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## The Plan Meets with Favor.

**A** LETTER just received from one of our oldest ministers contains the following: "I shall feel quite an interest in your scrap-book enterprise as it progresses, I am sure. I think it was a happy thought you took on when you conceived the idea. I have been gathering items for a scrap-book these many years, 50 years, of my connection with the message, till I have such a book quite on the encyclopedia order, and I may send in some items. I suppose, though, all I have may come to you from the extensive field of informants before you. I'll keep a close eye on that department of your good paper awhile, and then if after awhile matter which I have in stock doesn't appear, you'll doubtless hear from me.

"I have quite a volume of matter in my scrap-book in written form that I've often wished was in printed form, and this may be my golden opportunity to realize my desire. Who knows? You will probably receive quite a volume of matter from me, as time and circumstances will permit and others do not supercede it by getting in such matter as I have ahead of me."

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## The Academy in Nova Scotia.

**C**ANADA and the British provinces north of the United States have but very few institutions, educational or otherwise, connected with our work, and it is

certainly not extravagant that two thousand dollars from the \$150,000 fund should be appropriated to the Williamsdale Academy. Two hundred acres on a hillside, with a beautiful stream of water running in front of the building site, about twelve miles from Oxford Junction, have been purchased for this purpose. Already they have constructed a dormitory accommodating about thirty students, with a school room.

With proper care, the land will produce vegetables and grains. There is considerable timber on the land, which can be converted into lumber and wood.

The Maritime province has between two and three hundred members, and this little institution is the only one in the conference, which embraces New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. Surely every one will regard this as a worthy part of the \$150,000 fund.

J. S. WASHBURN.

## There Should be no Delay.

**A** VERY recent communication from Sister White contains the following in regard to the importance of our Sanitarium in Washington, D. C. The General Conference Committee gave the first \$50,000 of this present \$150,000 to the South. After that, the other institutions are to receive a pro rata of the funds that come in. At the present rate, it will be a long time before the Sanitarium in Washington receives the help which it needs. Will not those who can help be led to help at once by the following powerful appeal:

"The sanitarium at Takoma Park is to be a source of strength to the school already established.

The school and the sanitarium may be a help one to the other. The students of the school may assist in the erection of the sanitarium buildings.

The establishment of the work in Washington is creating a widespread interest in other places. Tracts and pamphlets have been widely circulated, and when we begin to work in other cities, we shall find those who have been studying this literature.

"The Lord calls upon us to awake to a realization of the opportunities presented before us to let our light shine in the city of Washington, by establishing there memorials that will hasten forward the proclamation of the third angel's message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

"I thank God in behalf of those who have already sent in offerings to the work in Washington. I thank him for the privilege and satisfaction of knowing that there are hearts which are alive to the needs of the work of God, and are influenced by the Holy Spirit to give of their means for the advancement of this work.

"There should be no delay. The cause of God demands our assistance. I pray that the Lord may impress those who have means to spare to place it in the Lord's treasury, to be used to his name's glory. We ask all, as the Lord's stewards, to put his means into circulation, to provide facilities by which many shall have the opportunity of learning what is truth."

J. S. WASHBURN.

THERE will only be one more issue of the RECORD before the Texas camp-meeting. All who have important matter or announcements should get them in early.

## Arkansas Department.

## Arc Wc Loyal?

[Concluded.]

READ again Malachi 3:8, 9: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts."

This implies that some did not bring in *all* the tithes, so God has suffered a curse to come upon them; he does this to bring them nearer him.

Also in Amos 4:9-12, "I have smitten you with blasting and mildew, when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. . . . Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

The Lord wants us to return unto him. How can we return to him? The first thing to do is to give ourselves to him, and then give him all he claims in tithes and offerings, not a dollar now and a dollar some other time, and call it tithe, for that is not a tithe.

We should keep an account of everything we raise and see how much we clear above all expenses; or if we are working at other work we should keep an account of all money received and paid out, and the difference is the profit, which is what the Lord wants a tenth of. The Lord says this is holy unto him, and if we withhold it we are thieves and robbers. How many of this class does he say will be in the kingdom?

Let us read 1 Cor. 6:9-10: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither

fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

My brother, sister, what do you think? Is it better to continue to use God's money and have his curse, or shall we render to God his own and receive his blessing? When this is done by every Seventh-day Adventist there will be no lack of means. If we do not reach this standard he will raise up others who will take our places and we will be left out of his kingdom.

May the Lord help us to do his will in all things.

G. E. NORWOOD.

## Siloam Springs Camp Ground.

THE camp is all aglow with the spirit and love of God, and we are having a *good time* with the Lord and one another. Yesterday was our first Sabbath, and many remarked that it was more like the last Sabbath of the meeting than the first. It seemed to us who are on the ground that this meeting began just where our last camp-meeting closed, and it is evident that we are in the midst of the best camp-meeting Arkansas has ever had. A revival service was held at 11:00 A. M. yesterday and about fifty came forward for prayers, and quite a goodly number gave their hearts to God. The deep movings of the Spirit were manifested during the day. "It is good to be here" was heard all over the camp, and we wished that our loved ones at home could be here to enjoy the meeting with us.

We are having quite a good attendance from the city, and many seem to be interested in the subjects presented by the brethren.

This morning (Sunday) we held the first session of our conference. About forty delegates were present. Five new churches, with a combined membership of about seventy-five were added to the conference.

Everyone seems to be enjoying the meeting; and the preaching is forcible and to the point.

Let the brethren in the southern part of the state be ready for the meeting at Black Springs, August 13-19. You cannot afford to miss the meeting.

H. CLAY GRIFFIN.

THE first Sabbath of the Arkansas camp-meeting is in the past. The meeting commenced where it closed last year. All of the workers came praying the blessing of God upon the meeting. Their own hearts were hungering for more of the power of God. The people had caught this spirit from the workers, and from the very first meeting there was an earnest spirit of seeking the Lord. The Sabbath was one of the most precious occasions I have ever enjoyed in a camp-meeting. Droppings of the latter rain were experienced. Backsliders were reclaimed and sinners were converted to God. Not one note of discord has been heard in the meeting. All are seeking for the Lord's way, and not their own. It was good to be there.

R. C. PORTER.

## \*Texas Department.\*

## Field Reports.

ROCKPORT.—I left Keene June 11 to join Eld. W. M. Cubley in a meeting on the coast. We began a meeting at this place on the 18th of June. From the first the attendance has been real good, and the thing which has given the most encouragement is that the same people attend regularly every night. All through the meeting so far there has been an earnestness on the part of the people to know the truth.

Ten have begun to keep the Sabbath and there are quite a number who seem to be on the eve of taking their stand for the truth. Some of those who have taken their stand for the message seem deeply

in earnest, while there are others who seem to fear their old churches. As I view the actions of the people in dealing with the truth, I am firmly convinced that the devil's chief tactic is to put the people in a sleepy, no-care condition regarding spiritual things.

We shall close the meetings here Sunday night, as we must ship the tents to Fort Worth for the camp-meeting. Elder Cubley will leave about Monday for Keene to attend a conference committee meeting, but I will stay here until a week from Monday to look after the interest.

We have a splendid little city of about 1,500 or 2,000 inhabitants. Everyone is so friendly and they seem to take such an interest in anyone. We have hopes of building up a good work here. It is a little unfortunate that the camp-meeting comes just when it does as our interest is just at its height.

My hope was never brighter and my confidence was never stronger.

W. L. BRANDON.

#### Texas Camp Meeting.

**T**HIS meeting will soon be here. The car of conference furniture,—tents, tables, seats, etc., has been loaded today to be sent to the camp ground. The few days that intervene will be quickly passed. We will do all we can to have all ready, so that this meeting may be what the Lord desires that it should be.

We urge every family to come. If the way seems hedged up, seek for an opening and ask the Lord to help you to see one. These meetings mean far more than we sometimes think. God will open the way for many who, at the first, see no way to come.

There is generally no blessing in sending the children while parents stay away. I can not advise it in most cases. Satan watches every unguarded heart. Parents, come and bring your children. Expect the converting power of God to rest

upon both you and them. God will not let your expectations fail if you faithfully do your part. When parents come to the camp-meeting, or the camp of God, they should have a double burden upon their hearts for their children, knowing where they are, lest they be learning lessons of irreverence and sin while they themselves are listening to the truths of God. We will all work together, expecting the Lord to accomplish more than we have hoped for ourselves.

I have seen parents bring their children to the camp-meeting for the one purpose that they might receive the rich treasure of true conversion, and as soon as they reached the camp they were turned loose to go where and when they pleased, and usually those parents return to their homes with heavy hearts because of hopes that have not been realized. God did his part, but they had failed.

Be sure to purchase your ticket August 1st or 2nd so as to get the excursion rates. I hope to see you there.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

#### A Day of Great Things.

**I**F there was ever a time for people to be patriotic it is now. While all heaven is astir, and our Captain has called, "Come into line," and angels are taking people by the hand, so to speak, as verily as they did Lot and his family and leading them out of darkness, it behooves us to be up and attending to our Father's business with joy and zeal.

There is a "sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." The workers are sending in splendid reports of the canvassing work, and also of the experiences they have had with the people.

We remember the historic battle of Bunker Hill, and most of us know that men left their workbenches and shops and plows and fought and won the battle. These men were called patriots. Unless they had been such they

would never have troubled themselves to go out.

God is calling men from different avocations of life to engage in the conflict which will be sharp and quick. He will make a quick work in the earth.

E. S. TAYLOR.

#### The Message in Nacogdoches County.

**I**N the year 1894, J. M. Goodman, who lived about fourteen miles west of the town of Nacogdoches, borrowed from a friend a "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," by which he was convinced of the obligation of the Sabbath, and he began immediately to obey.

In the year 1901, S. S. Reider who lived nine miles north of Nacogdoches, became convinced by closely studying the Bible that he should rest on the Seventh day, which he began to do that year.

In 1902 Elder J. N. Sommerville held a meeting in Brother Goodman's community and raised up a company of Sabbath-keepers, now known as the Douglass church. Elder Sommerville was the first Sabbath-keeper that Brother Goodman saw, although he had been keeping the Sabbath for seven years or more. They together visited Brother Reider, who also had never seen a Sabbath-keeper. Elder Sommerville held a meeting at Mahl, through the influence of which Brother Reider's family were encouraged to keep the Sabbath.

In August, 1904, Elder Andrew Nelson and Brother Walter Hancock began a meeting seven miles northwest of Nacogdoches in the Lone Star community. Brother Reider was then living in that community. They continued for six or eight weeks, closing the meeting and taking down the tent without a soul having decided to obey. They continued by house to house work, and by February 1, 1905, two families were obeying. This work had a number of additions, and is now the Lone Star church.

In the spring and early

summer of 1905, Elders D. U. Hale and Andrew Nelson held a meeting in the town of Nacogdoches, first in the opera house and later in a tent, from which a few began to keep the Sabbath.

During September and October, 1905, Elder D. U. Hale and the writer held a tent meeting four miles east of Nacogdoches, at which two souls began to obey; and in November the writer held a meeting at Melrose, ten miles east of Nacogdoches, with no results; and in December I held a meeting three miles from Melrose, at which three began to keep the Sabbath.

During March and April, 1905, Elder H. B. French and the writer held a meeting at Attoyac, eighteen miles east of Nacogdoches, four souls promised to obey, but did not. In May, June and July, 1906, the writer and wife held meetings at Chireno, five miles south of Attoyac, at which ten souls began to obey.

September, 1906, a camp-meeting was held at Cushing, at the close of which Elder Cubley and the writer continued the meeting without lasting visible results. In October and November, 1906, E. L. Neff and the writer held a meeting at Alazan, eight miles west of Nacogdoches, and as a result seven souls began to obey.

Last but not least, the east Texas local camp-meeting was held at Alazan, July 9-15, 1907, at the close of which three souls of the community announced their intention to obey. There was in attendance brethren and sisters from all over the county, and from Rusk, Cherokee, Shelby, Angelina and Houston counties. One brother came from Burleson county. A canvasser drove about 250 miles, coming from Victoria county.

There were present in Sabbath-school 128, and the donations were over fourteen dollars. The workers from the prairie expressed their surprise at the attendance being so large. The Lord graciously gave his Spirit, and it was a good meeting. There are two organized

bodies, another that will be organized soon, and yet another that we hope to see organized sometime, making in all four bodies and several scattered members in Nacogdoches county.

In conclusion, let me say to my fellow workers, the progress of our work in this county convinces me of the need of us "sticking to our bush." To the brethren and sisters who were not with us in camp-meeting, you missed a good experience. Prepare now to come next year. For all, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest" to send more laborers into east Texas. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.

J. I. TAYLOR.

#### Coleman Camp Meeting.

**A**FTER further counsel it has been decided to hold the local camp-meeting at Coleman August 20-26 instead of 23-September 2. This meeting will follow soon after the state camp-meeting, August 1-11. Where the local camp-meeting is held longer, there are many who feel that they cannot attend the entire time, so they come and go. With the time as above, we believe that all can arrange to come and stay from the first meeting to the last. God certainly blessed us richly in our Alazan camp-meeting, and his blessings are as free now as then. All come who can do so. Come, and bring your loved ones.

Tents will be for rent on the grounds. Remember, August 20-26. The nights will be light and beautiful, and God's promise is to be with us there.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

#### Are You Looking Back?

**I**N reading the gospel as recorded by the four apostles in the New Testament, there are two things that appear strange: their dullness of comprehension, and the ease with which they forgot their lessons.

These twelve apostles had been chosen with the direct understanding that they were to be given a definite work. Some of these came to Christ of their own choice, while others were persuaded. They had been chosen from the many trades and positions, from the humble fishermen to the one sitting at the receipt of customs.

These had followed Christ through his travels and work for three and one-half years. They had seen the mighty miracles he wrought, and had been the pupils of his instruction. His manner of teaching and winning souls he taught them daily. When he had spoken a parable, or had done some wonderful work, he took his disciples aside and gave them a special lesson upon that particular point. In his prophetic utterances he was especially careful to instruct them correctly. For a time they seemed to comprehend, partially at least; but by carefully reading we see that there was a little misunderstanding by some, a little doubt by a few, and in the heart of one was absolute treachery. This state of affairs continued even after the crucifixion.

That they might not give up and drift back into the world it was necessary that he should remain on earth many days after he had arisen; and to establish them, he manifested himself on various occasions. One of the last of these visits is recorded in John 21. Four of the disciples—Peter, Thomas, James and John—were together, and, as I suppose, after talking over the situation, Peter said, "I go a fishing." The others consented, and "a fishing" they went.

The record says, "And that night they caught nothing." Sometimes we look on the world, and it seems there are many attractions, and many ways by which God's servants could amass wealth, but when it is tried is it always so? or is not their experience the same as that of these four disciples?

After Christ had shown himself

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Texas, Fort Worth, . . . . . Aug. 1-11  
Oklahoma, (local) Woodward, July 23-28  
Oklahoma, El Reno, . . . Aug. 22-Sep. 2

News Notes.

MRS. Hattie Casey reached  
Keene yesterday morning from her  
home in South Texas.

THE Texas Conference commit-  
tee will meet today in Fort Worth  
to arrange some matters connected  
with the camp-meeting.

G. A. LAGRONE came in last  
week from East Texas where he  
has been laboring for some time  
and is resting for a short time be-  
fore camp-meeting.

ELD. A. W. Jenson went to Dal-  
las last week where he will take  
treatment at Doctor Moran's treat-  
ment rooms.

ELD. E. B. Hopkins came home  
last Thursday and spent one day  
with his family, leaving Friday  
morning to join Elder McCutchen  
in his tent meetings at Everman.

Doctor Ross made a flying trip  
down from Fort Worth last night,  
being called to attend Mr. W. R.  
Hill, who has been sick for some  
time with fever.

MR. J. F. Taylor and wife left  
this morning for Texico, New  
Mexico.

By the time this paper reaches  
its readers the Arkansas camp  
meeting will nearly be over, and  
the local meeting at Woodward,  
Okla. will be well started. The  
reports received from the local  
meeting recently held in Texas and  
the Arkansas camp-meeting indi-  
cate that the time has come when  
we may expect great things from  
the Lord. The account of the  
blessings poured out on the camp  
at Siloam Springs last Sabbath is  
truly refreshing. There can be no  
reason why these same seasons of  
refreshing can not visit the camp-  
meetings yet to be held if those  
who attend will come with the  
same earnest spirit and the desire  
to immediately claim the blessings  
that was found with those who  
came to the other meetings. The  
Lord is still willing to bestow them,  
and his ability is not lessened.

WE have received some subscrip-  
tions for the RECORD from the  
Alazan camp-meeting, and Eld. H.  
Clay Griffin has just sent in a list  
of almost one dozen subscriptions  
from the Arkansas camp-meeting.  
He also states that the work for  
the paper is not all done there and  
promises more subscriptions before  
the meeting is over. We are much  
pleased with this interest in the  
RECORD and hope the later meet-  
ings will do as well for it.

WE are sending bundles of the  
regular issues of the RECORD to  
each of the camp meetings for dis-  
tribution on the ground. We hope  
those who receive copies of it will  
accept this as an invitation to sub-  
scribe and receive its visits for the  
coming year. Our constant aim is  
to make it valuable to every be-  
liever in the third angel's message

BROTHER I. A. Ford, manager  
of the Southern Publishing Asso-  
ciation, gives some very interesting  
figures concerning the book work  
in the last *Report of Progress*. The  
shipments from the house at Nash-  
ville during the first six months of  
this year amounted to \$55,068.39,  
a gain over last year of 53 per  
cent. The Fort Worth Branch,  
for our own territory, also reports  
an increase in their sales for the  
same period of 56½ per cent.

On January 1st the *Watchman*  
had a circulation of 6,200 copies  
per week; for the last issue of June  
there were 12,000 copies printed.  
This number was hardly sufficient  
to fill the calls. This is very grati-  
fying, but according to what we  
have been told we are only in the  
beginning of the work. Much more  
remains to be done. Would you  
not like a part in this good work?

Are You Looking Back ?

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in the morning, and they had, by  
his instruction, made a wonderful  
catch of fish, he imparted a lesson  
to them about staying by the work

that they seemed never to have forgotten. It is recorded in John 21: 15-25. (Please read the entire chapter and study it.)

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" He had given them a work to do, and they, the mainstays among the followers, had given up and gone back to their worldly pursuits, and this question as to whether his love for the fish was greater than his love for his Lord was a pertinent one. Peter got the lesson, however, and his talent as a leader was used mightily in after days.

We, who are called to take some part in the third angel's message, may learn valuable lessons from their experiences. Be not dull of comprehension as we sometimes think the disciples. Remember that the call to active service is for life, or until the work is done. Let us have for our motto the words of Christ as recorded in Luke 9:62: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." W. L. ADAMS.

## Oklahoma Department.

### NOTES.

ON our way from Ruby, Brother Cole and the writer had the privilege of visiting a few hours at Claremore, and were glad to meet so many of the members of the church, and to know that most of them are planning to come to the camp-meeting. Here we met Sister Brooking, who is canvassing in Claremore and is doing good work. We also met Sister Bee Runnels, who was on her way to Tulsa, where she is doing a good work canvassing. Brother Cole stopped off at Stroud, while I came on to El Reno where the church school teachers' institute is now in session. The attendance is not as good as we would like, but we hope for more to come in yet.

BRETHREN Maxwell and McDonald are holding a tent meeting here, but the interest is not as good as we had hoped it would be.

SISTERS Elmer and Hindbaugh have just finished their canvassing work in the town, and are planning to go to another town to canvass. They have worked hard and have been faithful, and the Lord has blessed them.

BROTHER W. H. Kinney, of Albion, Ind., R. F. D. No. 2, is wishing to move to Oklahoma, and would like to have work. Anyone wishing to get a hand can write to him.

GOOD news comes from the tent company at Tecumseh, where Brethren Rupert and Hampton are holding a tent meeting. There is also a good interest at Bridgeport, where Brethren Crane and Fillman are working.

BRETHREN Dake and Ramsey, at Catoosa, I. T., expect to have baptism soon.

ANDREW NELSON.

### WARNING.

MR. J. M. Night does some preaching around, and pretends to be a Seventh-day Adventist. Beware of him, for he is an enemy to the truth. He fights the Testimonies and tithing and other things. He got mad at us, and is now going to expose the errors of Seventh-day Adventists here in Longdale.

T. J. HICKMAN,  
ISAAC BAKER,  
N. GRAVES.

### Notice.

WE have received a sample copy of a pamphlet by G. A. Irwin, "The Spirit of Prophecy, Its Relation to the Law of God, and Its Place in the Plan of Salvation." Price, five cents. This pamphlet should be read by every Seventh-day Adventist in the land, as so many theories are being sprung at this time. This independant theory and no organization and everything

imaginable but the truth is being taught by so-called Seventh-day Adventists. It is time for every one to examine the principles of the truth for themselves, and not be misled by the enemy of all truth. Order of the Oklahoma Tract Society. T. J. EAGLE.

### Field Reports.

LONGDALE.—We have been having some real interesting meetings since our last report. Six precious souls have accepted the truth. There are a few others that I think are keeping the Sabbath, but have not taken a public stand yet.

We had baptismal services yesterday. Seven were buried with their Lord in baptism. Another lady here wanted to be baptized, but her husband raised such a racket that she said she would wait awhile. He threatened to drown his wife and the preacher, too, and says he will die before she shall join the Adventist church. We are not uneasy about his doing anything very bad, but his wife says she is going to join the church anyway.

The Lord is at work here, and so is the devil; so we are going to stay here for some time yet. The interest is still good, and we hope to see several more accept the truth before long. Pray for the work here. ISAAC BAKER.

ENID.—It was my privilege to hold quarterly meeting with the Enid church the last Sabbath in June. There was a good attendance, and the blessing of God was with us. Two united with the church. The business meeting was held Sunday night, at which time the names of some that were walking disorderly were taken up and disfellowshipped. We were sorry to do that, yet the standard must be held up.

It was also my privilege to be with the Jennings church on the occasion of their quarterly meeting, which was held July 6. I also spoke that evening, and in answer

to an urgent request I spoke in Cleveland Sunday night.

I visited my family at Oklahoma City, and Sabbath, July 13, I spoke to that church on The Seven Seals.

I wish to say that God is blessing me in my work, and that I am of good courage in the Lord.

A. E. FIELD.

RUBY, I. T.—Brother Cole and the writer reached Ruby Thursday, July 11, and had some very precious seasons with the brethren. All day Sabbath was spent in meeting and Bible study, and Sunday the writer had the privilege of baptizing nine precious souls. This was a most interesting and impressive occasion, and the Spirit of God was present in a marked degree to witness the ordinance.

In the afternoon we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and organized a church of eleven members. Sister Reynolds had been a Sabbath-keeper for years, and yet had never heard a Seventh-day Adventist minister till this spring, when Brother Claude McDonald went there to hold meetings. Brother McDonald did a good work there, and is held in high esteem by all.

We hope to see several from this new church at our camp-meeting. May the Lord bless them and increase their numbers. There are some others there who are much interested, and who, we hope by the grace of God and the faithful labors of the members of the church, will yet take their stand to keep the commandments of God.

ANDREW NELSON.

KIOWA COUNTY.—I feel that I am due a few lines to the faithful canvassers, as I have not been in the work for a week past. I have been kept out of the work on account of having to help my renter up with his work, and now we have sickness in our family, so I cannot tell when I will be out again, but I hope it will be soon.

I am always glad to get the RECORD and read the good reports

from the faithful workers; but when I see some of the names absent from the list, I wonder what the matter is. Are they sick, or have they given up the work? Others may think the same about me.

I will say that I have no desire to give up the work, although I have not been as faithful in the canvassing work as I should have been. What I have done has been a great blessing to me. I do not believe that anything else could have been the source of strength to me that the canvassing work has. It has helped me to see my own weakness, and helped me to get near the Lord. It is the best school I know of to make us strong in the Lord's work.

The canvassing work has caused me to see the real meaning and importance of prayer. I know of a surety that the Lord will answer prayer when the work goes hard and we feel discouraged. If we will go to the Lord, and have a good, earnest talk with him, I have found him ever ready to help.

I will say to all, and especially to those that are young in the work, be faithful and of good courage. The work will soon be done, and then comes the blessed harvest.

May the Lord bless us all, and help us to keep at our post of duty, and at last have the reward of the faithful is my prayer.

ENOCH BAKER.

ARDMORE.—I am now canvassing Ardmore. I find the people ready to buy good books, and of course I tell them that "Coming King" is one of the best.

Last week I found a family that had bought "Best Stories" about a year ago, and they found a leaflet in it describing "Coming King," and they had been trying to get it ever since. They had even written to the publishers; so they bought my book without a moment's hesitation and paid me the cash for it.

At another place I sold "Coming King" to the Superintendent of Public Schools. He told me he

was really interested in our books, and he wanted all the reading matter he could get on our doctrine.

Our camp-meeting is drawing near, and I hope all our canvassers are planning to attend, where we can all rejoice together for what the Lord has done for us and with us. Pray for me that I may be able to do much good at this place.

EDDIE TAYLOR.

#### An Endorsement.

THE following recommendation for the "Chesnut" Dewberry has been received from the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, at Stillwater, Okla.

Stillwater, Okla., July 13, 1907.

Mr. J. T. Chesnut,

Keene, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of May 28th came to hand in due season. The answer has been delayed until the berry season has been completed in order that I might have the full season for passing judgment upon your dewberries. They made a fair growth in the summer of 1905, but did not produce much of a crop the following year on account of the size of the plants and other unfavorable conditions. This year, however, they produced a good crop of excellent fruit.

There is no question in my mind but what it is a fruit of more than ordinary merit, and should receive a good deal of attention and favorable reception from berry growers. As planted and grown on the experiment station farm, it shows one tendency that may be, to some extent, against it unless handled by a different process than it was here. This unfavorable tendency is that of ripening its fruit through a long period of time. For a general market berry, that would not be desirable; but otherwise I have no criticism to make, and can say that it is an exceptionally good berry.

Yours truly,

O. M. Morris, Horticulturist.

I do not consider the objection a serious one, as the bulk of the crop ripens in two weeks.

J. T. CHESNUT.

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July 9, 4tc



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**Weather Report**

Week ending July 13, 1907.

Date.	Temperature		Rainfall, in inches and hundredths	Character of day.
	Highest	Lowest		
14	93	73		Clear.
15	94	74		"
16	85	72		"
17	97	73		"
18	98	73		"
19	93	79		"
20	97	96		"

These readings are from government standard instruments exposed in the manner recommended by the Chief of the Weather Bureau.  
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Name.	Address.	Book.	H'rs.	Org's.	Value.	Helps.	Del'd.	Val.
<b>Texas.</b>								
J B Baker	Colorado Co	G C	29	2	5 00	1 00		
Helen Baker	"	G C	32	4	10 00	2 50	1	2 50
W A Henderson	Upshur Co	B R	41	6	14 50	1 60		
Elijah Taylor	Coleman Co	D R					21	58 00
H J White	Monday	B R	14	3	6 75	2 00		
J D Reider	Upshur Co	B R	41	5	13 25	2 50		
W M Sandell	Stonewall Co	D R	24	25	77 50			
T A McFarland	Ellis Co	H H	39	24	88 00			
Oren Durham	Ellis Co	H H	35	19	61 50			
C P Bodwell	Hamilton County	G C	42	17	51 50	7 50		
J H Monk	Rockwall Co	D R	10	5	17 95	6 50	1	4 50
Adella King	Bosque Co	G C	47	16	43 00	2 50		
Grace Eastman	Bosque Co	H H	38	14	35 00	1 25		
A T Jones	Hood Co	B R	44	9	27 25	1 75		
Letha Taylor	Dallas	C K	21	15	16 50	2 90		
Mabel Taylor	Dallas	B S	13	8	4 00	20	1	50
Gertrude Patterson	Johnson Co	H H	10	4	10 00	1 50		
Edna Patterson	"	H H	9	1	2 50	50		
M L Cleckner	McLennan Co	G C	18	4	15 00	1 25		
V E Cleckner	McLennan Co	G C	49	13	40 50	9 00		
T R Allison	Coryell Co	D R	28	17	45 50	5 50		
Maggie Day	Waco	B R	3	2	4 50	1 50		
Mrs C N Harder	Texarkana	C K	14	10	10 00			
*G E Smith	Acquilla	B R	62	32	94 00			
Artie Taylor	Hill Co	D A	5	2	7 00	1 00		
Etalea Taylor	"	G C	20	8	20 00	1 00		
*Jenny Norris	Grandbury	C K	50	17	21 50	7 05		3 25
Lucy Williamson	Vanzandt Co	C K	9	3	3 50			
Mrs A E Hammett	Brownwood	D R	8			2 00		5 00
Totals	Agents 29		755	280	745 70	62 50	24	78 75
<b>Oklahoma.</b>								
Rosa Lee Elmer	El Reno	G C	36	11	30 50	3 50		
Addie Hindbaugh	El Reno	G C	30	1	2 50	2 93		
Margaret Basel	Stillwater	G C	18	6	14 50	3 50	10	30 50
C H Chenault	Okmulgee	D R	47	22	59 00	2 25		
Carl Voss	Choctaw	D R	40	14	45 50	50		
D R Robinson	Chickasaw	D R	20	11	20 00			
R Y Pickett	Choctaw	D R	23	3	8 00	6 50	1	1 00
O I Lowry	Stroud	D R	31	9	28 50	6 90		
J A Gyger	Choctaw	D R	3	1	3 50		1	2 50
Eddie Taylor	Choctaw	C K	20	2	5 00	4 00		
Mrs E E Glass	Washita	B R	13	2	7 50	25		
Totals	Agents 11		281	82	224 50	30 33	12	34 00
<b>Arkansas.</b>								
Ira Newkirk	Crawford Co	B R	40			3 65	16	40 25
C E Rudisaile	Cherokee I T	D R	41	6	17 00	3 90		
S O Gunn	Grove I T	H M	38	6	12 00	5 25		
H J Post	Grove	H M	30	6	9 00			
W B Maris	Springdale	G C	32	5	5 00	5 80	2	5 00
F Pruett	Sebastin Co	D R	50	24	74 00	3 75		
J A Tucker	Sebastin Co	D R	47	20	61 00	5 00		
D M Twiggs	Sebastin Co	B R	8	3	9 75			
Eltie Newkirk	Clay Co	C K	20	8	8 00	30	14	14 00
Zula Rudisaile	"	C K	18				7	7 50
Totals	Agents 10		324	78	195 75	27 65	39	66 75