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Missionary Work in our Large Cities.

BY E. R. PALMER.

DURING the past ten years the Lord has been sending message after message to this people, telling us that the time has fully come for active, thorough work in the great cities of the world. Their iniquity and corruption is reaching to the heavens. The Lord is merciful, but he will not always forbear. The cities are becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah of old. Soon destruction will be visited upon them, and the prophecy will be fulfilled which says, "and the cities of the nations fell."

As we glance over the events of the past few months, and recall the terrible visitations upon San Francisco, Valparaiso, and Kingston, does it not appear that the work of destruction has already begun, and that our work for the cities must be done quickly, or it will be forever too late to give them this message?

MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS.

In some places active efforts are being put forth in behalf of the cities. The work to be done involves serious problems which are taxing the ingenuity and resourcefulness of many of our most able evangelical workers. As we review past efforts, it appears that the most successful work has been accomplished by missionary efforts from house to house. These efforts have usually been begun by house to house work with papers and tracts followed by Bible readings and cottage meetings, and later on by public effort in tents and halls.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

OUR people are already well aware of the interest that has been taken by the officers of the General

Conference Publishing Department in the great systematic work being undertaken by the *Signs of the Times*. We have trusted that under God's blessing this effort would assist in the organization of our churches, and companies, and isolated members into a grand, united force, all laboring together earnestly to give the third angel's message to the people in their homes as speedily as possible.

As we have studied this line of work, and have endeavored to lay plans for its success, we have not forgotten the large cities. Several councils have been held in which this important work has received consideration; and now we wish to make a few suggestions, trusting that the workers who are leaders in churches and companies, and particularly the officers in states where there are large cities will take up the work with zeal and earnestness, and endeavor to the utmost to make a good use of the facilities that are now being placed within our reach for carrying the truth.

THE GOSPEL SERIES OF THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

THIS gospel series of the *Signs of the Times* will present the truth in an attractive, systematic way much as it is presented in a series of tent meetings. Beginning about the first of May, this series will continue for six months. The papers will be furnished for two cents per copy in clubs of five or more copies. What a wonderful work we may each do with these papers at an expense of only ten or twenty cents per week, and a little personal effort during this six months?

MISSIONARY PAPERS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

ARRANGEMENT have been made

for our German, Danish, and Swedish papers published at College View, Nebraska, to bring out a gospel series similar to the *Signs of the Times* alone.

AN ECONOMICAL METHOD.

THERE is no possible way in which the third angel's message can be given so effectively with so small an outlay of means as by the circulation of our missionary papers, whether they are circulated by the missionary societies in our churches, or by regular *Signs* workers in conference employ. Several conferences are now employing agents and paying them a small salary in addition to what they can earn by selling papers. In most instances this salary is paid by the conference giving the worker two or three hundred copies of the papers each week. The worker sells these papers and receives the full returns, and what further profit he can make on additional sales. This work is yielding excellent returns wherever it is being tried, and is proving a most effective auxiliary to the work of the gospel minister.

[*Concluded next week.*]

A Canvassers' Institute.

IN council with the principal of the Keene Academy, the students and other brethren, it has been decided to hold a canvassers' institute during the last three weeks of the school, May 22-June 10.

While this institute is especially for the benefit of the students that expect to take up the canvassing work for the summer, it is also hoped that others not in the school will come in and join us at that time, and receive the benefit of the instruction, and join in the work of placing books in the homes of the

people that contain the last warning message. It is expected that the field missionary agents from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas will be present to assist in giving instruction. No tuition will be charged.

While the judgments are in the land and the end itself is rapidly nearing, every year getting more difficult, shall we not avail ourselves of these opportunities and enter the work as quickly as possible, that when the reward is given to every man, according to his work, we may receive ours, because we have worked. "Let the lovers of God and humanity join the army of workers. Let them come not expecting ease, but to be brave and of good courage under rebuffs and hardships." W. W. EASTMAN.

Arkansas Department.

PAPERS WANTED.

THE church at Mena, Ark., can use to good advantage a continuous supply of our papers and tracts. Please address to Mrs. Cora Hedley, Mena, Ark.

L. W. FELTER.

*The Canvassing Work: Its Mission.

THE canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time. The importance of the work of the ministry is unmistakable, but many who are hungry for the bread of life, have not the privilege of hearing the Word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected

*Paper read by C. J. Dart before the recent Arkansas Workers' Meeting.

with the closing scenes of this world's history.

God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have his people do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the canvassers many would never hear the warning. There are many who, because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them.

This is a line of house to house labor which he can accomplish more successfully than others. He can become acquainted with the people and understand their true necessities: he can pray with them and can point them to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Thus the way will be opened for the special message for this time to find access to their hearts.

Much responsibility rests upon the canvasser. He should go to his work prepared to explain the Scriptures. If he puts his trust in the Lord as he travels from place to place, angels of God will be round about him giving him words to speak that will bring light and hope and courage to many souls. See Testimonies Vol. 6, pp 313, 314.

C. J. DART.

The Keys of the Kingdom, No. 5.

[Concluded.]

GOD'S SIN DETECTOR IN THE CHURCH.

"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"

How did Peter know that Ananias had told a lie? How did he know they had kept back a part of the price of the land? He was baptized with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, and the Holy Ghost in him told him all about it, and what the penalty was,—death. And it also told him all about his wife and her penalty which was death. If the church was "all filled with the Holy Ghost" as they were on the day of Pentecost, how many Ananias and Sapphiras could get into the church? The fate of Ananias and his wife is what will make the "sinners" in Zion (the church) afraid, and will surprise "the hypocrites."

"And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people. * * And of the rest (liars and hypocrites) durst no man join himself unto them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women; insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. Then came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one." Acts 5: 11-16.

Oh! Remnant church of the living God, hear the word of the Lord for this time:

"Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." Isa. 52: 11.

O, watchman on the walls of Zion, what of the night? "Thy watchman shall lift up the voice." O, slumbering church on the verge of eternity, will thou not hear the Master's final call? "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O, Zion; put on thy beautiful gar-

ments, O, Jerusalem, the holy city, for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise and sit down: O, Jerusalem, loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O, captive daughter of Zion." "For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." "Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever."

O, who will hear and heed the words of Isaiah, the gospel prophet? "Go through, go through the gates, prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway, gather out the stones, lift up a standard for the people. Behold the Lord God hath proclaimed unto the ends of the world, (See Isa. 24: 14,) Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy Salvation cometh. Behold his reward is with him and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord. And thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken."

May it be so for Christ's sake.

J. A. OPPY.

→ Texas Department. ←

To Sabbath-school Secretaries.

FOR more than two years we have been trying to get our Sabbath-school secretaries to work in harmony with with the resolution passed at the Keene camp meeting, and that is to turn over the Sabbath-school donations to the treasurer of your church at the end of the quarter, and thus have all funds come through the church treasurer to the state treasurer. Please be as prompt as you can in turning over the Sabbath-school donations after the close of the quarter, so that there be no undue delay. If you fail to do this then please remit direct to E. Harris,

Conference Treasurer, Keene, Texas.

Texas Conference Treasurer's Report
QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1907.

TITLE OF CHURCHES.	
Austin	\$54.60
Alvord	21.00
Adhall	33.04
Avinger	66.71
Berea	3.00
Brenham	46.55
Buffalo Gap	160.61
Bowie	67.60
Burleson	46.65
Clifton	39.37
Cedar Grove	5.90
Cusseta	48.50
Cleburne Company	16.75
Corpus Christi	62.10
Dallas	189.16
Denison	68.41
Douglas	31.90
Edgewood	147.55
Fort Worth	57.05
Houston	60.81
Hurnville	11.00
Jewett	23.70
Keene	1,833.65
Levi	137.31
Longview	44.15
Lone Star	87.85
Madge	173.45
New Hope	147.10
Peoria	90.30
Poetry	5.00
Primrose	58.35
Sister Grove	14.13
San Antonio	25.36
Scattered	835.91
Santo	4.48
San Saba Company	35.65
Valley View	248.23
Waco	59.00
Total	\$4,060.18

TRUST FUNDS.

Annual Offerings	171.09
Blind Fund Pledges	36.00
Colored Work	3.10
Chinese Mission	16.00
City Mission Work	15.00
Foreign Missions	82.14
\$150,000 Fund	471.94
Kingston, Jamaica	.10
Orphans and Aged	1.00
Religious Liberty	60.57
Singapore Mission	15.25
Sabbath-school offerings	130.26
Spanish Fund, pledges	11.00
Tent Fund, C. M.	177.50
Total	\$1,190.95

This report closes with the 31st of March, and any funds received after that date are not included, but will appear in the next report. Please note this carefully.
E. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Camp Meeting Pledges.

IN looking over the list of pledges made at the camp meeting held at Hillsboro two years ago, I find that there are quite a number yet unpaid. I presume that every one that made a pledge at that time knows whether he or she has canceled the pledge by making a payment of the same. We take this means of calling attention to the matter in a general way, and we sincerely hope that every one will do all they possibly can in the near future to settle the account, and thus fulfill the contract made with the Lord at that time. The time has come when we should do all we can to forward the work of the Lord.

I will also call attention to the fact that there are about one-third of the pledges made at the last camp meeting yet unpaid. Dear brethren and sisters, I wish to call your attention to the pledges made to the tent fund. There were between \$700 and \$800 pledged, but there are still about \$265 to come in. The time is now here when we need every dollar of this in order that we may be able to purchase the needed tents for the coming camp meeting which will soon be here.

We have placed an order for twenty new tents, and they are ready to be delivered by the factory. These we have paid for. The conference committee has decided to order fifty new tents for family use. These we hope to have ready for our next camp meeting. We are sure our good brethren and sisters do not want the experience they have had at the last two camp meetings, of living in the large section tents. These new tents will be the nicest thing you have ever seen for comfort and convenience in the way of family tents. So we feel that you will be quite willing to have your attention called to the matter of the pledges at this time.

Should we fail to hear from those

who are still behind with their pledges in the next two weeks, then we hope you will not be grieved with us if we write you a personal letter in regard to the matter. These pledges were all due the first of January, so we have not been hasty to call your attention to the needs of the cause. We sincerely trust that all will sense the importance of giving prompt attention to the payment of their pledges. Make your remittance to,

E. HARRIS, *Conf. Treas.*,
Keene, Texas.

Names for the Missionary Society.

I WISH to call the attention of the canvassers and ministers to the fact that the missionary society at Keene will change its list in about two weeks, and will need several good names to which to send our papers. We are now taking a club of 204, and are ordering fifty in addition to this to be sent to the ministers to be used in connection with their tent meetings.

We intend to change the names on our list at the time that the series of articles on the cardinal points of our faith begin to come out in the *Signs* and *Watchman*. If you can supply us with a few names, please send them in soon if you wish them to be used now. Send to W. F. Field, Keene, Texas.

Change of Field Missionary Agent.

AS Elder Santee stated in last week's RECORD, on account of Brother McNiel's failing health, it has seemed necessary to make a change in the field missionary agent of Texas. We believe the Lord has shown a care for the work in giving us Brother Taylor to take the place; for he has had a long experience as a personal canvasser both in this country and in Europe, and has canvassed successfully for all our books.

Besides this, Brother Taylor is a graduate of the Keene Academy,

which gives him a decided advantage from an educational standpoint. The book work needs this kind of men to help raise the standard. We are sure our Texas canvassers will welcome Brother Taylor, and assist him in his duties by their loyalty as faithful soldiers. Let every one do his best. At the same time we trust all will remember Brother McNiel at the throne of grace that he may regain his health and again enter the work.

W. W. EASTMAN.

Our Youth Can Help.

THE *Review and Herald* has decided to publish a temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* bearing date of May 14. It will be in an attractive cover, and will recommend itself.

This is a good opportunity for all our young people to do good missionary work. Take as many copies of this special as possible, and place them in the hands of other young people. Do not pass the old by, as there are many of them who are constant readers of the youth's papers.

It has been said by some that the Seventh-day Adventists do not swing their force in the temperance line. Certainly in the way that many temperance movements have come up, combining good and evil, we could not conscientiously aid the efforts. But we should never miss the opportunity of showing to to all men that every Seventh-day Adventist is a temperance example as well as advocate.

This temperance number will be a good one to circulate among the youth among your neighbors. It will then be read by the old as well as the young. Parents can assist the younger to the means necessary if they have not means of their own, then encourage them to make a good missionary effort.

If the older brethren and sisters cannot retain spiritual life without active effort in spiritual things, how can we expect our youth do so?

The terms for the special *Instructor* will be in the *Review* of next week.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

Liberty.

THE principles of religious liberty as taught by Jehovah in his divine word are hardly appreciated by many of us as a people. These principles are in themselves grand, sublime, and full of eternal life.

The thought of evil laws controlling the heart, and thus making the man more godly is but folly. The man who can see this and many other erroneous ideas that are being set forth by the Sunday advocates is blessed.

Dear reader, how much do we consider the importance of true Bible liberty? Freedom from sin and the civil laws of this world is an exalted, noble and glorious position. May the dear Lord entwine about our hearts the rights of religious liberty to such an extent that we may be fully alive to the times in which we are living, and we be prepared for every good work, and to meet every evil thought against God's truth with the spirit of the Master.

The sublimity of religious liberty was introduced in the garden of Eden, by the author of liberty, when he said, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." In this matter man was not only made a free moral agent; but he had the privilege of choosing eternal life or death. For the Lord did not force him to obey the above injunction.

O, for a free religion that makes men god-like, pure and holy without forcing them by the law of the land, or by any principle that is unjust.

J. F. BAHLER.

Talahassee, Fla.

PRAY for the workers connected with our tents this summer.

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OUR space is limited and we do not solicit general advertisements. We are glad, however, to accommodate those who may wish to advertise places, or other matter which it is proper to admit to the columns of such a sheet. Such will be admitted at the above rates per column inch.

News Notes.

W. B. BOYD and wife returned from Austin last week, where he

has been for some time looking after the interests of religious liberty before the legislature.

ELD. W A. McCutchen came home from West Texas night after the Sabbath and is visiting his family a short time before going to his tent work for the summer.

MR. ASA RICE, who has been a resident of our village for some time, left about a week ago to take the position of gardener for the Loma Linda Sanitarium.

E. L. NEFF has been busy for a day or two past packing his goods, and will move his family to Fort Worth this week, to be in readiness for the tent meeting soon to be held there.

T. R. BLAIR and family have moved to South Texas and will work for L. B. Wallen on his rice farm this season.

MRS. NETTIE ENNIS and little son have been visiting her niece, Mrs. C. E. Smith for the past week. She left for her home in Nevada, Mo., Monday morning, expecting to return soon and put her children in the Academy next year.

MISS MINERVA HARPER returned home this morning from Levi, Texas, where she has taught a church school the past winter.

MISS Berta Taylor returned home this morning from San Antonio, where she went to close up her Bible reading work for the present so she can connect with one of the tent companies for the summer.

E. S. TAYLOR is visiting the canvassers in West Texas.

THE people of this vicinity were greatly cheered yesterday by a good rain, the first of any amount that has fallen for some months. We have had no spring rains at all until this, and crops were suffering, and in some parts nearly ruined, but this rain will be of great help to them. The daily papers state that the rain was quite general over the state. It will greatly relieve the situation which our canvassers have had to struggle against.

An Institute for Colored Workers.

[Continued from issue of April 9.]

ON the last Sabbath of the meeting, the Waco church edifice, where the meeting was held, was dedicated to the Lord's service. This building had just been erected by the Southwestern Union Conference at a cost of \$365.00. It is a neat little house, and after being papered inside will be a place where the Waco brethren and sisters can invite their most fastidious neighbors without embarrassment.

Arrangements were made to open a church school at Waco next term. A board of three directors was elected and cash and pledges to the amount of \$62.00 was raised.

As a result of the studies and deliberations during the institute, the following regulations are set forth as a basis of our operations in the future:

1. Resolved, That we recognize God the Father, and Christ the Son, as our Head and the Holy Spirit as our teacher.

2. Resolved, That we put forth greater efforts in the future to bring souls into the truth than we have done in the past; that instead of scattering our labors, each worker will remain in one place a sufficient length of time to raise up a company or church if there are any indications that such is possible.

3. Resolved, That no one be ordained to the gospel ministry in the future who does not accept and live up to the requirements as revealed in the Bible and the Testimonies.

This resolution evoked quite a lively discussion. Some objected that according to the wording of this resolution a candidate for ordination to the ministry would be refused if he had not seen the necessity of giving up clean meats as food or being rebaptized—matters not made a test of fellowship. Others felt that as no novice is ordained to the gospel ministry, it was nothing unreasonable to require ministers to be up on all lines before being set apart by the laying on of hands; since it is almost in-

variably true that those who have been in the truth for years without accepting some point of present truth are in heart out of harmony with that much of the message and in consequence unfit to teach others.

4. Resolved, That all our people be urged to take their children out of the public schools whether there is a school of our own people for them to attend or not; since the education they are getting at the public schools is unfitting them for any use in the Lord's work. That where it is impossible for parents to send their children to one of our own schools, they keep them at home and give them what book knowledge they can, and after doing their duty in instilling the message in them, leave the results with the Lord. That at every place where a company is raised up an effort be made to develop a church school; and that isolated Sabbath keepers with small children be urged when practicable to move where they can have church privileges for their children.

5. Resolved, That our ministers and church elders take more interest in seeing that all our people pay a faithful tithe, and give more offerings than heretofore.

6. Resolved, That all be urged to take the *Review* and the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD in order to keep in touch with the message in this Union Conference and also in the world-wide field.

7. Resolved, That all, and especially conference workers, make a liberal use of our periodicals and tracts in missionary work.

8. Resolved, that all those now in the church who have not been baptized into the faith be urged to do so; and that in the future, an earnest effort be made to get all new converts to take the step before being received into the church.

9. Resolved, That in harmony with the Testimonies that health reform is to be progressive, our people be instructed that it is not pleasing to the Lord for Seventh-

day Adventists to go on from year to year making flesh a part of their dietary, merely because it is not made a test for membership.

There were other points discussed and passed upon, but they were not of sufficient importance to give them place in this article.

We have nothing but commendation to express concerning our entertainment by the Waco church. May they be richly blessed of the Lord for this hospitality.

In conclusion, suffice it to say, to us this was a "sitting together in heavenly places," and we all left with new courage to go out and render better service for the Master in the future.

J. W. DANCER,
Secretary.

Badge for Signs Workers.

In response to the earnest requests from some of our agents we have prepared a neat little silk badge to be worn by those engaged in selling *The Signs of the Times* on the street or from house to house.

These badges serve a double purpose. First, as an introduction to the people, and second showing that the person wearing same is authorized by the publishers to take subscriptions.

They will be furnished free to all taking a club of fifty or more copies weekly, and can be had for the asking.

Some of our agents are taking as many as three hundred copies of the *Signs* weekly and report excellent success in selling them. Some sell them on the street and from house to house, while others have regular customers to whom they deliver the papers weekly. The secretary of one of our conferences writes as follows:

"At a recent meeting of the conference committee it was voted to employ several persons in the paper work, the conference furnishing as many as 300 to each individual per week. We hope this will create an interest and a desire on the part

of many individuals to become permanent workers, and also that it may be the means of bringing the light of present truth to the hearts of many who are in darkness. The times are intensely interesting from the standpoint of the message which the *Signs* bears, and we certainly have but little time left to finish up the gospel work and prepare for the coming of the Lord. We desire to unite with you in every line of work which will be to the advancement of the message."

Other conferences are employing agents in the same way, and we hope to see a large number engaged in this good work before the close of the year. Now is a favorable time to begin, as on May 1 the first number of the Gospel Series of twenty-six special numbers will appear, and there will be something intensely interesting in each issue.

All persons who are taking fifty copies or more of the *Signs of the Times* weekly are requested to notify the publishers if they desire one of the badges above referred to. Address *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal. C. H. JONES,
Mgr. Cir. Dep't.

**Special Temperance Number
OF THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.**

THE *Instructor* will issue an especially attractive Temperance Number, bearing date of May 14, 1907. Some idea of the nature of the contents of this special number may be obtained from the following partial outline of the topics to be treated:—

True Temperance; Why Condemn the Use of Alcoholic Drinks? A Scene that Appalled the Heathen; Crime and Liquor; Legalized Drunkard-making; Alcoholism and Degradation; Food or Poison—Which? Cause of Appetite for Alcohol; Our Reasons for Demanding the Close of the Saloons Every Day; Physiological Effects of Alcohol and Tobacco; Progress of Vegetarian Ideas; Doctor Wylie on a Vegetarian Diet; Tobacco and

Liquor as Companions; Students and Tobacco Using; No Christian Should Use Tobacco; Boys and Tobacco Seen Through Other Eyes; License Laws; Appeal to Christians; Statistics. News notes on the progress of the temperance work and general temperance information.

This special number of the *Instructor* will afford the children and young people a chance to do some good remunerative missionary work along a line much needed in every community. The *Instructor* being an educator, the public mind can be reached and educated through it better than many other publications. The youth of this age have an obligation resting upon them in connection with the temperance movement. This special Temperance Number of the *Instructor* will place within their reach a means by which they may discharge this obligation.

The retail price of this special Temperance Number of the *Instructor* will be five cents a copy. ~~When twenty-five or more copies are ordered at one time to one address, the rate will be two cents a copy; when less than twenty-five copies are ordered at one time, the price will be two and one-half cents a copy.~~

Orders for this special Temperance Number may be made through the regular channels, or direct to the publishers.

YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR,
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Oklahoma Department.

NOTES.

A NEW book by Eld. J. N. Loughborough, entitled "The Church," is now ready for delivery, and can be had by ordering it from our tract society. The price is only twenty-five cents. I would recommend it to all our people. It takes up the subject of our church, its organization, order and dis-

cipline, but is no new, man-made theory, but is the condensed, formulated instruction given to the denomination in its development, arranged in convenient form for reference and study. Do not fail to secure a copy.

THE writer came here to Claremore Friday, April 12, and a few hours after my arrival I had the pleasure of meeting Eld. M. H. Gregory, who arrived a little later. Brother Cole came this afternoon, and will look after the interest of the canvassing work at this place. Our meetings are well attended, and we have a good interest. I will write more later.

BROTHER Maxwell is with the Star church holding meetings.

WE have just received at our office a fine stock of German Bibles from Germany. They are well bound and in convenient form. Send in your orders.

A. NELSON.

The State Fund.

WE are glad to be able to tell you that our conference is growing rapidly, and that the blessing of God is attending the workers in their labors for souls. We are also glad that with a larger membership new calls for meetings are coming from all parts of the field. With this growth our responsibility increased, and to bear it we must have the co-operation of all the brethren in the conference. Our work is to give the third angel's message to the world, and we must begin at home; hence these many calls for work must be answered. The Lord will supply the workers but we must supply the temporal means.

Just now several large tents are needed for field work as well as a number of small ones which we must use at the coming camp meeting. You will no doubt remember how cramped we were at the Kingfisher camp meeting because of a lack of tents. Besides, new tents are constantly needed to replace

those which are worn out, and a constant stream of means must be flowing in with which to purchase them. Then our home work will not be hampered as it is at present. Therefore we desire to call your attention to the matter of the pledges that have been made to the tent or state fund. These should be paid as soon as possible, as we desire to purchase our small tents before camp meeting.

You will also doubtless remember that at the last annual conference it was decided that a collection be taken on the third Sabbath of each month to be used in purchasing tents, tent meeting equipment, and for other incidental expenses in the home work.

Some churches are following the plan while others are not. Let all the churches and companies adopt the plan, and instruct the treasurer to take up this collection and forward the same to the tract society at least once each quarter.

When we all take hold of this work in earnest, we will see the cause of God move forward in our conference, and a deep missionary zeal with the accompanying blessing will take hold of us; and as we unite in laboring for others we will be filled with all joy in believing the truth, our work will be hastened, and when it is all done we will go home to inherit the mansions in our Father's house.

OKLAHOMA S. D. A. CONFERENCE,
ANDREW NELSON.

Field Reports.

WOODWARD AND FARGO.—After holding meeting with the Woodward church, which was a precious season, I went to Fargo to visit the new believers of that part, and found them of quite good courage in the truth.

It is cheering to see what the blessed truth can do for those who will accept it. My courage is good. Brethren, remember the work in this part.

WM. BRALEY.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD.

CENTER, I. T.—After a five weeks' series of meetings in the school house at Center, six have decided to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. I organized them into a Sabbath-school with a membership of fourteen, and they have started the work of growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.

The opposition here has been great, especially from the ministry, who have had the pulpit every Sabbath and Sunday except two. There is quite a work to be done here. Brethren, pray for this little company that their faith fail not. W. F. TALBURT.

HUGO, I. T.—The Lord is still blessing me with the printed page. My courage is good, but O, how I realize that the world is in darkness and the people in gross darkness!

A man killed himself here a few weeks ago because he thought that great comet we heard so much about was going to destroy the earth. EDDIE TAYLOR.

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Weather Report

Week ending April 20, 1907.

Date.	Temperature		Rainfall in inches and hundredths	Character of day.
	Highest	Lowest		
14	73	52		Clear.
15	86	59	Trace	Cloudy.
16	89	60	.01	Cloudy.
17	65	42	Trace	Part Cloudy.
18	84	51		Clear.
19		44		Cloudy.
20	56	47	Trace	Cloudy.

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Texas.								
J B Faker	Washington Co	G C	1	2	5 00		50	
W A Henderson	Harrison Co	B R	35	18	44 40	1 00	2	5 50
Pearl Lambeth	Ellis Co	G C					8 45	
R L Routt	Tarrant Co	G C		2	6 00			
Mrs A E Hammett	Erath Co	D R	21	4	10 00	8 00		
J D Reider	Marshall	B R	36	9	24 25			
J L Nicholson	Goliad	B R	45	16	37 50	1 75	2	2 00
Geo Curry	Callahan Co	D R	32	3	7 50	3 50		
Alfred Gober	Coleman Co	C K	8	1	1 50	1 00		
Elijah Taylor	Coleman Co	D R	40	18	49 00	1 75		
J P Spears	Carbon	B R	21	6	13 50	1 45		
L H Crossland	Woods Co	C K	36	15	22 00	1 60	23	33 50
H J White	Monday	B R	45	17	35 00	7 75		
A J Jenson	Round Rock	B R	41	22	72 25	1 40	1	1 00
Lydia Springstead	Ellis Co	G C	12	2	5 00			
Totals	Agents 15		374	135	332 90	38 15	28	42 00

Arkansas.								
Ira Newkirk	Crawford Co	B R	41	25	65 00	2 50		
O H Rudisaile	Independence	C K	43	3	4 00	1 25		
C E McSarrow	Independence Co	G C	44	23	64 50			
S O Gunn	Gentry	H M	24	7	12 00	2 50		
Totals	Agents 4		152	58	145 50	6 25		

Oklahoma.								
R Y Pickett	N McAlister	D R	22	14	27 00	2 75		5 00
F M Garner	Seminole	D R	49	17	41 00	4 50		
O B Garver	Oklahoma City	G C	18	7	17 50			
R Frymire	Durant	G C	52	45	123 50	2 75		
D R Robinson	Marlow	D R	50	17	49 50	75		
W A Sorden	Stroud	B R	44	13	35 25	1 00		
W D Glass	Mountain View	B R	19	7	19 75	2 25		
C F Kaupke	Waurika	B R	9	1	3 25	50		
J F Goss	Waurika	B R	47	26	87 75	7 75		
O M Hindbaugh	Dane	B R	9	3	6 75	2 25		
Eddie Taylor	Hugo	C K	50	47	47 00	6 50		16 00
E W McDaniel	N McAlister	C K	30	11	11 00	7 50		
F G Ebel	Woodward Co	G C	13	4	10 00	1 25		
Totals	Agents 13		412	212	479 25	39 75		21 00