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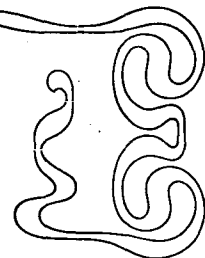
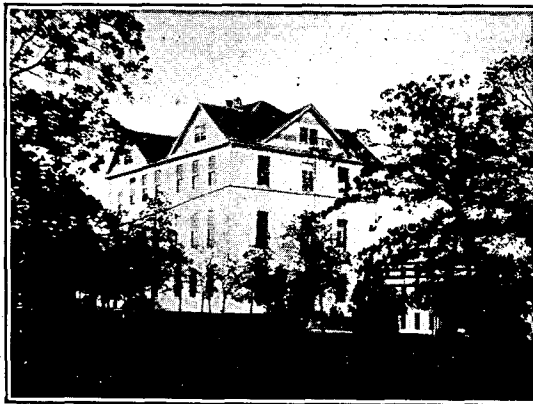
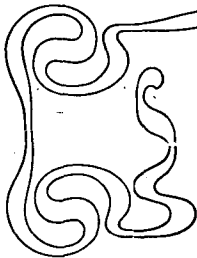


KEENE, TEXAS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1912



NO. 35

Keene Industrial Academy



ESTABLISHED
1894

NINE-TEENTH
YEAR

During the eighteen years of its existence it has sent forth one hundred thirty four graduates. These graduates are scattered over the world today, most of them bearing responsibilities in the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message.

In addition to these there is a still larger number laboring for the Master who have not completed courses; and there is still a very much larger number who are laboring privately for the Master. What an army of workers!

When the brethren founded a school for Texas in 1894, they had no idea of the mighty influence for Truth it was destined to wield. Instead of being a school for Texas alone, it is now the central school for six conferences. During the past two years,



we have enrolled over three hundred students each year.

While much has been accomplished, we have fallen far short of what we ought to have done. We cannot begin to meet the present demand for finished workers. Our work has reached a stage in its development that demands workers who have been thoroughly prepared. More and more is there a demand for refined Christian gentlemen and ladies who have completed the higher courses of study.

We want to greet a large company of young men and women on our opening day who have their plans all laid to remain in school until they gain the preparation that will enable them to stand "before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."

C. B. HUGHES.

**WEST TEXAS.
EDUCATIONAL REPORT OF THE
WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

For the conference year ending June 30, 1912.

- Number of schools, 3.
- Number of teachers employed, 4.
- Number of student teachers, 3.
- Total enrollment, 105.
- Number converted during the year

1. Number entering the canvassing work, 8.

Number entering Bible work, 1.
Items by Schools.

Hamby, seven months, 61 enrolled, 8 entered work.

Oplin, four and three-fourth months, 24 enrolled, 1 entered work.

Madge, four months, 20 enrolled.

H. E. GIDDINGS,
Educational Secretary.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sabbath-school is one of the most potent factors in the fulfillment of the great commission to carry the gospel of peace into all the world and to every creature. Nothing of modern history is so thrilling as the story of the Advance Guard of Missions and the light which it has shed into the hearts of heathens until they have become one in the Great Brotherhood of Christ.

The call to enlist in the above may not come to us, but in our Sabbath-school each week as in no other way—studying the truths they teach, and contributing of our means for their support we come directly in touch with this work. All who love the appearing of Jesus and whose hearts rejoice at the harvesting of souls in the world wide field will be interested in every fact relative to our Sabbath-school in our own field.

Our report is not what it should be, but facts will speak for themselves, and we need to know just what we are doing be it great or small, and this will appear best by the report which follows.

Name of School	Or.	Av.	Mem.	Off g
Camp-Meeting Offering				26.06
Amarillo	4	18		50.73
Abilene	4	6		15.82
Childress	2	4		2.15
Comanche55
Crowell	2			3.10
Cottonwood	4	9		3.45
Electra	2	12		4.80
Fort Stockton	2	6		4.15
Hamby	4	114		95.16
Lubbock	4	2		13.30
Madge	4	48		46.92
Oplin	4	45		31.34
Oxien	1	14		1.05
Pecos	4	8		17.87
Sweetwater	2	9		12.25
Scattered				26.63
San Saba	4	5		2.80
Vandyke	4	22		13.72
Washburn	2	10		6.23
				381.08

During the year four schools have been dropped, and the membership from another school has decreased

from 39 to 8. The prospects looked somewhat discouraging at first. We wrote to every isolated Sabbath-keeper urging them to join the "home department" of the Sabbath-school and during the last two quarters 18 have responded. The Sabbath-schools have taken a great interest in the 13th Sabbath Offering or "dollar day." Two schools have doubled their donations the last quarter.

We now have 14 schools with a membership of 364. Five of these are family schools.

The total offerings for the year is \$381.08. The donations for last year was \$319.71. This shows a gain of \$61.38.

May the Sabbath-schools continue to grow.

MRS. J. S. McMULLEN.

ZEPHYR, TEXAS—Brother Van Darnell and wife and the writer began a meeting here at Zephyr, Brown county, Texas, August 22. We have been having a very good attendance, and there seem to some few who are really inquiring for the Truth. There is also some opposition. We earnestly desire your prayers for the work in this part of the field.

Your brother in the Blessed Truth,
J. L. PARNELL.

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT

A great privilege is given to the Sabbath-schools in the homeland on September 28. It is the privilege of providing mission homes for our workers in China. It is estimated that these homes will cost on an average one thousand dollars a piece. How many homes can we build with this one day's offering? The Sabbath-schools will answer this question.

Four cottages have already been erected in China and one in Korea. Of these Elder I. H. Evans writes:

"We are indeed grateful that we have been able to make a beginning in providing homes for our workers in the East. To be sure, it is only a beginning, but it gives promise of better days for our workers, and longer service in the cause of God. The price of these homes will soon be more than saved in the extra time the laborers can remain at their work each year. Other homes will be provided as soon as funds are available. Our workers are pleased with their homes, and are most grateful to our brethren and sisters in the home land, who by their self-sacrifice have supplied means with which to erect the building."

Remember the date.
Remember TO PLAN to give liberally.

Remember to report correctly the amount and the purpose for which it is given.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER,
Cor. Sec. Gen. Conf. S. S. Dept.

Conceit, more rich in matter than in words, brags of his substance; they are but beggars who can count their worth.—Shakspeare.

STATE PAPERS.

This has been the banner year in Missionary Volunteer Reading Course work. More reading course certificates have been sent out than were issued during the first three years the reading course work was conducted. During one week a hundred certificates were sent out. Prospects for next year are better still, if the large sale of books indicate anything. Have you received your reading course books? If not, order at once. The new courses begin October 1.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course assignments begin in the Instructor of October 1. Get your books now,—at least the first one in the course you choose to take. Then please send your name and address to your conference M. V. Secretary. Notice the reading course announcements in the Youth's Instructor. Do not forget the courses begin October 1.

The reading courses offer to you an opportunity for intellectual and spiritual advancement. Seize it. Most persons owe their lack of progress to their own indifference. You can not afford to belong to that class. To fail to make the most of the life God has given is an injustice to yourself and to others. Youth is the time to prepare. "Youth comes twice to none."

How far from peace the world still is can be judged from the fact, cited by Senator Lodge in a Congressional debate, that seventy-two thousand lives were lost in battle in the wars of 1911.

EDGEWOOD SCHOOL.

We expect to have a church school at Edgewood this year, if we can induce a few more families to locate here. We have a building, nicely papered and finished, surrounded by three acres of good farming land, on which is located a well of good water. We are sure there are many who would enjoy being with us. The land in this section is good and produces corn, cotton, potatoes, etc., in abundance. It is also a good fruit country.

A few families, who were unable to purchase improved land, have located here and are building homes. There is still over 500 acres of timber land which can be bought at \$12.50 per acre on easy terms. Improved land sells for \$30 to \$60 per acre and is still advancing. There are also a few improved places for sale. Two families could secure dwellings at once if they would come and pick cotton. The cotton in this section is good.

We plan to make this a church school in every sense, and almost every member has pledged something to support it. For further information address,

MRS. Z. B. BODWELL,
Wills Point, Texas.

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Arkansas.

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VACATION AND RECREATION.

The SIGNS OF THE TIMES MAG-
AZINE for August, in addition to its
regular line of important contents,
contains several articles suitable to
this hot month of the year, each with
a message, however. The cover de-
sign is a view of Yosemite Valley, with
its high arching trees, showing the
waterfall and the green valley, be-
tween the trees, in the distance,—an
oil painting. Following is a partial
list of contents.

"COME APART AND REST" is a
vacation article, written from Christ's

invitation to his disciples. It gives
some very suggestive lessons, and
draws practical suggestions with re-
ference to true recreation. TO BE
COMFORTABLE IN SPITE OF THE
WEATHER is the title of another ar-
ticle, especially timely for August. It
is written by Dr. Paulson, medical
superintendent of the Hinsdale Sanitarium,
Illinois, and whose writings
are known and appreciated by the
readers of this magazine. SPIRIT-
UALISM; ITS LATEST PHASE, by
the editor, brings the development of
Spiritualism down to date. It shows
the real power behind this movement
and the wonderful advancement which
this modern delusion is making at the
present time. THE RESPONSIBIL-
ITY OF CAPITAL is another article
dealing with current events, bearing
a moral, and pointing out logical re-
sults that are certain to eventuate as
warranted by the facts and predic-
tions and prophecy. THE SECOND
COMING OF JESUS—GREED AS A
SIGN OF THE END, by Prof. Geo.
W. Rine, is another contribution in a
series of articles which have appeared
in the greater portion of the maga-
zines this year from the pen of this
graphic, tenchant author. THE
HEAVENS DECLARE HIS GLORY
is an astronomical article by Guy M.
Green. In the past there has been a
great interest on the part of the read-
ers in our astronomical articles. We
commend this contribution to their in-
terest and attention. THE VALUE OF
SANITATION IN PANAMA, by B. E.
Connerly, is an article of interest just
now, as the work at Panama is round-
ing toward completion. It shows what
sanitation will do in what was one of
the most disease-ridden sections of
the country. THE SABBATH FOR
MAN, by George A. Snyder, marks
the first of a series of articles on this
subject by this well known writer of
Biblical subjects. We trust the series
will be read by a large circle of our
readers. AN AMERICAN REFORM-
ER, by Mrs. E. G. White, continues
the series of articles appearing from
this well known author. DEATH;
WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT IS, by
Wm. Covert, continues the studies on
man's nature and destiny. THE CRE-
ATIVE WORD AND THE SABBATH,
by the editor, presents some consid-
erations from the evolutionary and
scientific aspect of this subject. The
articles on China which were tempo-
rarily broken into are again resumed
by a contribution from Mr. Stafford
on the subject of "Chinese Dwellings."
The Bible reading is a study on the
subject of "The Ministration of An-
gels."

Write to the tract society for sup-
ply at once.

5 to 40 copies, five cents each.
50 or more copies, four cents each.
THE MESSAGE IS IN THE CON-
TENTS.

STUDY AT HOME.

Fourth Year.

The army of wide-awake people who
see in the correspondence school a
much-longed-for opportunity of im-

proving their personal efficiency, is
steadily growing. Three years of ex-
perience has proved beyond question
the value of studying at home during
the spare hours under the direction
of skilled instructors. The Fireside
Correspondence School, Takoma Park,
D. C., opens its fourth year of work
October 7. If you feel an ever-present
sense of educational need, and can not
go away to school, write at once for a
calendar of full information, and be
ready to start promptly with the new
term. It is the best season of the year
for study. Watch the REVIEW for
fuller announcements.

TOTAL BOOK SALES FOR JUNE AND JULY.

Last year the summary of book
sales for June covering a period of
five weeks, amounted to \$135,800;
this year the June summary, which
covered only four weeks, amounted to
\$137,800. The July summary which
has just been made up, amounts to
\$155,166.90. These figures are for
book sales alone. The amount of litera-
ture sales, including books and maga-
zines, during July, is \$188,135.33.

N. Z. TOWN.

Every difficultly slurred over will be
a ghost to disturb your repose late on.
—Chapin..

FOR SALE:—I want to sell my
place of 15 acres and modern 7 room
house, 3-4 mile from Keene Academy,
as I cannot attend to it with my con-
ference work. Will sell below cost
and give time on part.

W. A. McCUTCHEN,
Keene, Texas.

GOOD TRUCK FARM FOR SALE:
—Twelve and one-half acres fertile
land, two acres Bermuda pasture with
plenty of stock water. House barn deep
well, windmill, etc., all new. About
fifty fruit trees. Terms reasonable.
A bargain if taken in thirty days.

34-2-p W. J. WARD, Keene, Tex.

FOR SALE:—6 room house, good
cellar, excellent cistern, one acre of
land, some fruit and plenty of shade
trees; about 1 block from southeast
corner of the campus, For further
particulars call on or write,

34-4-c Wm. HAHNE, Administrator,
Keene, Texas.

FOR SALE:—Thirty and two-fifths
acres of land, three-fourth of a mile
southeast of Keene. For further par-
ticulars, see or write,

34-2-p. A. D. BLEHM, Keene, Tex.

Preserving the health by too strict
a regimen is a wearisome malady.—
Rochefoucauld.

Reports of the Canvassing Work, Including Ma of Seventh-day Adventists

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERY
North Texas								
W. T. Priest, Tyler		PG	54	34	106 00	1 25	107 25	
U. M. Cooke, Dallas		DR	23	9	30 00	1 00	31 00	3 00
Z. L. Davis, Woodville		PG		21	65 00	2 00	67 00	56 00
M. M. Moore, Troup		BR	14	3	13 00	1 00	14 00	
C. P. Bodwell, Winsboro		PG	80	16	42 00		42 00	
W. F. Eastman, Sherman		PG	49	13	40 00	2 55	42 55	
Grace Nystel, Sherman		PG	17	7	23 00	90	23 90	
T. M. Woodruff, Palestine		GC	51	7	22 00	4 50	26 50	
Volga Jacobson, Argyle		PG	43	13	40 00	2 00	42 00	
H. Tibbits, Franklin		BR	28	6	18 00	3 50	21 50	3 00
Mrs. W. T. Drummond, Cleburne		PPK	24	7	19 00		19 00	10 00
R. M. Johnson, Quinlan		PPF	40	40	75 00		75 00	
Chas. A. Shultz, Rockwall		PG	43	19	58 00	2 50	60 50	
J. Z. Graham, Hubbard		BR	14	1	3 00	1 00	4 00	
Magazines—								
Esther Knudson, Caldwell			22	320	32 00		32 00	
					72 95		72 95	
Ttotal			502	516	658 95	22 20	681 15	72 00
South Texas								
D. D. Clark, Beaumont		BR&DR	35	6	21 25	6 60	27 85	9 00
C. E. Nelson, Floresville		BR&HH	25	10	30 00	2 80	32 80	
A. J. Jensen, Elgin		BR	43	9	39 00	2 80	41 80	
P. E. Kraft, Corpus Christi		GC&HH	20	1	2 50	5 45	7 95	15 00
S. E. Jennings, Corpus Christi		GC&HH	24	14	47 00	19 80	19 80	47 00
Wm. Embry, Lockhart		DR&HH	52	10	30 00	7 30	37 30	
Mrs. C. W. Carriker, San Antonio		PPF	4	4	7 50	25	7 75	
Harold G. Leland, San Antonio		HH&DR	41	22	74 00	2 85	76 85	
Chas. Bainer, Chapel Hill		BR	38	15	46 00	3 00	49 00	
J. D. Leslie, Chapel Hill		BR	35	12	37 00	3 00	40 00	
J. P. Roberts, Goliad		BR&HH	60			3 25	3 25	18 00
Elijah Taylor, Creedmore		BR&HH	16	9	30 00		30 00	
A. W. Krueger, La Grange		BR	52	12	38 00	8 20	46 00	
					21 70		21 70	36 05
Spanish Magazine Workers—								
W. F. Mayers, San Antonio			14	13	24 25		24 25	
Agents 14			459	137	401 20	65 30	466 50	125 05
West Texas								
Jim Fortner, Crowell		BR	8	3	11 00		11 00	
Arthur Gober, Washburn		DR	24	3	10 00		10 25	
H. D. Leavelle, Stephenville		BR	38	27	81 00	4 25	85 25	
Ethel McFarland, Baird		BR	12					42 00
F. M. McCutchen, Zephyr		DR	22	7	21 00	1 00	22 00	
C. C. Maples, Stephenville		BR	33	17	45 00	3 25	48 25	
W. L. Swanson, Electra		BR	29	6	19 00		19 00	
D. O. Sims, Burkett		BR	26	2	8 00	25	8 25	
W. H. Spraggins, Electra		BR	10	9	31 00	1 00	32 00	
Glenn Wilhelm		DR	25	3	9 00	1 75	10 75	
Camp-meeting sales								
		Bibles		8	32 40		32 40	118 50
		Maga		8	40		40	
Agents 10			227	85	267 80	11 75	279 55	160 50

Sales, in the Southwestern Union Conference Week Ending Aug. 24, 1912

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERY
Arkansas								
Geo. Jones, Allene		BR	38	12	44 00	3 25	47 25	
James Jones, Charleston		BR	23	2	6 25		6 25	
J. T. Jones, Branch		BR	18	5	15 00	1 00	16 00	
Moses Hardin, Branch		BR	27	6	21 00	1 50	22 50	
I. H. Newkirk, Fricso		DR	29	6	18 00	25	18 25	
R. L. Nance, Hunter		BR	36	16	47 00	3 00	50 00	
J. W. Ladd, Ava		BR	10	2	7 00	75	7 75	19 60
Joe Blankenship, Texarkana.		BR	17	7	22 00	1 00	23 00	
E. W. Orsburn, Frisco		BFL	22	10	10 00		10 00	
J. Buschee, Little Rock		BFL	29	12	12 00		12 00	
E. C. Furr, Fort Smith		DR	47	15	46 00		46 00	
C. F. Betts, Malvern		GC	48	11	34 00	1 25	35 25	
Sam Jones, Branch		BR	22	7	21 00	1 75	22 75	
E. L. Pickney, Elm		BFL	39	37	37 50	50	38 00	
Magazines			405	148	412 45	14 35	426 80	19 60
Grand Total—	Agents 53		1593	886	1740 40	113 60	1854 00	377 15

FROM A PERSONAL LETTER.

The following paragraphs are taken from a letter written by Brother R. Hook Jr., General Manager of the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee, under date August 22. The car of books to which reference is made, is the second one shipped within the last thirty days, the first one being received at Fort Worth August 5:—

"We are glad to report that the last wagon-load of books has been loaded on the car and we hope to see it started on its journey tonight. The boys have surely been working tooth and nail to accomplish this result and all hands are breathing a sigh of relief.

"We trust this shipment will arrive in usual good order and that you will find the books all in good shape. As this car of books moves westward, we feel to offer an earnest prayer to God that His blessing may attend them. We trust they have been manufactured and handled by consecrated hands so that the rich blessing of God may indeed attend them from our office to the hands of the canvassers, and that they in turn may have good success in delivering them. Our hearts are made solemn as we think of all that is involved in a car-load of books containing over 16,000 volumes of Present Truth. When we stop to consider that we are in reality shipping out a car-load of Gospel light to

a world that is in darkness, we are made to sense more deeply the sacredness of the work in which we are engaged.

"We shall pray earnestly that the blessing of God may attend the canvassers in their deliveries and we feel sure that the hard work which is now theirs will be as cheerfully performed as our employees have cheerfully done their part toward making the books, which are in fact, ammunition indeed, without which the men on the firing line could do but little.

"If the blessing of God attends shipment all along the line, what a wonderful work will be done, the results of which no one can estimate, but the judgment will disclose the results and some of our workers will most surely have stars in their crowns as a reward for their part in this service to God."

As our faithful colporteurs make these deliveries, I trust that the Brethren and Sisters throughout the Southwestern Union Conference will unite in earnest prayer to God that He will send His angels on before these workers that the people may be prepared to receive the books when they are brought to them.

The next few weeks are indeed momentous ones in our work, and we feel sure that every lover of the Message in this field will esteem it a privilege to pray that success may attend these deliveries.

R. L. PIERCE,

THE POSSIBILITIES PENT UP IN THE POWER OF PURPOSE

ADDRESS OF ELDER G. F. WATSON TO THE KEENE ACADEMY GRADUATING CLASS OF 1912

Dear Class of 1912, Faculty of Keene Academy, Student Body, Patrons and Friends:

We are pleased with what is before us this evening. Though we do not feel adequate for the occasion, yet we are happy in the thought that it is our privilege to do our best. We have chosen for the topic of this occasion "The Possibilities Pent Up in the Power of Purpose." I am sure you recognize at once the vastness of the subject before us. The little while that is allotted to me, we can only touch the high places in the career of the lives of men who lived upon this earth, and in accordance with the great subject, the possibilities that are Pent up in the Power of Purpose. We have chosen to study, for a moment at least, and think for a moment on the greatest mind that ever thought. The One that formulated the greatest purpose that was ever formulated, and in doing this, we have chosen for the basis of our remarks a text of scripture recorded in Isaiah 14:24. "The Lord of Hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; as I have purposed, so shall it stand." While these words were spoken concerning one of the mightiest nations on earth, it gives us to understand that even Jehovah thought out the career of that nation. He looked into the future and saw the results that would come as a result of this nation. On the other hand he thought out what would happen to this earth if this great Assyrian nation was not wiped off of it. He thought the whole matter out, and the purpose, and He says, that purpose shall stand. This only takes us back to the days of the creation of the universe, of the plans of the same mind that dwelt on the Assyrian nation, and wiped them out of existence. Beloved people when we think that all the worlds that exist, once had their place in the mind of Jehovah, who planned it; thought it all out; then purposed that this universe should be, and should be inhabited, as He thought. This is beyond the com-

prehension of the minds such as we have to-night. The only thing that we can say is that God purposed and it came to pass. But there is another thought in the creation of man—the anatomy of the human body was once pent up in the mind of Jehovah. Every bone, every muscle, every sinew, every fiber of this great piece of mechanism had its place in the mind of God. He thought it all out; He knew all the parts; He knew all the workings; He purposed in His heart that man should be, and we are. But there is a thought that comes to us to-night that is very pleasant indeed, and that is, that the great mind of Jehovah did not retain all the possibilities pent up in the power of purpose, but delivered just as much of that power; just as many possibilities as man could use, and delivered them to man when he was created, for we read in Genesis 1:26 these words: "And God said, let us make man in our own image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." In the formation of man; in the creation of man; the great power of thought was given to him by his Maker. The possibilities of the power pent up in the great purpose of God, was delivered to man before we find him using the great possibilities; using the great power that is pent up in purposes that are formed. I have in mind the boy Joseph, as I have chosen to take up a few Bible characters. First take the boy Joseph as he was sold into Egypt. You know the story, I will only hint at it. The boy purposed in his heart that he would not sin against his God. He was brought to that purpose, for that purpose was the primary cause of his being shut up in the dungeon in the prison of Egypt. Still that pur-

pose was kept and held sacred that he would not sin against his God. That purpose brought him out of prison, and made him the greatest man that ever stood upon Egyptian soil. He prospered under the command of God and became the savior of life. All that he ever was; all the mighty deeds that he ever did was pent up in the power of purpose, and that purpose was I will not sin against God. I have in mind another man, his name was Daniel. I read of this Daniel in Daniel 1:8. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine he drank; therefore, he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Daniel was a captive, was taken a prisoner to Babylon. He thought it all out, he purposed in his heart that he would not be defiled. That purpose is the secret of the success of the man Daniel. He became the first president of all the great kingdom of Babylon. I want to read from the sixth chapter of Daniel, the first two verses: "It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes which should be over the whole kingdom; and over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first; that the princes might give an account unto them, and the kings should have damage." Daniel was the first of the three presidents that were appointed over the hundred and twenty princes that were appointed. What brought Daniel to this position? It was the purpose that he would not be defiled with a portion of the king's meat, or drink his wine. The things were not pleasant, but Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not sin against his God. He purposed and was true to the purpose, and became the greatest man in a realm. Favored by God so much that God sent an angel to close the lions' mouths. I want you to notice the great fact dear class, that what a man is at any moment, does not determine what he may become. We have two men, one a prisoner in the dark cells of the Egyptian jail,

another in Babylon in the lion's den, but what these men were at that time, did not fix what they did become. So I want to impress upon this class of 1912 that what a man is at any moment does not fix what he may become. It is the thought and high purpose of life that will lift poor humanity so that the approbation of the mighty God will rest upon him. These were men of individuality. The world needs more men and women of individuality; it needs more men and women with the joy of individual freedom in their minds. This world needs more men and women with the fresh blood of honest purpose in their hearts; with the courage of truth in their souls, and it can be had if our purposes are formulated after the mind that formulated the first mighty purpose. It might be well, at least for a few moments, to consider our thoughts. We read in the 29th chapter of Jeremiah and the 11th verse these words "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." God knowing his thoughts God controlled his thoughts, brought these thoughts to where they were that of peace. I am happy in the thought to-night that God has made it possible for every man, woman, boy and girl to so control these thoughts, that they will be thoughts of peace toward their neighbor, teacher, and anyone living. So I read a text recorded in the 23d of Proverbs and the 7th verse. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he; eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee." If our thoughts are true and noble, they will lift us up, we will be traveling up hill all the time; but if our thoughts are groveling we will be on the downward course; therefore, it occurs to my mind that when we awaken to the fact that every thought is a seed sown in our mental garden, —did you get it? that when we awaken to the fact, that every thought is a seed sown in our mental garden, we will realize what great care should be taken with our thoughts, or as one has said, we will see the necessity of a patent weeder. The roll of the great leaders in the realm of human thought and purpose were not the men who were in positions, and who were offered the best opportunities, they were the men that purposed in their hearts that they would make the

best of the privileges afforded them; so it may be today; so it may be with these who are before us to-night; so may be with this great student body; so it may be with us who are older in years, if we will make the best of the opportunities afforded us, we will be on the upward grade, even if our hair is turning gray. The possibilities pent up in the power of purpose will make us men and women of the highest rank upon this earth. I will turn to a very familiar text. I find it in the Timothies. 2Tim. 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." So we study to show ourselves approved before the great mind that formulated the very first purpose that was ever formulated. We may envy someone who has done marvelous things in self-education, but do you know, beloved, that if we would use a small section of the time that we squander each year, we might acquire a new language. The power of purpose is the very stepping stone to greatness, if the purpose is formulated along the lines that thought out the first one. I was well acquainted with an old miner. I was acquainted with him after he became old. He never had any privileges of school. He and his partner formulated a purpose and said, we will have a rack that will hold a book, at the top of the hole; we will change off. One man dug at the hole, the other studied at the top, they carried out their purpose. The time came when one of these men became the governor of one of the states of this great United States. The time came when the other was elected three times as a legislator. They formed a purpose that they would be something in this world, and they kept that something before them, and it brought them to the positions I have mentioned. I was most closely related through friendship and love with one of these men. I want to call your attention now to just one statesman, and I want to call your attention to the circumstance in his life that most forcibly recalls the power of purpose. It was Abraham Lincoln. Before his first public speech, he selected his city and rented the choicest hall in the city; he billed the city thoroughly that on a certain night, at a certain hour, he would lecture on a certain topic. The day came, the night came, the hour arrived, and Abraham stood before an

audience, not like I have before me this evening, but before an audience of two men. One man came because he wanted to hear what Abraham Lincoln had to say, the other man was the janitor. He was not there because he wanted to be, but because he had to be. These two men composed his audience. Mr. Lincoln arose, and delivered his masterpiece, and in closing he said, "Gentlemen the nation will hear what I have to say on this great subject." Did the nation hear it? Yes, the nation heard what he had to say. This is the greatest demonstration pent up in the power of purpose that is on record to-day. Now, dear Class of 1912, in conclusion let me say to you, that there come high tide moments in all our lives. It may be while contemplating some heroic deed; it may be when our ears are filled with ethereal music of some great thought; or it may be when the vitalizing words or thoughts of some great thinker, or teacher, reach our souls through our eyes with a message of illumination; but it is at these periods that we see our lives in a new perspective, and it is then that we realize the meanness and emptiness of living on too low a level which shame the soul out of self-complacency. We seem to see wonderful visions of our possibilities. It is then we catch new glimpses of what we might become. It is a coming face to face with our higher self that may recreate our lives for all the years if we only will; but dear class of 1912, if we want a good thing, let us will to have it, not simply wish for it. The Chinese say great souls are wills, feeble souls are wishes. Let us embrace the great possibilities pent up in power of purpose; let us make them real... let us make them vital, living, and growing as your motto indicates, and it is a good one. Not uselessly held as a warm living seed might rest in the dead hand of a mummy, but realizing possibilities is the soul of optimism, and optimism is the soul of living. Let us for the sake of Him who has given us a mind, use that mind to think out great possibilities and purpose to carry them out. Ask God to give us the strength of mind and character; the needed physical strength to carry them out, and we will make men and women that the world will look out upon as giants of strength in this world of ours. May God bless and keep you is my prayer.



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SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 7

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."—Rom. 7:4.



NEWS NOTES

Mrs. John Taylor and little daughter of New Mexico are visiting relatives in Keene.

J. E. Foust of Limestone County arrived here Sunday on a visit to A. L. Abel and family.

Clarence Mattison left Monday morning on a ten days' visit to friends in Chicago and Moline, Ill.

Miss Jessie McConnell of Lucky, Ark., arrived here last week and will remain during the school year.

The Interurban Line between Fort Worth and Cleburne is now in operation and cars began running Sept. 1.

Mrs. J. J. Ward and children returned to Keene last week from Boulder, Colorado, where they have been the past month.

O. B. Watson underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Keene Sanitarium Sunday. He stood the operation well and is doing nicely.

Miss Lou Ellen Watts has accepted a position as stenographer in the Central California Conference and left last week for Fresno to enter upon her duties.

Elder H. B. French occupied the

pulpit at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath and by request spoke again the following night on the "Prophecies of the Bible."

Elder A. W. Jenson was called to New Hope Wednesday to preach the funeral sermon of George H. Davis, son of C. T. and F. E. Davis, who died of blood poison Aug. 28.

S. W. Abel was in Keene a few days last week on business, returning Sunday to his work in Dalworth. He is planning to move his family here and take up school work in the Academy.

A. L. Abel has rented the George Woods property across the street from the Academy Store, recently vacated by L. N. Carter. Brother Carter moved into the school property formerly used as Business Office.

The Oklahoma camp-meeting, the last State meeting in the Union, closed Sunday night. Prof. C. B. Hughes, Prof. E. E. Farnsworth, A. F. Harrison and Elder G. F. Watson who attended have returned to Keene. A full report of the meeting will appear in a future issue of the RECORD.

W. R. Goss has accepted a position with the New Mexico Conference as Conference and Tract Society Secretary. He is selling his household goods and making preparation to go to Albuquerque next week. Elder E. W. Carey will fill the vacancy in the North Texas Conference occasioned by this change.

ACADEMY NOTES.

Sister Watson having been called by the North Texas Conference to take charge of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer work, Miss Mary Baxter has been secured to be preceptress.

Mrs. A. D. Field has taken up her work. She and the young ladies are busy preparing the building for the opening of school.

Prof. Robbins of the Pacific Union College stopped over a day to visit Prof. and Mrs. Hughes. He gave a very interesting stereopticon lecture, showing views of New Zealand, Australia, and the Avondale school where himself, Prof. and Mrs. Hughes were formerly teachers.

The writer has just returned from the Oklahoma campmeeting. The prospects are excellent for a good attendance from Oklahoma the coming year.

The carpenters have much of the frame of the new building in place. Most of the storm sheeting of the first story has been put on. We ask our friends who are owing us and those who have made pledges to send us money that we may meet our bills.

C. B. HUGHES.

The Academy Store has just received a large fall shipment of school supplies. All books used in the school, stationery, drawing material, inks, pencils, tablets, crayons and other school requisites are in stock. They have also received a new stock of dry goods and future orders of groceries are arriving. The stock in all lines will be complete by the time school begins.

OBITUARIES

CHAMBERS:—Mrs. Ida M., wife of J. M. Chambers, was born Dec. 10, 1876, and died Aug. 26, 1912, at Cleburne, Texas. When 14 years of age she received Present Truth from the writer and held on to it until the end, although much of her life she lived isolated from others of the same faith. The last Sabbath she lived she called for prayer and anointing, which was administered. She had a large field of missionary work, being the mother of ten children, four of whom are dead. Four boys and two girls, the youngest 4 years old, and a kind and loving husband, are left to mourn their loss. She sleeps in Jesus, and we laid her to rest in the blessed hope of reunion at the return of Jesus. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to the bereaved family and many sympathizing friends.

A. W. JENSON.

DAVIS:—George Hubbard Davis, son of C. T. and F. E. Davis, was born July 18, 1892, at Omaha, Morris county, Texas, and died Aug. 28, 1912, at Marietta, Cass county, Texas, age 20 years and 10 days. Blood poison, supposed to have been caused by the bite of a poisonous insect in the eye while bathing, was the cause of his death. He was the youngest of eight children; two sisters, four brothers and their widowed mother are left to mourn their loss. George was raised in the Truth and respected it by attending Sabbath School and other church services, yet without making any profession of real obedience. He was an obedient and dutiful son, the visible stay and staff of his widowed mother, who deeply feels her loss. We laid him to rest in the hope of a reunion in the near "Sweet by-and-by." Words of comfort and consolation were drawn from Isa. 61:1-3 and other scriptures by the writer, to the sorrowing family and many sympathetic friends.

A. W. JENSON.