographic course was lengthened to two years. The reason so many fail in this work is that they do not spend sufficient time to master it. No one should attempt the course who does not have a good understanding of punctuation and the best use of English.

We are glad to be able to offer first-class instruction in this important branch; and we hope there will be a good class the coming year who will begin this work with the determination of completing it in a thorough manner. There is always a place for a first-class stenographer, but the market is already overstocked with second-rate ones.

MONEY WANTED.

AFTER an absence of about five weeks from the office of the Academy I have returned to the work, and it at once becomes my unpleasant duty to send out statements of account to all those who are owing the school. It is now only about five weeks till school opens again, and in order to properly start our work this fall we must have the old accounts settled.

Travelers among the Chinese tell us that in that country there is a time once a year when the people, one and all, settle in full all old debts. If these "poor heathen" can do this it seems that the inhabitants of this peaceful and prosperous country ought to do as well.

If each one who owes the school will resolve not to ask for credit again until the old debt is fully

paid, it will be possible for all to begin the new year free from debt, and the school will have funds to properly start the work of the new term.

Those having accounts here will probably receive statements this week and we will expect to receive cash or bankable notes for all of these within thirty days. The school is now out of debt, but the only way for it to remain so is to use economy and collect its accounts.

It may be that some will be unable to comply with this request. If there are any such, we wish to hear from them anyway, and know what we can depend on.

H. T. CURTIS.

Studies in Gospel History.

BY PROF. M. E. KERN.

A series of forty-five lessons on the life of Christ, the second edition of that part of the author's "Lessons in New Testament History," dealing with this important subject. Adopted by the recent Educational Convention for use in the ninth grade. Can be used in lower grades by omitting some of the more difficult questions. Valuable for private study. Printed on calendared paper and substantially bound in cloth. Illustrated. 350 pages. Price 75c. Order of Union College Press, College View, Neb., or our publishing houses or tract societies.

It is hard for any empty bag to stand upright.

When the well's dry we know the worth of water.

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time.

ARE you coming to school?

Arkansas Department.

Conference Proceedings.

To open the fourth conference meeting the song, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and prayer was led by Brother James.

Additional matter submitted by the committee on plans and resolutions was taken up and read. Resolution five reads as follows:—

We recommend that our brethren and sisters continually seek to interest our young people in the educational missionary movement, and that as many as possible be induced to attend the Keene Academy to fit themselves for the closing work.

This resolution passed without much comment, as the committee on programme had previously arranged for an entire period to be devoted to the educational work.

Resolution six.

Whereas the *Review and Herald* is the organ of the church and the means of communication among our people throughout the world, therefore,

Resolved, That we urge all our people to subscribe for this good paper whenever possible, and if there are those who are unable to do this that provision be made whereby they may have the reading of it.

There were a number who spoke to this proposition, all agreeing that they had never known a family who had regularly read the *Review* to apostatize from the truth. Elder Bender suggested that those who read and enjoy the paper re-mail it to those who are unable to pay for a subscription.

Resolution seven regarding the tithe was read.

Whereas the Lord has promised that if we are faithful in paying tithes he will pour out a blessing that we will not be able to receive, and as we are assured by the Lord that we cannot receive the latter rain as long as we are unfaithful in this matter, therefore,

Resolved, That we urge all to be faithful in this duty.

To this there was a hearty Amen from the congregation. A number spoke of the blessings that result from faithfulness in this matter. Elder Heacock said, "We should pay the first dollar as tithe, as Satan will see to it that the Lord will never receive the tenth." Elder Bender mentioned the fact that the Lord taught his people correct business principles which other denominations are seeking to adopt. Some have even asked our ministers to speak to their congregations on this subject.

Resolution eight was called and read, discussion being deferred until the next meeting. After singing "Revive us again," we adjourned to call of the chair.

THE fifth meeting of the nineteenth annual session of the Arkansas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was called at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, Aug. 21. God's blessing was invoked on the conference and its several members by Elder Irwin.

Resolution eight, pertaining to the envelope plan of collecting weekly offerings, was re-read.

Whereas it has been recommended by the General Conference that the weekly envelope plan be adopted for the payment of tithes and offerings, therefore,

Resolved, That as a conference we endeavor to be faithful in carrying out this plan.

Elder Bender spoke at length explaining the use of the envelopes and the manner of taking collections by this means. He also presented a little book designed as a treasurer's account book, and advised each treasurer and isolated person to supply himself with one. The question of taking up collections on the Sabbath was discussed. Elder Santee and others stated that this envelope plan if faithfully followed out will minimize the work of taking up such collections. The question was called.

Resolution nine was read.

Whereas Dr. W. C. Greene and wife are conducting a sanitarium in our capital city, which is resulting in much good and in the advancement of the message, therefore,

Resolved, That we give this institution our undivided moral support.

Elder Bender spoke of the work of the sanitarium, and of the desire on the part of the managers to stand firm to the principles God has given in this line. Great blessings have attended this place, and the truth has been brought to several through the efforts of the helpers. A few minutes were occupied by those well acquainted with the work in telling interesting experience. Elder Heacock spoke of the feeling of brotherhood and earnestness that seems to actuate all who are connected with this work. This resolution also passed with no voice opposing.

THE sixth meeting of the conference was called by the president at 5:00 P. M. on Tuesday. Prayer was led by brother Watts. Minutes were accepted as read.

Resolution ten was read and discussed.

Whereas the profits of "Ministry of healing" have been dedicated to the medical missionary work, therefore,

Resolved, (a) That we encourage all our people to buy and read this excellent book, and with untiring energy that they endeavor to sell as many as possible.

(b) That the conference loan the profits thus made on this book to the institution at Little Rock for a time without interest.

Brother Watts spoke of the many places in our state that need work in medical lines and asked, "Should we center all our efforts in Little Rock?" Elder Heacock spoke of the crying need of the Little Rock Sanitarium just now, and also of the work this institution is doing toward preparing workers to enter the different cities of our state. He advised the planting of the one in-

stitution on a firm basis, as this will be the best advertisement for like institutions. The amount loaned by the "Ministry of Healing" fund will of course be small, but he hoped to see it a growing fund. He said farther that the thing for each Seventh-day Adventist to do is to read the book himself and then induce his neighbors to read. The question was called on this.

Resolution eleven, being the following, was read.

Resolved, That we recognize the efforts that are being made by the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD to furnish our Union Conference a good paper, by an earnest effort to increase its subscription list in our state.

Elder Bendershowed the RECORD list of one year ago as compared with the present, representing an increase of one-half. Elder Griffin said that he considered the RECORD in importance next to the *Review*, and urged all to subscribe. Its several departments were mentioned by different ones, the Educational Department receiving special attention. Church school teachers are invited to write for publication. A number expressed the highest appreciation for this paper. The question was called.

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→ Texas Department. ←

Obituary.

MARY F. Lawson was born near Savannah, Missouri, Sept. 13, 1854. She was united in marriage to H. I. White when eighteen years of age by Elder R. M. Kilgore. Sister White was the first Sabbath-keeper baptized in Oklahoma.

She came with Brother White to the Kingfisher, Okla., camp meeting, where she was taken sick and died upon the camp ground, Aug. 28, 1906, at 10:30 A. M. She had suffered for some time from an internal malady, and the fatal termination was not unexpected. The

funeral services were held in the large pavilion at 5:00 A. M. of the following day to give time for the relatives and a few friends to accompany the body to their former home twenty miles away, where she was buried. Sister White was an earnest Christian, and we confidently expect her to come forth in the partial resurrection, when all who have died in the third angel's message and have been faithful are called from their graves. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. CLARENCE SANTEE.

DIED, at Keene, Texas, Sept. 3, 1906, at 9:50 P. M., Mrs. Lulu Willess, wife of Eld. N. V. Willess. All was done that willing hands could do to prolong life, but in vain; and at ten minutes before ten her heart throbbed for the last time. The blow was severe on Brother Willess, and came unexpectedly, though knowing that her affliction was such that human power could not save her life. Sister Willess was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and was twenty-eight years of age when she died. She fell asleep without pain or motion, quietly breathing her last.

Before coming west, Sister Willess was a member of the congregation presided over by D. M. Canright, being a Baptist. Five years ago she heard present truth and accepted it gladly. Though a partial invalid with two little children, she encouraged her husband to remain in the field, teaching present truth, until within less than a week before her death.

The funeral was conducted by the writer assisted by Eld. A. W. Jenson Sept. 4, at 3:30 P. M. Job 23:3-10 was selected as a basis for comforting remarks. One after another homes are breaking, but the end is almost here, and the loved ones will come again from the land of the enemy.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

WE are sorry not to be able to give all the matter we have on hand but our space is too limited.

Ministers' Rest.

SOME of the laborers have planned to take two or three weeks' rest by going into the cotton field. This has caused some to ask if it was not a strange way to rest. Work is hard in the cotton field. This is true, and no doubt that their arms will get sore, but that is what they need. Each year the minister should have this sort of rest for a short period. Rest of mind, of brain, relaxation from nervous strain. This will make a laborer fresher, a better speaker, and able to accomplish much more.

There has been a question as to whether this is the best time in the year to rest. In some localities it is, while in others it is not; but at the present wage paid to the laborer, he cannot choose a period for brain rest. He must stop when he can turn to other work to support his family. There are many church members yet in Texas whose names do not appear on the tithe list, and these make it necessary, if the laborer would change for a few days, for him to choose such time as he can get work. How good it will be when all, *all*, will be honest with God, and thus be prepared to share the blessing that all must have to stand in the presence of the Saviour. That day will soon come, but many who *now* make up the "all" will not make it up then. Who will be there then? Only those who set themselves right now. CLARENCE SANTEE.

A Good Time For Missionary Work.

THE best time for our churches to engage in missionary work, especially in the cities, has come. Later, as the holidays draw near, there will be a rush for so many things that the books on present truth will not have so good a chance as now. It is true that many are now in the cotton fields, but even there they will read gladly. Some do not pick at all during the middle of the day; and if they

could then have one of our good papers or a leaflet, they would read it and get much for thought. The cities are more quiet now than they will be later, while the nights are long enough for every family to enjoy evening reading.

I am anxious that all our churches in this Southwestern Union Conference begin at once to plan systematic labor in their localities, and in this way be ahead of the holiday rush for recognition that always comes from all who have something to get before the public. I believe that this message is of enough importance to claim first attention, not the last. We ought to go ahead, and not follow.

You are all busy I know, and will be; but mingle with your other work the effort to do something for the Lord every day, even if it be no more than to hand out or send out a tract or a paper. Each effort, accompanied with a silent prayer and guided by the tender spirit of God, will receive its reward.

Order your tracts from W. F. Field, who has now entered upon his work as Tract Society Secretary. He has a good assortment, also of Bibles and Testaments.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

Buffalo Gap Camp Meeting.

ON the fifth day of the meeting I sent in a report of the progress and prospects up to that date. The meeting commenced Aug. 23 at 8:30 P. M., and closed Sept. 2 at night. There were twenty-eight families—138 persons—that camped, beside the ministers.

Elders Field, French and Hale, and Brother Lagrone labored earnestly, faithfully and almost constantly from first to last. Elder McCutchen was with us the last Sabbath and preached a soul-stirring sermon and took part in the revival service that followed. Many victories were gained during the meeting, in fact almost every soul received a blessing. Some

declared that it was the best camp meeting they had ever attended.

Twelve precious souls were baptized and became members of the Buffalo Gap church. The attendance from the outside was not large, but enough to be encouraging.

There was a straight-out opposition meeting going on most of the time, and if reports are true one of the ministers said many hard things about us. Our ministers, however, preached Christ and his word—Law and Gospel, Sabbath and First Day, Health Reform, Tithe Paying, the Sanctuary and the Judgment, Baptism, and Practical Godliness, and through it all the glad notes "Jesus is coming again" was heard. People who attended the services at both places were forcibly impressed by the contrast in those who are giving "meat in due season" and those who are opposing them.

The rain interfered somewhat upon two or three occasions, and kept the people away. I am sorry to say that a few persons in regular attendance failed to catch the spirit of the meeting.

The success of the meeting and the additions to our number bring added responsibility to parents and church officers. May the Lord send the good angels to guard his tender lambs.

N. J. ETHEREDGE.

NOTICE

WE have now in operation well equipped treatment rooms at this place, located in the heart of the city only seven blocks from the Union Station.

Our attendants are thoroughly trained, and we have fitted up to give any treatments that can be given at any of our sanitariums. We have plenty of hot and cold artesian water, every form of electricity including the X-ray and the High Frequency Current. We will be glad to see any of our friends when they are passing through the city or to answer any inquiries regarding treatment, rates, etc. Do not forget the number, 1,008½ Houston St., between 9th and 10th just across from the City Hall.

D. C. ROSS, M. D.
Fort Worth, Texas.

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Camp Meetings for 1906.

Texas, (local) Buffalo Gap, Aug. 23-Sep. 3
Texas, Cushing, (local) Aug. 30-Sep. 9
Oklahoma, Fargo, (local) Sep. 26-Oct. 1.

News Notes.

Miss Minnie Linton returned to her home here last week from Cuba where she has been teaching music during the summer.

Mrs. W. A. McCutchen and daughters came down from Dallas last Thursday intending to remain here during the coming Academy school year.

Miss Berta Taylor returned to her Bible work in San Antonio last Sunday night, after a visit of several weeks with her parents here.

S. HARDIN and family went to their fall work picking cotton south of Venus last Sunday morning.

ELDS. T. W. Field and H. B. French came in yesterday morning from their work in the West. They attended the Buffalo Gap camp meeting, and after that spent some time visiting and looking for a location. They have decided to pitch their tent at Weatherford if a location can be found.

THE Church School Teachers' Institute opened last Thursday and now has an enrolment of sixteen. Professor Hughes, educational secretary of the Union Conference, is in charge, assisted by his wife, Miss Farrell and other local help.

JOHN F. Taylor and wife are to teach the public school at Blum, Texas, the coming year. Their household goods left here on several wagons yesterday.

Mr. Miller and son, father and brother of Eld. C. W. Miller, came down from their home in Kansas and spent Sabbath and Sunday. They think some of locating here.

PROF. H. E. Giddings is now at Keene preparing matter in the form of petition blanks and small leaflets to be used in Oklahoma and Indian Territories during the agitation upon the formation of the constitution of the new state of Oklahoma. It will be ready soon, and our people in that field should be ready to assist in getting the matter before the people. More particulars will be given next week.

German Department.

An die deutschsprechenden
Geschwister der südwestlichen
Union-Konferenz.

Da der Unterzeichneter zum deutschen Lehrer in der Keene Akademie wieder ernannt worden, hält er es für ratsam unter Mitwirkung des Redakteurs eine Abteilung im „Record“ einzuführen, sowohl um Berichte über den Fortschritt des deutschen Werkes in der Union-Konferenz zu erstatten, als um das Interesse der deutschen Abteilung in der Keene Akademie zu fördern.

Diesen Zweck im Auge, fordern wir gefälligst die deutschen Arbeiter auf Berichte über ihre Arbeit einzusenden, oder sonstigen Lesestoff von allgemeinem Interesse beizutragen.

Mitteilungen sind an den „Southwestern Union Record“ zu richten.

W. H. Bugton,
deutscher Lehrer, Keene Akademie.

Die Gefahr der afrikanischen
Missionarbeit.

Laut Meldungen aus Südafrika, herrscht daselbst unter den farbigen Rassen ein allgemeiner Geist der Unruhe. Amerikanische „Niggers“ sollen die Eingeborenen aufgeregt haben. Der Ruf „Afrika den Afrikanern“ läßt sich überall hören.

„Wie die Briten die Buren besiegt haben, wird auch die Zeit kommen, wo die Farbigen den weißen Mann in die See treiben und die Briten nach der Themse zurück peitschen“ ist eine neulich von der Äthiopischen „Voice of Missions“ ausgesprochene Aeußerung.

Stellt eine solche Meinung den herrschenden Zustand und die in den Herzen der Eingeborenen gegen die Weißen gehegte Gefühle richtig dar, so läßt sich leicht daraus schließen daß die Zeit die wir zur Verkündigung der letzten Gnadensbotschaft noch zu erwarten haben, nicht allzugroß sei. Laßt uns fleißig arbeiten noch ehe die Nacht komme.

—Der Kaiser von China verspricht

seinem Volke eine Verfassung, wenn es reif dafür ist. „Wie er sich räuspert und wie er Versprechungen spuckt, das hat Kwang-si dem Zaren glücklich abgeguckt.“

Mit begreiflichem Interesse ist die Nachricht aufgenommen worden, daß nach dem demnächstigen Besuch dänischer und schwedischer Kriegsschiffe in deutschen Häfen ein russisches Geschwader in Kiel eintreffen wird. Es ist dies das erste Geschwader, welches das Zarenreich nach dem Krieg mit Japan ins Ausland entsendet.

Den Enthüllungen der letzten Wochen über die ungeheuerliche Verarbeitung von Pferdefleisch in Würste und andere Präserven folgt nun die Meldung aus Westfalen, daß die dortigen Behörden einer ganzen Verschwörung von Händlern auf die Spur gekommen sei, welche ihre Produkte nach allen Teilen Deutschlands versenden und durchweg Pferdefleisch benützen. Eine staatsanwaltschaftliche Untersuchung steht bevor.

Nicht geringe Aufregung hat in weiteren Kreisen die telegraphische Meldung aus Ems im Regierungsbezirk Wiesbaden hervorgerufen, daß in der Stadt wie in der Umgegend mehrfache Erdstöße vorgekommen sind. In Ems selbst wurde Sonntagmorgen um 6 Uhr 15 Minuten eine Erschütterung verspürt, die sich von Süden nach Norden erstreckte. In der Nachbarschaft der Stadt machten sich weitere drei Erdstöße fühlbar, doch wurde anscheinend nirgends Schaden angerichtet.

—Ein anglo-amerikanisches Blatt schreibt über die Einwanderung: „In Neu-England hat sie Besitz von vielen der „aufgegebenen Farmen“ ergriffen und sie zu den besten in der Gegend gemacht. Die ausländischen Farmer machen außerdem Geld, weil sie ihre Arbeit selbst tun. Es gibt Leute, welche behaupten — und augenscheinlich mit gutem Grunde — daß die Ueberfüllung der Städte zum großen Teil darauf zurückzuführen ist, daß die Farmen von den eingeborenen Amerikanern verlassen werden; Söhne und Töchter der alten Gigentümer haben keine Lust zur Farmarbeit.“

—Germanic.

Oklahoma Department.

President's Address.

(Continued.)

OUR church school work is making some advancement. It has many difficult and perplexing questions to deal with, and we do not yet see accomplished in this branch of the work what its importance demands. Arrangements are made to join in a Union teachers' institute at Keene at the close of this meeting, and the conference has agreed to pay the fare of the teachers who shall attend. The conference has tried to give our church school teachers Bible work with our tents, and we hope that this plan will be a help to our church schools, as it will give our teachers some experience in the field, and will also furnish them employment during the summer.

There have been eleven church schools in successful operation during the year, with an enrollment of 272 pupils. We hope and pray that these dear children, who have had the advantages of the instruction in these schools, may grow up strong in the faith and become pillars in the church of the living God.

A goodly number of our young people have attended the Keene Academy the past year. We are grateful for this, as we see the great need of trained laborers both for the home and foreign fields. We are glad to know that several of those who have availed themselves of the advantages of our school at Keene are now actively engaged in the work of spreading the truth for this time. We hope that the key note of the educational convention lately held in College View will be sounded all through our ranks, and that we shall see all of our young people in attendance at our school preparing themselves for service for either home or foreign field.

We are glad to see so many of our people from all over the conference at this meeting; and I hope that it will be the beginning of a new era in the Christian experience of each one present, and serve to draw us nearer to God, and to help

us to realize more than we ever have before the vastness of the work to be done in getting this precious truth to the people, not only in our own conference but in all the world.

This year has certainly been one of disaster, trouble and perplexity everywhere, in our own country as well as in other lands. One of the most disastrous calamities on record is the earthquake on the Pacific Coast followed by fire. Then there are the terrible conditions existing in Russia, where there is anarchy on every hand, assassination of officers by sailors and soldiers, the mutiny of crews on board warships, the capture of forts, the uprising of starving and angry peasants against law and land holders, the strikes of the workmen, the circulation of revolutionary literature, the murder of the police, and the murder of the Jews.

Our hearts are made sad as we hear of the destruction by fire of our publishing house, the Pacific Press.

We are now assembled here in conference for the purpose of seeking the Lord and consecrating ourselves to his service and to the work of giving the message so dear to us to the world. May the Lord especially direct in the deliberations of this conference. Many questions will come up for consideration; but the wisdom of no human agent is sufficient for the planning and devising necessary, hence we need the heavenly enlightenment of the Holy Spirit of God. May one sentiment control each and every delegate—a willingness quickly to yield individual opinions and ideas to the manifest leadings of the spirit of the great Master of Assemblies.

In behalf of the conference committee, I thank the brethren for the confidence and assistance given us in our work. We are now privileged to lay off the burden we have been carrying, and place it back on the conference assembled. May the Lord guide and direct in all the deliberations of this confer-

ence destined to mark an era in the advance of the message in our field. The delegates will be required to act upon many important matters. May the Lord help them at this time. Several committees will be weighted with responsibility, and we exhort them to seek the Lord most earnestly that their suggestions and recommendations may bear the impress of the divine. Soon our last conference will have been held, and the next will be the great gathering of the saints in the Jerusalem above.

ANDREW NELSON.

Obituary.

DIED, in Liberal, Kansas, of cancer of the breast, Aug. 28, Sister Viola J. Ong. She accepted the truth from the preaching of Elder Rupert in 1893. She died in the faith. Services were conducted by the writer.

W. H. WHITE.

Report of Field Agent for Year Ending Aug. 17, 1905.

ACCORDING to the records shown in our office, there was practically no canvassing work done in our conference last year after the annual meeting held in Oklahoma City Aug. 24 to Sept. 3. So after the canvassers made their fall delivery, they went into winter quarters and there remained until the time of the institute, which began March 14 and ended March 27 of the present year. Some of them attended this institute and are now in the field, while others remained at home and are still out of the work. It was during this time that my connection with the work in this field began, so my report will be made up largely from this date to the present time.

At the time of this institute, valuable services were rendered by Brethren A. F. Harrison, of Tennessee, and W. W. Eastman, of Texas. The spirit of God was present throughout the entire meet-

ing, and the interest seemed to increase until the institute closed. Elder Santee and Elder Nelson were both present to give general instructions, and profitable Bible studies from day to day, which were appreciated and which added much to the success of the meeting.

The RECORD of April 17 shows our first canvassers' report for the present year. At that date we had only four canvassers in the field, with \$53.45 as the total value of orders for one week. The next week found us with five agents in the field and \$107.10 worth of orders.

The work continued with a steady increase until July 3; at that time the RECORD showed that we had nineteen agents in the field, and had taken \$1,014.50 worth of orders in one week. This, however, was the banner week of the conference, yet the work has been good since that time, and the outlook for the future is encouraging to say the least. Since April 17 to the present time, we have averaged about thirteen canvassers regularly in the field, and about an average of \$587.50 worth of orders per week.

The total number of hours worked since that time has been 6,467; the value of orders, \$9,987.75, making an average of \$1.54 worth of orders per hour, allowing ten hours for a day's work would make \$15.40 worth of orders per day. So we can see if one should follow this work continuously, working five days in the week and working nine months in the year, he would have \$3,003.00 worth of orders and three months time in which to deliver. Supposing he would deliver only eighty per cent of his orders, he would still sell \$2,402.40 worth of books and have \$1,201.20 for his portion. So if we should forget ourselves and look at the money side of the question alone, where would our workers find greater wages if they apply themselves to the work twelve months in the year as the people of the world have to apply themselves

to their work in order to make it a success?

It might be well to cite another example and see how the figures in that case will work out. We have with us two young men who are students of the Keene school. They are spending their vacation canvassing for a year's scholarship by selling \$190.00 worth of books and turning the entire proceeds over to our tract society. (Or rather they call it their summer school where they are getting a "higher education.") Each has worked eleven weeks. One has taken \$1,110.00 worth of orders, the other \$1,002.25 worth; these added together make \$2,112.25 worth of orders in twenty-two weeks. Supposing they will continue this until the first of October at the same rate and leaving out two weeks for camp meeting, each will then have taken \$1,440.00 worth of orders. Taking it for granted that they will deliver eighty per cent of their orders, they will each place in the homes of the people \$1,152.00 worth of books. Subtracting from this the \$190.00 worth for their scholarship, they will then have \$481.00, saying nothing of the experience they have gained. What other occupation could they have followed that would have paid them as much?

But let us carry it a little farther. If they should continue the work at this rate the entire year, allowing ample time for their delivery and twenty per cent for bad orders, figures show that each would sell \$2,995.20 worth of books, and their income would be \$1,497.60, or \$126.25 per month. While we do not wish to hold up the financial part of the work as an inducement to laborers, for this is a missionary work of the highest order, yet these figures demonstrate the fact that our books can be sold; and does it not demonstrate the truthfulness of the Saviour's words when he says, "Go work today in my vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you."

Suppose we view it from the spiritual side. We would find that

each took an average of forty orders a week, and each contains thirty-six sermons, making 1,458 sermons each a week. If they should continue in the work for one year at this rate and allowing three months for delivering and delivering eighty per cent of the orders, they would, together have preached through the books placed in the hands of the people 90,979 sermons. What two ministers could have done as well?

In view of these facts, shall we not pray that more of our canvassers will make this their life work, or until the Saviour calls them to fill another place? and shall we not also encourage them to stand by the work by yielding willing obedience twelve months during the year. Recent testimonies have repeatedly urged that now is the time to work the towns and cities. In view of this we believe that it would be a wise plan for our canvassers to devote their time during the winter months canvassing these important centers.

There is another line of work that our lay members can do that we might do well to consider, as I presume it is not very well understood, for the question was asked a few weeks ago, "Why doesn't our tract society allow some discount to lay members, who could frequently sell books to their neighbors, merchants and friends that perhaps others would fail to reach. We certainly desire to be understood that we wish to encourage this line of work, for we read in the Testimonies that "In many states there are settlements of industrious well-to-do farmers who have never heard of the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. Let our lay members take up this line of service by lending or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings; our lay members could do much in their neighborhood. Filled with love for souls, they could proclaim the message of present truth with such power that many would be con-

verted."

Those who wish to put a portion of their time to the work in this way, and will send cash with their order for books, our office will allow forty per cent discount on subscription books, with the understanding that the purchaser pay the freight or postage.

V. O. COLE.

[Continued next week.]

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WE hope none of our canvassers will cease reporting when they begin delivering. Their reports are then more interesting and important than at any other time of the year. All should be faithful in this.

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As there seems to be some uncertainty in regard to the color of the new cloth bindings of "Daniel and Revelation" and "Bible Readings" on the part of some of the canvassers who are still using their old prospectuses, we will state that in appearance the new cloth looks more like the old marbled rather than the gilt, so that in taking orders from the old prospectuses the gilt binding should not be shown at all.

The new prices are as follows: "Bible Readings," Cloth, \$2.25; Law Sheep or Library, \$3.25; Full Morocco, \$4.25; "Daniel and Revelation," Cloth, \$2.50; Law Sheep, \$3.50; Morocco, \$4.50. A good stock of these books is now being received.

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