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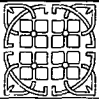
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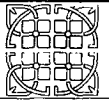
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## The Grace of Courtesy



By MRS E. G. WHITE



HOSE who work for Christ are to be pure, upright, and trustworthy and they are also to be tender-hearted, compassionate, and courteous. Courtesy is one of the graces of the Spirit. It is an attribute to heaven. The angels never fly into a passion, never are envious or selfish. No harsh or unkind words escape their lips. If we are to be the companions of angels, we too must be refined and courteous.

The truth of God is designed to elevate the receiver, to refine his taste, and sanctify his judgment. No man can be a Christian without having the spirit of Christ; and if he has the spirit of Christ, it will be manifested in a refined, courteous disposition. His character will be holy, his manners comely, his words without guile. He will cherish the love that is not easily provoked, that suffereth long and is kind, that hopes all things and endures all things.

What Christ was in His earth life, that every Christian is to be. He is our example, not only in His spotless purity, but in His patience, gentleness, and winsomeness of disposition. He was firm as a rock where truth and duty were concerned, but He was invariably kind and courteous. His life was a perfect illustration of true courtesy. He had ever a kind look and a word of comfort for the needy and oppressed.

His presence brought a purer atmosphere into the home, and His life was a leaven working amid the elements of society. Harmless and undefiled, He walked among the thoughtless, the rude, the uncourteous; amid the unjust publicans, the unrighteous Samaritans, the heathen soldiers, the rough peasants, and the mixed multitude. He spoke a word of sympathy here and a word there, as He saw men weary and compelled to bear heavy burdens. He shared their burdens, and told them of the love, the kindness and the goodness of God.

He sought to inspire with hope the most rough and unpromising, setting before them the assurance that they might become blameless and harmless attaining such a character as would make them manifest as children of God.

Though He was a Jew, Christ mingled with the Samaritans, setting at naught the Pharisaic custom of His nation. In face of their prejudices, He accepted the hospitality of this despised people. He slept under their roofs, ate with them at their tables—partaking of the food prepared and served by their hands—taught in their streets, and treated them with the utmost kindness and courtesy.

Jesus sat an honored Guest at the table of the publicans, by His sympathy and social kindness showing that He recognized the dignity of humanity; and men longed to become worthy of His confidence. Upon their

thirsty souls His words fell with blessed, life-giving power. New impulses were awakened, and the possibility of a new life opened to those outcasts of society.

The religion of Jesus softens whatever is hard and rough in the temper, and smooths off whatever is rugged and sharp in the manners. It is this religion that makes the words gentle and the demeanour winning. Let us learn from Christ how to combine a high sense of purity and integrity with sunniness of disposition. A kind, courteous Christian is the most powerful argument that can be produced in favour of the gospel.

The principle inculcated by the injunction, "Be ye kindly affectioned one to another," lies at the very foundation of domestic happiness. Christian courtesy should reign in every household. It has power to soften natures which without it would grow hard and rough. The wife and mother may bind her husband and children to her by strong cords if she is unvaryingly gentle and courteous in words and manner. Christian courtesy is the golden clasp that unites the members of the family in bonds of love that every day become closer and stronger.

Those who profess to be followers of Christ, and are at the same time rough, unkind, and uncourteous in words and deportment, have not learned of Jesus. A blustering, overbearing,

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**THE GRACE OF COURTESY**

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fault-finding man is not a Christian; for to be a Christian is to be Christ-like. The conduct of some professing Christians is so lacking in kindness and courtesy, that their good is evil spoken of. Their sincerity may not be doubted, their uprightness may not be questioned; but sincerity and uprightness will not atone for a lack of kindness and courtesy. The Christian is to be sympathetic as well as true, pitiful and courteous as well as upright and honest.

Kind words are as dew and gentle showers to the soul. The Scripture says of Christ that grace was poured into His lips, that He might "know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary." And the Lord bids us, "Let your speech be always with grace," "that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

True courtesy, blended with truth and justice, makes the life not only useful, but beautiful and fragrant. Kind words, pleasant looks, and a cheerful countenance, throw a charm about the Christian that makes his influence almost irresistible. In forgetfulness of self, in the light and peace and happiness that he is constantly bestowing on others, he finds true joy.

Let us be self-forgetful, ever on the watch to cheer others, to lighten their burdens by acts of tender kindness and deeds of unselfish love. Leave unspoken that unkind word; let that selfish disregard of the happiness of others give place to loving sympathy. Thoughtful courtesies, beginning in the home and extending far beyond the home circle, go far to make up the sum of life's happiness, and the neglect of them constitutes no small share of life's misery.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

**NOTICE CANVASSERS**

We have on hand a stock of Story of Joseph, board and paper binding. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be given to the Colored Work. This stock has been on hand for some time and we are making a special price to move them at once. Prices below do not include postage. Board 11 cents—retail price 25 cents. Paper 6 cents—retail price 15 cents.

North Texas Tract Society.

Amusements are to virtue like breezes of air to the flame; gentle ones will fan it but strong ones will put it out.—Thomas.

Stupidity has no friends, and wants none.—Greeley.

**DRINK AND SAFETY.**

Railway companies are not bands of hope. They are not in the world for a reform propaganda. They have an eye to the one thing, that is to make the road pay. To this end they find it essential to do everything they can to prevent accidents involving damage either to persons or to property.

Realizing the fact that liquor makes employees unsafe, and vastly increases the risks of accident, the Lake Erie and Western Division of the New York Central lines has begun a campaign against the use of liquor by employees at all times, whether on or off duty. Nearly all railroads forbid the use of liquor while on duty. The tendency, as business managers learn the close relation between drink and accidents, will be more and more to eliminate all drinkers, no matter how moderate, from positions of responsibility.

The man who takes an occasional glass is a potential drunkard, but as a sot, he would probably damage only himself and his family; as a moderate drinker, he is probably on the road to that nerve instability that makes for train wrecks and other "unavoidable" disasters. Railway managers are opening their eyes to this fact. —G. H. Heald, M. D., in April Life and Health, Washington, D. C

**Missionary Work Reported in the North Texas Conference**

Month of February, 1912

Including the Reports of Missionary Volunteer Societies

	Dallas	Edgewood	Kiene	Avinger	Cusseta	CedarGrove	NewHope	Total
Number missionary visits	31	25	11	15		1	13	96
Hours Christian help work	12	48	44					104
Sick persons assisted	15	5		14		3	2	39
Treatments given	18	14		2				34
Meals provided	8	31						39
Articles clothing given away	6	2	4					12
Tracts lent or given away	158	3		435	6	5	44	1399
Papers received	738	10			7	4		759
Papers lent mailed or given away	222	165	326		13	18	128	872
Books lent or given away	8		4	5	1		2	20
Number of Reading-racks	1							1
Times reading-racks filled	1							1
Missionary letters written	26	3	54	12			18	113
Letters received	6	1	5	5		1		18
Number of periodicals sold	330			1				331
Periodical subscriptions taken	53							53
Bible readings or cottage meetings	12	4	18			1		35
Number attending Bible readings	5	7				4		16
Children brought to Sabbath-school	4							4
Retail value of literature sold	\$28 00							\$28 00

MRS. L. O. CORWIN, *Field Missionary Secretary.*

**CHARACTER NAMES.**

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

Many of this world are striving for a great name and worldly honor; but God's people are striving for an "everlasting name, that shall not be cut off." In order to get this name we must, by the help of God, perfect characters that meet the approval of heaven.

By learning the given name of a person, one does not become acquainted with him. One must see the daily life, the character of the person.

In olden times the children received character names, either of their own natures or of some experience in the life of the parents. For instance the name "Sara" means contentious, and "Jacob" means the supplanter. Sara's name was changed by God to Sarah, princess; and Jacob's name to Israel, prince of God. Jacob received this name after wrestling with God all night for the victory over sin and deception.

I fear if God should name us now, there would be many Sarais and Jacobs. Let us wrestle with God, and gain the victory over every besetting sin, through faith in Christ. By beholding we become changed. Let us behold the meek and lowly Jesus, who went about doing good, and follow his example, his character. His name is recorded in Isa. 9:6 and in Ex. 33:19; 34:5-6. Moses wished to become acquainted with the Lord; wished to see his glory. "And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee." "And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth."

What a good character name! Yet we may have that name. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name."

The experiences we pass through and the difficulties we meet will help us form characters and determine our new name.

How many thoughtlessly use in vain these character names of God; as, "goodness" and "gracious." By using these words as by-words do we not break the third commandment? Let us learn to reverence his holy name, and drop the use of by-words and idle words. "Every idle word that man shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." "Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne; nor by the earth; for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by the head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

"Sitting at the feet of Jesus,  
O what words I hear him say!  
Happy place! so near, so precious!  
May it find me there each day."  
GEO. C. CARY.

Bonacca, Spanish Honduras.

Speak fitly, or be silent wisely.—  
Herbert.

A stern discipline pervades all nature, which is a little cruel that it may be very kind.—Spenser.

**I WANT TO TRUST THEE NOW.**

I want to trust Thee now, dear Lord,  
Now, while the way is dark,  
And not a gleam mine eye can see  
The narrow path to mark;  
I want to trust Thee all the night,  
For the day comes on apace  
When faith and trust shall fade before  
The shining of Thy face.

I want to trust Thee now, dear Lord,  
While faith and trust may be,  
While drear and sullen are the skies  
That hide Thy face from me;  
For from these clouds shall break the sun  
In wondrous splendour bright,  
And o'er the mountain-tops afar  
Shall haste the shades of night.

I want to trust Thee now, dear Lord,  
And feel no doubt or fear,  
For short the time that I may trust  
In lonely darkness here.  
And, oh, when breaks the light of day,  
And my glad eyes shall see,  
What joy will take the place of faith  
Because I trusted Thee?

—Mary Rolofson, in the Sunday-School Times.

**BARRIERS BURNED AWAY.**

When Israel is sanctified then God will do wonders. Joshua 3:5. The harvest high tide of the Jordan does not stand in the way of the possession of the promised land. Before faith the walls of Jericho fall and her people become a prey. Faith makes swift marches and obtains great victories. What can prevent the speedy conquest of the promised inheritance? Three letters spell the answer: S-I-N.

The page recording the victory at Jericho is stained by the sin of Achan. He did his best to conceal the sin, but that brought defeat to Israel's army, reproach to Israel's God, rejoicing in the camp of the heathen. A barrier was erected which stood in the way of further victory and the possession of the land, there was mourning in the camp of God. Some who had been fed on angel food lay dead on the battle field. Widows and orphans wept.

An evangelist, called to hold a series of meetings in a distant place, was assured that the church was "all right," and that all that he needed to do was to preach to the unconverted. He preached accordingly with the result that many were convicted but none converted. Diligent search for the cause revealed that one member had been injured and alienated. A reconciliation meeting was held and the difficulty removed. On that same night "five hearts that had been burdened with guilt, although ignorant of the trouble in the church, found freedom and joy." "These were the first ingatherings of a harvest of about four hundred souls."

Is the hand of brother against brother? Is an old grudge cherished and brothers and sisters alienated from one another and from God? Such sins will quench the Spirit and make futile the efforts of the soldiers of the cross: Let sin be put away before it is too late, as it was in the case of Achan, and let the camp be cleansed, and God bring victory out of defeat. Let Israel be sanctified now and soon we shall possess the goodly land. 1 Thes. 5:23 Let the Spirit of burning burn these barriers away.

E. W. CAREY.

Exact justice is commonly more merciful in the long run than pity, for it tends to foster in men those stronger qualities which make them good citizens.—Lowell.

# Line Sales, in the Southwestern Union Conference Week Ending April 20, 1912

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERY
<b>Oklahoma</b>								
M. B. Lockwood.....	Hugo . . . . .	BR DR	40	28	104 00	1 50	105 50	1 00
W. R. Hixon.....	Haileyville . . . . .	DR PP	44	16	51 00	75	51 75	3 00
E. W. Crawford.....	Chan̄t . . . . .	BR	15	5	18 00	1 50	19 50	
W. H. Hawkins.....	Wynnewood' . . . . .	BR	34	11	35 00	25	35 25	
A. W. Peterson.....	Wynnewood' . . . . .	HH	37	19	64 00		64 00	
C. P. Vincent.....	Charleston . . . . .	DR	42	12	38 00	1 75	39 75	
J. D. Vincent.....	Buffalo . . . . .	DR	19	6	21 00		21 00	2 00
A. C. Smith.....	Antlers . . . . .	BR	16	8	30 00	1 00	31 00	
M. D. Smith.....	Coleman . . . . .	HH	35	9	34 00	1 50	35 50	4 00
E. F. Seat.....	Waurika . . . . .	GC	10	3	10 00	2 65	12 65	
W. B. Maris.....	Stillwell . . . . .	DR	28	10	30 00	5 00	35 00	
J. A. Young.....	Whitefield . . . . .	PP PPF	45	25	80 00	4 25	84 25	
W. C. Main . . . . .	Tulsa . . . . .	BR	33	7	25 00		25 00	
W. R. McFarland.....	Alex . . . . .	BR	32	8	24 00	1 50	25 50	
Z. S. Arey . . . . .	Tecumseh . . . . .	BR	43	16	44 00	1 10	45 10	
Hannah Baker.....	Oklahoma City . . . . .	DA	13	3	9 00	75	9 75	6 00
J. W. Spiva.....	Coleman . . . . .	BR DR	14	10	33 00		33 00	12 00
W. R. Brewer.....	Ketchum . . . . .	PP DR	37	14	39 00	4 25	43 25	
A C. Whiting.....	Oklahoma City . . . . .	PG	14	2	10 00		10 00	10 00
		Bibles			84 25		84 25	
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 19</b>		<b>551</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>783 25</b>	<b>27 75</b>	<b>811 00</b>	<b>38 00</b>
<b>New Mexico</b>								
I. T. Reynolds.....	Eddy Co. . . . .	Misc	91	27	75 00	3 00	78 00	56 50
S. O. Doane.....	Roswell . . . . .	PPF		2	3 00	1 10	4 10	50
A. M. Allee.....	Eddy Co. . . . .	PPF				50	50	22 50
Mattie Dent . . . . .	Roswell . . . . .	Misc	11	4	13 00	4 00	17 00	
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 4</b>		<b>102</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>91 00</b>	<b>8 00</b>	<b>99 60</b>	<b>79 50</b>
<b>Magazine Sales</b>								
<b>South Texas</b>								
Mrs. M. V. Boyd....	San Antonio . . . . .	Misc	12	48	4 80		4 80	4 80
Mrs. G. E. Neal....	San Antonio . . . . .	W	2	6	6c	1 00	1 60	60
G. H. Rau . . . . .	San Antonio . . . . .	P	6	3	75		75	
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 3</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6 15</b>	<b>1 00</b>	<b>7 15</b>	<b>5 40</b>
<b>North Texas</b>								
Mrs. E. A. Goss....	Ft. Worth . . . . .	Misc	20	100	10 00		10 00	10 00
Mrs. L. Harrol....	Dallas . . . . .	Misc	7	100	7 60		7 60	7 60
Mrs. Grandon . . . . .	Dallas . . . . .	Misc		250	25 00		25 00	25 00
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 3</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>42 60</b>		<b>42 60</b>	<b>42 60</b>
<b>Arkansas</b>								
Katherine Peck..	Little Rock . . . . .	S I	10	72	7 20		7 20	7 20
Mrs. L. S. Robertson	Ft. Smith . . . . .	I		87	8 70		8 70	8 70
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 2</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>15 90</b>		<b>15 90</b>	<b>15 90</b>
<b>West Texas</b>								
Ethel McFarland...	Dudley . . . . .	W		2	20		20	20
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>Agents 70</b>		<b>1919</b>	<b>1562</b>	<b>3223 90</b>	<b>113 50</b>	<b>3337 40</b>	<b>261 35</b>

# Reports of the Canvassing Work, Including Mag of Seventh-day Adventists f

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERY
<b>North Texas</b>								
C. E. Davis.....	Mart . . . . .	BR	43	35	125 00	7 50	132 50	
O. Glass . . . . .	Weatherford . . .	PG	56	54	192 00		192 00	
Z. L. Davis.....	Rockland : . . . .	PG	34	7	27 00		27 00	24 00
H. M. Wallis.....	Franklin . . . . .	BR	35	24	78 00	1 00	79 00	3 00
D. L. Creel.....	Gladewater . . . .	BR	19	21	65 00		65 00	
T. M. Woodruff....	Palestine . . . . .	GC	51	29	95 00	3 75	98 75	
J. F. Goss.....	Center . . . . .	GC	40	22	100 00	10 00	110 00	
C. F. Kaupke.....	Center . . . . .	GC	28	12	37 00	1 75	38 75	
G. P. Creel.....	Gladewater . . . .	BR	27	10	33 00		33 00	
H. H. O'Harrow....	Teague . . . . .	GC	50	34	113 00	1 75	114 75	
Atha Davis . . . . .	Ad Hall . . . . .	DR	34	21	63 00	2 50	65 50	
M. M. Moore.....	Troup . . . . .	BR	22	14	48 00	5 00	53 00	
H. Tibbits.....	Wheelock . . . . .	BR	47	26	83 00	3 50	86 50	
A. Richter Sr.....	Decatur . . . . .	BFL, Mis	12	2	2 00	3 25	5 25	2 00
E. M. Davis.....	Redwater . . . . .	GC	35	45	150 00	50	150 50	
Chas. McNeil . . . . .	Redwater . . . . .	BR	44	39	124 00	1 00	125 00	
W. H. Sanders . . . . .	Marshall . . . . .	BR	30	14	49 00	1 50	50 50	
W. L. Sanders . . . . .	Marshall . . . . .	BR	30	16	56 00	50	56 50	
U. L. Kirkpatrick..		BFL		13	13 00	1 50	14 50	22 00
J. Z. Graham.....	Malone . . . . .	BR	20	6	23 00	4 00	27 00	
		Bibles			74 20		74 20	
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 20</b>		<b>657</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>1550 20</b>	<b>49 00</b>	<b>1599 20</b>	<b>51 00</b>
<b>West Texas</b>								
E. Atchley.....	Stephensville . . .	BR	9	9	27 00	40	27 40	
R. L. Blackwelder..	Richland Springs	BR	50	14	45 00	2 00	47 00	
H. D. Leavelle....	Stephensville . . .	BR	1	1	3 00	15	3 15	
L. T. Leslie.....	Hamilton . . . . .	DR	30	14	45 00	4 00	49 00	
Ethel McFarland..	Dudley . . . . .	BR	12			1 00	1 00	
Ruth McCarty . . . . .	Abilene . . . . .	BR	18	7	21 00	2 15	23 15	
F. M. McCutchen...	Hamilton . . . . .	DR	51	11	35 00	50	35 50	
A. P. Rightmer.....	Comanche . . . . .	BR	45	16	49 00	1 50	50 50	
W. L. Swanson.....	Richland Springs	BR	50	16	49 00	1 25	50 25	
D. C. Sims.....	San Angelo . . . .	ES	38	13	46 00		46 00	
		Bibles		16	65 15		65 15	
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 10</b>		<b>304</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>385 15</b>	<b>12 95</b>	<b>398 10</b>	
<b>South Texas</b>								
D. D. Clark.....	Beaumont . . . . .	BR DR	24	6	21 00	50	21 50	3 00
J. P. Roberts.....	Charco . . . . .	BR HH	38	5	15 00	7 25	22 25	9 00
J. W. Wilson.....	Elgin . . . . .	PG HH	27	28	85 00	1 00	86 00	3 00
A. J. Jensen.....	Elgin . . . . .	BR	11	7	28 00		28 00	
A. W. Krueger.....	La Grange . . . . .	BR	30	11	33 00	4 05	37 05	3 00
		Bibles			9 60		9 60	7 00
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 5</b>		<b>130</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>191 60</b>	<b>12 80</b>	<b>204 40</b>	<b>25 00</b>
<b>Arkansas</b>								
I. H. Newkirk.....	Siloam Springs..	DR	10	1				3 75
J. W. Ladd.....	Perry . . . . .	BR	51	28	87 00	1 15	88 15	
W. T. Tucker.....	Perry . . . . .	BR	38	20	63 00		63 00	
W. R. Lambeth . . . . .	Alleene . . . . .	BR	19	2	6 00	25	6 25	
		Bibles			1 85		1 85	
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>Agents 4</b>		<b>118</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>157 85</b>	<b>1 40</b>	<b>159 25</b>	<b>3 75</b>

much interest manifested from start to finish. At this closing service Bro. Griffin presented the "seven last plagues" to a large and interested audience. At the close an expression was taken as to how many thought we had presented Bible truths and practically the whole congregation arose to their feet. When asked how many would take their stand for the truth, four responded to the call for which we feel very thankful.

Brother Griffin will remain in the neighborhood a week and visit among those that are interested and seeking after more light.

We have had some opposition to contend with on the part of the school teachers, but as the majority of the people wanted the meeting it did not hinder the work much.

Most of the lectures were illustrated with stereopticon views which made them very impressive and interesting.

There were eight or ten young men who attended the meetings regularly and were much impressed with the truths presented. One of them has taken his stand with the remnant people and others wish to investigate further. They all said that they intended to attend the meetings in town soon as we begin them, which we expect will be about the first of next week.

These young men attended the meetings regardless of the fact that the opposing ones were getting up parties and entertainments and giving them special invitations to attend.

On a whole we feel we have much to rejoice over and that our labor has not been in vain, and to the Lord we give the glory. CHAS. H. DAILEY.

REEDLEY, CAL.—After the Conference at Keene it was thought best that I should return to my work in Vinita, at least until the tent season opened up. While there the Lord blessed the efforts put forth in encouraging and strengthening especially those who had recently accepted the truth at that place. Nearly every one who decided to obey the message during the tent efforts there last summer is holding out faithful.

For some time the little company there has observed the practice of holding Bible studies twice a week at the homes of different ones, and the good results of these quiet little

gatherings will perhaps never be known.

No work on earth seems so dear to me as this all important work of soul saving. The trials seem light in comparison with the pleasures of the work.

It was with much regret that I gave up my work there for a time, but for sometime my health has been failing and, as father was coming on a trip to this state, he thought it best I should come with him.

I find that wherever we go there is that same hungering in hearts of men for something better than they have known. Can we turn a deaf ear to that cry?

I have entered the canvassing work in this Central California Conference, here at Reedley where the camp meeting is soon to be held. The Lord is blessing the efforts put forth to warn this little city.

Never did the end of all things seem as near to me as it does now and never did I realize the importance of helping warn the world of the soon coming Savior. I long to have in my heart that same burden for souls John Knox had when in anguish he cried, "Give me Scotland or I die."

Soon the work will all be finished, the last soul saved, and the burdens and trials that have come to us in this life, will be nothing when compared with the riches of eternity.

May the Lord bless the work and workers in that field.

Your sister in Christ,  
GERTRUDE PATTERSON.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Having been elected at the recent Union conference meeting to the position of Religious Liberty Secretary of the Union, I desire to become as thoroughly acquainted with the conditions in the Union as possible. To this end I very much desire that wherever in this field, issues arise in which the principles of liberty are endangered, copies of newspapers containing these discussions, or any other material obtainable that will assist me in any way, be sent to me.

Until school is out I can devote but little attention to this line of work, but desire to keep in touch with conditions in the Union.

No intelligent observer can fail to be startled at the rapid developments of the Papacy in this country, as

well as at the attitude of the chief executive of this nation towards this church. We need to become more intelligent on this question.

E. E. FARNSWORTH.

#### CLEAN LITERATURE.

"A little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds."—The following incident is very pleasant and encouraging to the writer: A gentleman who had been an elder in the Presbyterian church for 17 years made the statement that he, together with others of his people while examining literature for his people, decided that of all the literature obtainable the Adventists have the cleanest literature of any people. I felt in my heart to praise the Lord that this statement is true; may it always be so, and may other denominations likewise feel and realize the same. And is this not in keeping with the words upon our ensign: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." ELSHA TAYLOR.

#### STUDY AT HOME.

Not very long ago, a worker who is improving his spare time in study at home by correspondence, wrote thus on completion of the third subject he has taken this way:

"The enclosed lesson finishes the studies for which I enrolled in the Fireside Correspondence School. In sending you this lesson, I would not miss the opportunity of extending to you and your co-workers my thanks for your kind advice and corrections patiently given me. But above all, I should like to bear testimony for the encouragement of those who undertook the task of establishing this school. I have enjoyed the study from the beginning, and thank God that in His divine providence many of His people have a chance of improving their knowledge, especially those who are not able to attend a regular school. Thousands ought to be enrolling, to fill the many spare moments, and thus rob the deceiver of a chance to work his artful devices. I am still intending to enroll anew, in order to improve my usefulness in God's cause."

This student has since enrolled for a fourth subject and has nearly completed it. The school is open for admission every working day, and its address is Takoma Park, D. C.

*The Progress  
of the Message*



"Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel to  
every creature."—JESUS.

News of its Spread in the  
Home and Foreign Fields  
Reports from Our Workers

**REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK  
AT DANBURY.**

In glancing over the February 6 issue of the "Record" I saw the Missionary reports of North Texas. We are but few in number here at Danbury, but we are doing a little work for the Lord. I will give a report of our Society from January 12 to February 17, 1912:

- Missionary visits, 4.
- Meals provided, 1.
- Sick persons assisted, 4.
- Papers received, 25.
- Papers given away, 122.
- Books lent, 1.
- Missionary letters written, 2.
- Letters received, 1.
- Bible readings given, 1.
- Number attending Bible readings, 3.
- Retail value literature given away \$11.00.
- Amount collected for Missions \$4.14.

MRS. WM. STONER, Supt.  
MRS. WM. REEDER, Sec.

**VALLEY VIEW.**—We closed our meeting at this place Sunday night, the 21st inst. House was well filled at each service and good interest manifested till the close. As Bro. Dailey is reporting the meeting I will merely say, we have some good friends from the effort, for which we praise the Lord. I thought, perhaps, the following authentic statistics in regard to the number of Catholics in the United States, would be of interest to the readers of the RECORD.

**CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

According to the 1912 edition of "Kennedy's Official Catholic Directory" There are 15,015,569 Catholics in the United States proper, which is an authority also for the following statistics:

"A year ago the Catholic population of the country was 14,618,761, while ten years ago it was 10,876,757, showing that within ten years they had increased 4,038,812. Twenty years ago Catholics numbered 8,615,185,

showing that within twenty years the Catholic population has nearly doubled.

There are 17,491 Catholic priests in the United States and 13,939 Catholic churches, of which 9,256 have resident priests, the other 4,683 being mission churches.

The directory also shows that there are 14 archbishops, two titular bishops, 97 bishops, two archbishops and 15 abbots in the union. There are also 83 seminaries with 6,006 students preparing for the priesthood; 239 colleges for boys and 701 academies for girls. There are 5,119 parochial schools with an attendance of 1,333,786, there are also 289 orphan asylums caring for 47,111 orphans. Including the children in parochial schools, orphan asylums and other charitable institutions, the grand total of young people under Catholic care amounts to 1,540,049.

The appended table shows the states having the largest number of Catholics:

- New York, 2,778,076.
- Pennsylvania, 1,616,920.
- Illinois, 1,547,400.
- Massachusetts, 1,381,212.
- Ohio, 745,217.
- Louisiana, 583,000.
- Michigan, 554,320.
- New Jersey, 502,000.
- Missouri, 455,000.
- Minnesota, 447,280.
- Connecticut, 412,973.
- California, 399,500.
- Texas, 300,917.
- Iowa, 261,625.
- Maryland, 260,000.
- Rhode Island, 255,000.
- Indiana, 227,695.
- Kentucky, 158,945.
- New Mexico, 140,573.
- Nebraska, 130,755.
- New Hampshire, 126,034.
- Maine, 123,547.
- Kansas, 121,000.
- Colorado, 105,000.

H. CLAY GRIFFIN.

Jealousy is the sister of love, as the devil is the brother of angels.—Bouffers.

**ARKANSAS NOTES.**

Elder Littell reports the church building progressing nicely at Bentonville. There is a good interest at several places near there. Some of the sisters are canvassing Gravette, Bentonville and Rogers for the "Watchman."

Brother Newkirk has been delivering some books this week. He reports 100 per cent deliveries and a book extra.

Brother Tucker is at Jonesboro assisting Brother Nance to get started. He reports five orders taken, the first effort on Brother Nance's part.

Brother Swait has connected with the DeValls Bluff School until it closes, then he expects to return to the canvassing field.

We are glad to get good reports from Sister Peck with the magazines at Little Rock.

Elder Norwood is on the sick list at this writing. Hope he will be up in a few days.

Sister Lou Oliver has returned to her home from Edgewood, Texas, where she has been teaching church school.

The Fort Smith church is pushing the magazine work and we are glad to notice orders for tracts and church supplies coming in more frequently from several churches.

Are you laying your plans so carefully now that you will be sure to attend camp meeting?

C. J. DART.

**FORT STOCKTON.**—Sunday night, April 21, closed the series of meetings held in the Valley View school house, four miles north of this place, conducted by Elder H. Clay Griffin, assisted by the writer. The meetings have been well attended, with



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FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1917

EXPERIENCE

"Life is full of holy uses,  
If but rightly understood,  
And its evils and abuses  
May be stepping-stones to good."  
—Selected



NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. W. D. Moore of Omaha, Texas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Davis.

J. W. Davis was in from the field last week attending the North Texas Conference committee meeting.

Elder E. B. Hopkins returned last week to resume his work at Lufkin, Texas. Mrs. Hopkins accompanied him.

Mrs. R. I. Wilson and daughter, Miss Kizzie, went to Whitney, Texas, Monday to visit Mrs. Wilson's son C. W. Wilson.

Miss Letha Taylor completed a successful term of church school at Walter, Oklahoma, and returned Friday to her home at Keene.

Mrs. J. T. Chestnut and Mrs. Caroline Chestnut spent Sabbath and Sunday in Fort Worth. Mrs. J. T. Chestnut returned to Keene Monday.

Henry Cochran, of Dallas, visited his father, J. J. Cochran, last week. He is thinking of moving to Keene to give his son better school advantages.

Elder C. W. Miller, of Oklahoma, attended the North Texas Conference committee meeting last week and has returned to his home near Waurika.

J. W. Grant has purchased the Bryson Hancock property west of the Academy campus. This place was recently vacated by Prof. E. E. Farnsworth and Mr. Grant has taken possession.

W. J. Leslie, of Azle, Texas, was in Keene last week visited his daughters, Mrs. J. W. Grant, and Miss Lela Leslie, who is a student in the Academy.

A. F. Harrison is now at Addington, Oklahoma, conducting a canvasser's institute. Brother Harrison will furnish a report for publication as soon as the meeting closes.

Elder A. W. Jenson has purchased the Mrs. E. M. Taylor residence east of the Academy campus. Brother Jenson is now at work repairing and improving the property.

O. B. Watson returned to Keene from Oklahoma last week and the next day received a telegram from Elder Watson calling him back to Oklahoma City, and he returned at once. Elder Watson will remain in Oklahoma longer than he had planned.

J. T. Hamilton went to Corpus Christi, Texas, Tuesday. He expects to be there about two weeks and will return to Keene and spend some time visiting his son, Prof. H. H. Hamilton, before returning to his home at Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. George Burnett, of Waco, Texas, has been visiting her son who was a student in the Academy this year. She left Monday morning in company with her son for Bowie, Texas, in response to a telegram announcing that her husband is ill at that place.

Mr. Thomas C. Jensen and Miss Isora Watts were united in marriage at Austin, Texas, April 21. Mr. Jensen is a photographer in Austin and has often visited friends at Keene and is well known here. Miss Watts is one of our Bible workers in the South Texas Conference and has worked the past year in Austin. The RECORD and their many friends wish them much happiness. They will be at home to their friends, after May 15, at 2005 Red River St., Austin.

The transport, Buford, under orders to sail as a relief ship for Americans in distress on the west coast of Mexico, sailed from San Francisco Sunday night, April 28.

Saturday night and Sunday, April 27 and 28, severe wind, hail and rain

storms, operating extensively in Western Oklahoma and Northern Texas, caused much loss of life and untold damage to property. Latest reports place the number of known dead at 41, with more than 100 injured. Number of families in the track of the storm are in a destitute condition. Railroad bridges are washed out and telephone and telegraph service so seriously damaged that it is impossible at present to get definite reports. The storm in this section was less severe, and so far no serious damage has been reported.

CLUBBING OFFER.

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