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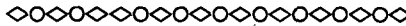
FOR what has the history of the work of the disciples been recorded, as they labored with holy zeal, animated and vitalized by the Holy Spirit, if it is not that from this record the Lord's people today shall gain an inspiration to work earnestly for Him. What the Lord did for His people in that time, it is just as essential and more so that He do for His people today. All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do. We are to work with as much more fervor, accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance. Every one on whom is shining the light of present truth, is to be stirred with compassion for those who are in darkness. From all believers, in clear, distinct rays, light is to be reflected. The work the Lord did in Antioch through His delegated messengers, He is waiting to do today. At this time, when the end of all things is at hand, should not the zeal of the church exceed even that of the early church? Zeal for the glory of God moved the disciples to bear witness to the truth with mighty power. Shall not this zeal fire our hearts with a longing to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified? Should not the power of God be more mightily revealed today than even in the time of the apostles?

It was sincere devotion and humble, earnest prayer that brought the disciples into close communion with Christ. They sat together with Him



Do not look for wrong and evil—
You will find them if you do;
As you measure for your neighbor
He will measure back to you.
Look for goodness, look for gladness;
You will meet them all the while,
If you bring a smiling visage
To the glass, you meet a smile.

Alice Cary.



in heavenly places. They revealed the greatness of their debt to Him. Should we be less earnest than they were? Shall we not by living faith claim the promises which moved them to the depths of their being to call upon the Lord Jesus for the fulfillment of the word. "Ask, and ye shall receive?" Is not the Spirit of God to come today in answer to persevering prayer, and fill men with power? Is the throne of grace farther removed from us than it was from the disciples? Is not God saying to His praying, trusting, believing workers, who are opening the Scriptures to those ignorant of the precious truths they contain, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world"? Shall we not, through the indications of God's providence, hear His voice,

saying, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." There certainly are men that the Lord is fitting to stand in their lot and in their place.

Let us show that we are working together with God. Let us be as true as steel to principle. No one can stay at home in ease, living only for self, without becoming selfish. We must be representatives of Christ, if we would be truly happy. The earnest, united prayers of faith will inspire Christlike zeal.

God will raise up a Paul and Barnabas for the church that is worthy of such helpers. True missionary workers will find that the Holy Spirit is working on minds, raising up laborers of faith and patience and zeal to take the place of some who fall away. We need more keen, sanctified discernment. We need to cherish the faith that works by love and purifies the soul.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Half the misery of human life might be extinguished would men alleviate the general curse they lie under, by mutual offices of compassion, benevolence and humanity. There is nothing, therefore, which we ought more to encourage in ourselves and others than that disposition of mind which, in our language, goes under the title of good nature, and is more agreeable in conversation than wit, and gives a certain air to the countenance that is more amiable than beauty. It shows virtue in the fairest light, takes off in some measure from the deformity of vice, and makes even folly and impertinence supportable.—Addison.

OKLAHOMA

FIELD REPORTS

AT THE OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

Three Sunday bills have been introduced in the Oklahoma legislature. Two of these, we believe, have been practically killed. These were introduced in the House. The last originated in the Senate, and has but recently been introduced. We have presented a remonstrance which has been read before the Senate, and filed with the committees which have the bill in charge. Each member of the legislature has also been provided with a copy. Our petition blanks have been sent out to all our people so far as we have secured names. In the petitions and in the remonstrance we are also asking that the present Sunday law be so amended as to secure to laborers one day's rest in seven, without reference to religion or any particular day. Each member of the legislature is being supplied with a copy of the Temperance "Instructor." These are presented in the name of the Religious Liberty Association.

The legislature will be in session but a few weeks longer, therefore the work with the petitions should be done as quickly as possible. We read in Vol. 9, page 51, that it is the neglect of Seventh-day Adventists to improve these providential opportunities when the minds of men are agitated over Sunday legislation, that is hindering the advancement of the cause. We hope that our people will remember the work here. Do not forget to visit the Jews with your petitions.

Anyone not having received petition blanks may obtain the same by addressing the Tract Society, box 644, Oklahoma City, Okla.

I. A. CRANE.

HOW DO WE STAND?

A tree is known by its fruits. A work is judged by its own accomplishments. Its accomplishments can only be known by the actual reports. What are the actual figures? Our colporteurs' reports show that Oklahoma has delivered books to the value of a little more than \$24,000. We headed the list of conferences during the year 1911, but we fell short of North Texas about \$1500, according to the report of the Union Conference

Field Missionary Agent. We did not buy quite as heavily from the Fort Worth branch for the reason that we had a large stock on hand, and since we have taken the inventory of stock January 1, we have had several shipments of books from the field.

Our January report this year is the largest we have ever had during this time in Oklahoma. We have had a good snow and other things to make the crop conditions good, and we are hoping for the best results possible in the colporteur work this year.

Our Institute begins February 20. All should be here on the evening of the 19th, so we may begin work in earnest on the morning of the 20th. We are to have good help. The president of our Conference, the Union Conference president, and the General Field Agent, as well as other competent help will be with us.

Many inquiries are coming in, and we are looking for a large attendance. We will have accommodations for all our colporteurs, and we expect all to be present. Remember the date.

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

A COMPLETE EDUCATION

A girl's education is most incomplete unless she has learned—

To sew
To cook
To mend
To be gentle
To value time
To dress neatly
To keep a secret
To avoid idleness
To be self-reliant
To darn stockings
To respect old age
To make good bread
To keep a house tidy
To be above gossiping
To make a home happy
To control her temper
To take care of the sick
To take care of the baby
To sweep down cobwebs
To read the very best books
To take plenty of active exercise.
To be a helpmate to her husband.
To keep clear of trashy literature.
To be light-hearted and fleet-footed
To be a womanly woman under all circumstances.—Selected.

"The golden beams of truth and the silken chords of love, twisted together, will draw men on with a sweet violence, whether they will or no."

It has been some time since I have reported through the RECORD. I am now making a tour through the State, calling on the Protestant ministers in the cities with the "Protestant Magazine." I am enjoying some phases of this work, though in the actual number of subscriptions obtained I feel disappointed. At Enid and Bartlesville I secured subscriptions from three-fourths of the pastors. At Guthrie, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Muskogee only about one-third.

With but few exceptions I am courteously given a fair opportunity to fully present the issue from the viewpoint of the magazine. Several of the minister appear to be well informed regarding the encroachment and aggressive movements of Catholicism in our country, though most of them view it with indifference and are not at all alarmed, rather considering the opposition needless, some even condemning our efforts in that direction. But how can we expect their attitude to be otherwise when we think of the repudiation of the word "Protestant" by the so-called Protestant Federal Council of Churches in Chicago less than two months ago, because as they stated, "it is not a uniting but a dividing word—a word that recalls a most unhappy and trying experience."

Protestantism is surely now stretching "her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power." I have conversed with some of the delegates to that council, and they were very jubilant over the prospect of the future relationship of the different bodies in Christendom.

I have also sometimes taken occasion to introduce to them the "Liberty" Magazine, but so far have not received from them a single endorsement for it. They all seem to be committed to Sunday legislation.

I have frequently referred to the pagan origin of Sunday, and the time of its adoption by the Church, suggesting that inasmuch as it is not the Bible Sabbath anyway, its enforcement by civil law would be doubly inconsistent. None of them have ever attempted to disprove its origin, and they all acknowledge that the Bible presents no proof for its sacredness, but at once take the position that the demand is for a civil rest day, and

as one day is as good as another, they therefore choose the day that is generally recognized, and though some observe the seventh day, they should likewise regard the day demanded by the civil law. This, they claim, is not a step toward union of church and state, but simply a civil enactment. It resembles the position taken by two city officials whom I recently met: They were Catholics, and in speaking of the persecutions during the dark ages they disclaimed all responsibility as far as the church was concerned. It was simply the enforcement of the civil law.

The Lord will be our helper, and His truth will be vindicated.

W. R. HANSEN.

FIELD REPORT

ALVA—For the past three weeks I have been holding meetings nine miles southwest of Alva, Oklahoma, in the German settlement, for the benefit of their English neighbors. Since the first few nights the attendance has been good, and has gradually increased until every night the house is packed, and at this writing, Jan. 28, 1913, there is a good interest and seemingly a desire to know the truth. After we started our meeting, the Methodists started a meeting in their church just two miles from us, but they tell me that they are able to get along with a very small crowd.

God has a message, and it must go and will go, so we must go forward and not be defeated because the enemy of all Righteousness tries to hinder our work. The standard must be raised, and we are able to do the work if we will keep our eyes on the prize and not turn our backs—there is no shield for our backs—so we must face the enemy in the spirit of meekness, yet with power, and go forward.

J. R. BAGBY.

GRANDFIELD—After the closing of the work where the tent was first pitched, near Grandfield, I began a meeting at Rocky Ford, nine miles northeast of Grandfield. At this place there seemed to be decided opposition. After a few meetings it was announced that the Christian minister would preach on the Sabbath question. This, of course, brought on the testing truths sooner than we had hoped, and consequently brought the meeting to a close sooner than otherwise. Sabbath and Sunday

meetings, with house-to-house work, was soon all that could be done. On- ly one family have taken their stand here.

Later a meeting was begun at Cache school house, six miles southwest of Walter. There seemed to be no interest at this place, and we closed. After spending one more Sabbath at Rocky Ford, I returned home and went to Gracemont. The last Friday and Sabbath of the Week of Prayer I spent with the Binger church.

Sunday following the Week of Prayer we began a meeting four miles northeast of Gracemont. There was rather a small attendance at this place, and as there seemed to be a call to hear on the Millenium question in Gracemont, we began a week's meeting there.

While at these places I visited and met with the Binger church in their Sabbath meetings. Two of their company have gone back into the world; several have moved away, some to Texas, some to Illinois, etc. Two more were added to the church, one upon profession of faith and one by baptism.

While waiting for a reply from brethren at Tulsa, where Elder Voth had asked me to go next, I have spent a Sabbath at home. This is, I believe, my first Sabbath with my family since last April.

The Sunday issue is again before the people of Oklahoma, this time with double force, two bills having been introduced in the House of Representatives during the first part of the legislature. One of these bills is against Sunday base ball and other desecrations of the day; the other is to increase the penalty for Sabbath breaking from \$1 to \$50. We suppose that our people will be called upon soon to do their part in placing the truth before the members of this legislature. In speaking of these Sunday law movements the Spirit of Prophecy tells us that "it is the neglect of Seventh-day Adventists to improve these providential opportunities that is hindering the advancement of the cause." Vol. 9, p. 51. Let each do his part and be ready to spring into action, even if it does require a sacrifice.

I. A. CRANE.

"It is the actual doer of good deeds, not the visionary intender, that has been of real value to the world and a blessing to humanity."

NORTH MISSOURI

I am very glad to read the good reports through the RECORD from week to week, and to know the progress of the work in that territory. I am enjoying my work very much in this Conference, and God is blessing the work of the laborers. It was my privilege to hold a three-weeks' meeting near St. Catherine, Mo., at a place where none of our ministers have ever held meetings, but where there was an interest.

Through the blessing of God 13 new ones began to keep the Sabbath in the short time I was there. These, with two who were keeping it before, make a nice company of fifteen, and there will certainly be others who will follow soon. I feel to thank God, for the results are all His.

I have enjoyed the letters from friends from your Union, and we are glad to know that we are not forgotten. We have just moved from Utica to Hamilton, Mo., which will be our address from now on.

E. E. FARNSWORTH.

FOR TRADE—A well improved place one block south of Clinton German Seminary, Clinton, Mo. City water, gas, and sewer connections. Would like to trade it for land in Oklahoma, near good railroad station. For further information write,

J. C. SIMON,

Clinton, Mo.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The February "Life Boat" is an unusually valuable number. It contains a unique article from Dr. Riley Russell, illustrated from original photographs, giving a glimpse of the great work he is carrying on in Korea in his \$20 sanitarium. There is a strong article from Elder S. N. Haskell on how to study the Bible, and a thoughtful article from Dr. Kress presenting the question of Sunday legislation from a new angle. Among the large variety of other things is an editorial on Divine Organization. This number is full of the kind of matter you will want for future re-reading. A sample will be mailed for only two two-cent stamps.

THE LIFE BOAT,
Hinsdale, Illinois.

I will utter what I believe today, if it should contradict all I said yesterday.—Phillips.

CHRIST WILL COME

Christ came to this earth as a helpless infant in a lowly manger. The humble shepherds were the messengers to publish the news of His first advent to the town where He was born. The Savior spent His early life offering salvation to a thankless world, which at last turned upon Him and crucified Him.

The Savior's second coming will be "in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matt. 24:30. Instead of being humble and unknown "every eye shall see him." Rev. 1:7. In place of the "swaddling clothes," He will be arrayed in royal vesture. Luke 2:7; Rev. 19:16.

He who once came a helpless babe, will ride forth a mighty conqueror, with all the power of heaven and earth at His disposal. Matt. 28:18. Instead of a lowly manger for a resting place, and the beasts of the stalls for spectators, the Savior appears seated upon a white cloud, attended by all the holy angels. Rev. 14:14; Matt. 25:31.

When He comes the second time, He will no longer plead with the wicked to turn from their wickedness; for He comes "to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of their ungodly deeds." Jude 15. A golden crown rests upon the head once pierced by the crown of thorns. Rev. 14:14.

At the Savior's first advent, a very few people were expecting Him; but when He appears the second time, scattered all over the earth there will be individuals anxiously watching for tokens of His coming, who will hail His advent with joy; while at His word a countless multitude will spring from their dusty graves to meet Him, with a shout of victory upon their lips. Isa. 25:9; 1 Cor. 15:51-57.—Selected.

By vote of the General Conference, five annual offerings are taken in all the churches of this country for various phases of our work. One of these offerings is taken in February for the benefit of the Religious Liberty work. With the approval of the General Conference Committee, this offering will be taken this year on the fourth Sabbath of February, the twenty-second. A special reading, prepared for use on that day in all the churches, will be sent to the church elders,

with the suggestions concerning the progress of the day.

The renewed activities of various organizations to secure a Sunday law for the District of Columbia, as well as local movements in various States, such as Maine, New Hampshire, New York and California; and the opportunities offered by the holding of the World's Christian Citizenship Conference in Portland, Oregon, during the coming summer, give much emphasis to the call for a liberal donation for this line of work. It should be remembered that one-third of this offering is retained in the local conference, and one-third comes to the General Conference treasury to aid in the support of the general department work.

Elders of our churches should give notice of this collection not later than Sabbath, February 15, so that the people may come prepared for the collection on the day set apart for it.

CLUBBING OFFER

One of the South's greatest newspapers is the Semi-Weekly Record, of Fort Worth, Texas, regular subscription price \$1.00 per year. It isn't for any limited set of people; it's for every member of the family. In addition to printing all the news of the day in concise form, the Record has special features of interest to all. The remarkable growth of the Record is the best evidence of its merits. By subscribing through this office you can get the Fort Worth Semi-Weekly Record together with the Southwestern Union Record, both papers one year for only \$1.25. A six page wall map will be included for only 15c extra; both papers and the map \$1.40. Accept this remarkable offer today.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that after February 15th, 1913, the Texas Power & Light Company will transmit electric power over its steel tower transmission lines between Fort Worth and Waco, and between Dallas and Waco. Everyone should take notice that any person coming in contact with, or coming near to the wires of the said lines will be seriously injured and probably killed. People having children living or going to school in the vicinity of the said lines should especially be careful that their children do not climb upon the towers. It is dangerous to go near the wires without even touching them, and therefore no person should climb the towers. 7-3tc.
THE PHOENIX CONSTRUCTION CO.
W. G. Schmauder, Construction Superintendent.

EFFECTS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Dr. Marden, in "Success", has this to say to the boy beginning the use of the cigarette: "The whole tendency of the cigarette nicotin poison in the youth is to arrest development. It is fatal to all normal functions. It blights and blasts both health and morals. It not only ruins the faculties, but it unbalances the mind as well. Many of the most pitiful cases of insanity in our asylums are cigarette fiends. It creates abnormal appetites, strange longings, undefined desires, discontent, uneasiness, nervousness, irritability, and in many an almost irresistible inclination to crime. In fact, the moral depravity that follows the cigarette habit is something frightful—lying, cheating, impurity, loss of moral courage and manhood, a complete dropping of life's standards all along the line, are its general results."

Magistrate Crane, of New York City, says: "Ninety-nine out of every one hundred boys between the ages of ten and seventeen years who come before me charged with crime, have their fingers disfigured with yellow cigarette stains. I do not care to pose as a reformer, but it is my opinion that cigarettes will do more than liquor to ruin boys. When you have arraigned before you boys who are hopelessly deaf through the excessive use of cigarettes, boys who have stolen their sister's earnings, boys who absolutely refuse to work, who do nothing but gamble and steal, you cannot help seeing that there is some direct cause, and a great deal of this boyhood crime is, to my mind, easily traced to the deadly cigarette. There is something in the poison of the cigarette that seems to get into the system of the boy and to destroy all his moral fiber."

Cigarette smoking is no longer simply a moral question. The great business world has taken it up as a deadly enemy to advancement and achievement, and many leading business firms all over the world, have put the cigarette on the prohibition list. Anything which benumbs the senses, deadens the sensibilities and dulls the mental faculties is a deadly enemy, and nothing will do this more quickly than the cigarette.—Physical Culture Magazine.

"A cheerful man is a man of many friends."

REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK, INCLUDING MAGAZINE SALES, IN THE SOUTHWESTERN

UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR WEEK ENDING

FEBRUARY 1

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL DELIVERED
WEST TEXAS							
Mrs. John Agnew, Lubbock		BFL	21	19	5 00	7 70	12 70
Mary Grumbles, San Saba		PPF	42	8	36 00	36 00	72 00
A. P. Rightmer, Blanket		PPF	14	9	13 00	2 75	15 75
Minnie Robbins, Baird		PPF	39	12	14 50	42 50	57 00
A. C. Wade, Eastland		DR			38 00	4 50	42 50
		Bibles		1	3 00	3 00	6 00
		Magazines		7		35	35
Agents 5			116	56	109 50	15 30	124 80
							15 30
NORTH TEXAS							
Z. L. Davis, Keene		PG	36	13	39 00	1 00	40 00
Agnes Houlton, Waco		BFL	20	5	7 50	3 00	10 50
Annie Smith, Waco		BFL	20	9	11 50	2 25	13 75
W. W. Chatton, Dallas		BFL	30	14	21 00	7 50	28 50
Mrs. Andrus, Weatherford		BFL	7	7	8 50	8 50	17 00
H. Tibbits, Grandbury		DR	1	2	6 00	6 00	12 00
W. E. Preston, McKinney		DR	7	2	6 00	75	6 75
C. L. Frizby, McKinney		DR	12	1	3 00	50	3 50
		Bibles			4 55	4 55	9 10
Agents 8			133	53	107 05	15 00	122 05
NEW MEXICO							
C. F. Innis, Albuquerque		Miscel	16	7	15 50		15 50
F. G. Montoya, Belen		PP	28	8	24 00		24 00
E. K. Cassell, Raton		PPF	5	2	3 50		3 50
F. H. Kelley, Tolar		Miscel	35	19	26 50	3 75	30 25
I. M. Montgomery, Tolar		Miscel	27	19	22 50	50	23 00
C. W. Allen, El Paso		GC	28	5	19 00		19 00
S. O. Doane, Las Vegas		Miscel	35	9	18 00		18 00
Juan Baca, El Paso		PP	28	13	30 00		30 00
B. Sanchez, Dona Ana		PP	36	5	12 00		12 00
Blanche Nash, El Paso		Magazines	27	56	5 60		5 60
Margaret Basel, Albuquerque		Magazines	17	108	10 80		10 80
		Bibles			2 00		2 00
Agents 11			282	251	189 40	4 25	193 65
							136 15
SOUTH TEXAS							
E. L. Neff, Austin		Miscel	60		50 80		50 80
P. E. Kraft, Corpus, Christi		Miscel	20	2	6 00	5 05	11 05
S. E. Jennings, Sabinas		Miscel	33	4	14 00	3 50	17 50
J. P. Roberts, Gonzales		DR&HH		18	27 00		27 00
N. H. Conway, Austin		M of H			100 00		100 00
		Miscel			28 10		28 10
		Bibles					
Agents 6			113	24	225 90	8 55	234 45
							319 90
ARKANSAS							
Ed. C. Furr, Ft. Smith		PPF	26	26	41 00	1 25	42 25
W. F. Nance, Brinkly		CK	34	51	101 75	1 00	102 75
Agents 2			60	77	142 75	2 25	145 00
OKLAHOMA							
T. W. Atchley, Bache		BR	9	3	9 00		9 00
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		DR	16	4	13 00	2 15	15 15
George Hauf, Chattanooga		BR	25	5	17 00	1 75	18 75
W. R. Hixon, Bache		BR	40	21	64 00		64 00
C. M. Holt, Bache		BR	19	7	27 00	3 00	30 00
W. F. White, Stonewall		BR	26	14	49 00	50	49 50
		Bibles			35 95		35 95
Agents 6			135	54	214 95	7 40	222 35
							8 00
Agents 6			805	515	989 55	52 75	1042 30
							479 35

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WEST TEXAS

FIELD AGENT'S LETTER.

I have just made out our January report and sent to brother Harrison. It did me good to be able to send him a good report for January this year. This is the first time since I have been out here that we have had a report for that month to send in, but I hope that it will not be the last time.

I must say that I have been surprised to see how the workers have been taking orders at this time of the year. Each one has been working for a March delivery. When starting out to make a March delivery some told me that they did not think that it could be done out here. The following will show how the Lord has blessed in this.

Miss Mary Grumbles has just started out in the work since our institute, she is working for Past Present and Future. She has been working in town, and has since our institute, in 56 hours taken 50 orders amounting to \$91.00. You see she has averaged nearly an order per hour, and in dollars has averaged nearly two dollars an hour. It seems to me that this should arouse our ladies of West Texas. This shows that something can be done. It shows that the Lord is going ahead and preparing the hearts of the people. It shows to me that we are living in the last days, in the time when this message is to go with greater rapidity than ever. Let's wake up to the times in which we are living and get out and do something in the closing work. I wish we had a dozen ladies out in the work putting in good, faithful time—I am sure the Lord would bless the efforts put forth.

Brother Wade has just gone out again since our Institute and been blessed in the work. In talking with him last evening he told me he had no idea that he could go out in the country and secure orders for an April or March delivery. When I met him last evening he was all smiles, for he had taken four orders that day and five the day before for good old D&R. He has averaged about \$1.25 an hour since he has been at work here. He has worked in town part of the time also. Now I have just been wondering who of our good West Texas farmers

could stay at home and sit around their good fires and do that well. I wish our good farmers could realize what good they could be doing if they would sacrifice a little of the good, warm fires and get out and help put these good books in the homes during the winter months any way. We need to be up and doing—we are living in a time that demands immediate action. I wish we had a dozen good, faithful men out in the field where we have but one at present.

I do pray that the Lord will impress our hearts and that we will answer the call and go and work in the Lord's vineyard. I shall be glad to hear from anyone desiring to go out in this good work.

E. H. WILCOX,
Abilene, Texas.

FIELD REPORT

MADGE—Brother J. S. McMullen, of Abilene, Texas, the West Texas Conference Treasurer, visited the Madge church last Sabbath. Brother A. M. Shulenberg, of Keene, was also with us. He is visiting his relatives here for a few days. We enjoyed splendid meetings and Bible studies together during the holy time, and after the Sabbath was past, Brother McMullen instructed our church clerk and treasurer in the new system of bookkeeping which has been adopted by our churches throughout the Conference.

I am glad to say that we are of good courage out here in West Texas, and we are doing what we can to tell everybody of the Blessed Hope and glorious appearing of Jesus, which we believe is in the near future.

Brother P. Darnell is planning to start in the colporteur work the first of April. He, like the balance of our true brethren, says he wants to have a part in the finishing of this great work of carrying the message to all the world.

Brother G. A. LaGrone and Brother Griffin are now conducting a meeting at Electra, Wichita county. We are praying that they may accomplish great victories in the winning of souls for the Master.

Our Young People's Missionary Society is planning to do a greater work in distributing literature this year than we have in the past. Pray for us that our plans and work may be accompanied by the Holy Spirit.

J. L. PARNELL.

ARKANSAS

DEVALLS BLUFF SCHOOL

Many things are coming across our pathway to make us remember the Lord's promises to His people when in need of help. One thing, however, that brought sadness was the sleep of death to the ten-months-old daughter of Sister Mary Young, who died January 25.

We are indeed thankful to the Lord and to the Keene Missionary Society for the box of 400 good books, and also for the 200 pounds of good clothing for the students. We wish especially to thank Miss Jessie McConnell for her faithful work in finding this large number of good books for us and thereby helping to get a neat library started here. We also thank Sister N. Reynolds, of Clio, Mich., for two large packages of clothing. We also thank Sister Butler, of Tyron, Okla., for the bedclothing she sent. The Perkins, Okla., church also sent us some money, for which we are very grateful.

We were praying for an organ for the church and the Lord opened up a way for us to rent one very cheap. We praise the Lord for His goodness to us.

E. M. GATES.

FOR SALE.—40 Acres, two miles from Gravette, Ark., 10 acres first and second bottom, 12 acres good up-land, balance pasture and timber, fenced and cross-fenced, well watered by springs. 1½ acres apple orchard, 1 acre strawberries. Double-boxed 3-room house and stables. Price \$35 per acre if taken soon.

S. D. NEAL,
Gravette, Ark.

“One way to make a critic of the Bible is to rule Christ out of the heart; but one hour in the bosom of Jesus will destroy the keenest critic of the holy Word. Meet Christ at the door of the tabernacle. Let Christ precede criticism. Let the gaze precede the grammar. Let the love precede the learning. Let the song precede the history. Let the prayer precede the probing. Let the Spirit precede the scrutiny. Ask by all means the way to Zion, but ask with your face thitherward.”

NORTH TEXAS

CEDAR GROVE NEWS

Thinking some one might be interested in what we are doing here I decided to report through the RECORD. We are progressing slowly. Our school is doing nicely, with sixteen pupils in attendance and more to enroll soon. Two months of the term are in the past and the students are trying to make the most of their opportunities by getting an education that will fit them for the work of carrying this last message of mercy to the world.

Sister Watson made us a visit, and those who have been honored with her presence can realize what a good time we had in our Sabbath-school on the 25th of this month, when she held a convention here. We certainly did enjoy the day, and those of us who were able to be there received much timely instruction, which we trust will be put into practice. The bad weather kept some away, and on account of sickness others were not able to be out, but we will do our best to let them know just how much they missed. Sister Watson sent a program on Young People's work which was rendered on this occasion and was much enjoyed by all present.

As the papers on the different subjects were read we could see consecration fastening on the people, and all went home determined to let those good things become a part of their lives.

We hope that Sister Watson will plan to meet with us again soon.

R. F. CULPEPPER.

Blessings on the man who smiles! I do not mean the man who smiles for effect, nor the one who smiles when the world smiles. I mean the man whose smile is born of an inner radiance, the man who smiles when the clouds lower, when fortune frowns, when the tides are adverse. Such a man not only makes a new world for himself, but he multiplies himself an hundredfold in the strength and courage of other men.—George L. Perin.

Men are never so easily deceived as while they are endeavoring to deceive others.—Rochefoucauld.

A NEW BROOM FACTORY

So many of the Academy students are dependent upon broom making to sustain them in school, that no one questions the advisability of re-build in the broom factory at once.

Our entire loss is about \$2,000. The loss would be greater than this if we were to erect a building similar to the one burned. A cheaper building of one story will be better suited to the business.

The Academy has no funds for this purpose. Our brethren have been quick to recognize the situation. Brother W. J. Huguley was the first one to donate for a new building. The full Board, at a meeting shortly after the fire, voted to give an opportunity through the RECORD for all who are so disposed to assist the Academy to provide another building to give our needy students employment. All cash received for this purpose will be acknowledged through the RECORD. Pledges will not be published.

The following amounts have been received in cash:

James Butka.....	100.00
T. W. Field.....	100.00
W. J. Huguley	\$50.00
C. B. Hughes.....	50.00
J. A. Lankford.....	50.00
J. P. Scarborough.....	5.00
J. S. Stokes.....	5.00

"It is the yielding and not the temptation that makes the sin."

FIRE INSURANCE

During the winter months, when large quantities of fuel are used to warm houses, there is much danger of loss of buildings by fire. If you want protection in a good, RELIABLE "Old Line" Fire Insurance Company, buy a policy in the HARTFORD, of Hartford, Conn., established in 1810. The resident rate in Keene is very reasonable. Call at Union Conference office.

C. E. SMITH, Agt.

OBITUARY

HOPKINS—M. J. Hopkins, wife of Pastor E. B. Hopkins, died at her home in Keene, January 28, after an illness of about three weeks. She was 57 years of age, had lived for 20 years a devoted and useful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She leaves behind a husband, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

This life, which ended so suddenly, had been a very busy one. In addition to the duties and burdens of rearing her own children, who are all members of the church, she spent much time laboring in the children's department of the Sabbath-school.

The church has lost in her an earnest, self-denying member; the children a patient, indulgent mother, and the father a true and devoted wife.

The large church at Keene was filled almost to its capacity while words of comfort were spoken by the writer. To add to the occasion, the choir rendered, in a very impressive manner, the song that had long been the choice of Sister Hopkins, "The Heavenly Choir of Angels."

We feel sure that this life, so long lent to the Lord, and which is now for a little time, "hid with Christ in God," will come forth in response to the voice of its Author, at His coming to gather His jewels.

How short life seems!

W. M. CUBLEY.

ADVERTISING NOTICES

Our space is limited, and we do not solicit general advertisements. We are glad, however, to accommodate our friends who wish to advertise places for sale, or other notices considered proper to admit to the columns of this paper. We reserve the right to reject any or all advertisements. Approved advertisements will be inserted in the Southwestern Union Record, reading notice style, at the following rates: Forty words or less, 50 cents for each insertion, and 1 cent per word for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash must accompany copy for all advertisements.

Any one intrusted with power will abuse it if not also animated with the love of truth and virtue, no matter whether he be a prince or one of the people.—La Fontaine.

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AGENTS

Arkansas Tract Society, Fayetteville,
Arkansas.

Oklahoma Tract Society, Oklahoma
City, Oklahoma.

New Mexico Tract Society Box 286,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

North Texas Tract Society, Keene,
Texas.

South Texas Tract Society, Box 392
113 West 7th St., Austin, Texas.

West Texas Tract Society, Box 16
Abilene, Texas.

Southern Publishing Association.
411 Railroad Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

NEWS NOTES

W. D. Dortch is in Mercedes, Tex-
as, on business.

J. B. McConnell, of Oklahoma, is
visiting his family at this place.

H. L. Wilcox, of Waurika, Oklaho-
ma, is in Keene on business this week.

L. N. Carter has moved into the
new residence recently erected by
Brother Bahler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Huguley, of Dal-
las, Texas, visited relatives in Keene
and attended the meetings last week.

Brother Elijah Taylor received word
that his daughter, Artie, is in a criti-
cal condition, suffering from an attack

of rheumatism, at Hagerman, New
Mexico. He left for that place Sun-
day.

Miss Cullie Taylor, who is solicit-
ing for the "Christian Record", a pa-
per for the blind, published at College
View, Nebraska, spent Sabbath with
relatives in Keene. She left Monday
for Granbury, Texas, to continue her
work.

Mrs. J. N. Franklin received a mes-
sage Friday conveying the sad news
of the death of her father, D. A. Rat-
cliff, of Haskell county, at Pyote, Tex.,
where he was visiting. His death
was sudden and unexpected. She left
at once for that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ward returned
last week from Marlin, Texas, where
they attended the funeral of Brother
Ward's mother. His father, Mr.
John Ward, accompanied them to
Keene and will spend some time visit-
ing here.

Z Rubottom moved into the E. B.
Hopkins property this week and
George Prater moved into the A. W.
Jenson property vacated by Brother
Rubottom. Brother Prater purchas-
ed this property from Elder T.
W. Field, who bought it soon after
Elder Jenson's death. Elder Field
now owns the Prater farm northeast
of Keene.

Elder Ernest S. Taylor, who is well
known in the Southwestern Union
Conference, died last week in Cali-
fornia. Brother Taylor had been in
poor health for several years and had
traveled from place to place in the
hope that a change of climate would
help him. His wife, and sister, Mrs.
J. L. Jones, were with him at the time
of his death. The obituary will be
published next week.

The Southwestern Union Confer-
ence Committee closed its work here
last week, and Elders G. F. Watson,
David Voth, W. A. McCutchen, J. W.
Norwood, T. W. Field, J. I. Taylor,
and Brethren A. F. Harrisan and O.
B. Watson, left Sunday morning for
Abilene, Texas. They will all re-
turn to Keene this week except El-
ders Norwood and Voth. Another
session of the Academy Board will be
held when they return.

By some means a mistake was made
in printing the RECORDS last week,

and the run was stopped before a suf-
ficient number were printed. This
was not discovered until we were
about ready to mail out, and the
Tract Society clubs had not been
wrapped. We had to disappoint all
Tract Societies, but will try to avoid
this mistake in the future.

Last Thursday morning, about 9
o'clock, fire broke out in the second
story of the Academy Broom Factory.
The alarm was given and a large num-
ber of people were soon upon the
scene. As the building was a dry
frame structure, it was decided that
the fire could not be checked and
that it would soon be destroyed. The
machinery on the first floor was car-
ried out and saved, also a supply of
broomcorn. The brooms and twine
stored on the second floor were burned
with the building. The Conference
committees in session here at that
time adjourned, and all assisted in
preventing the fire from spreading to
the other buildings. Brother Kreiter
and the villagers and students did he-
roic work on the Girls' Dormitory by
using fire extinguishers and pouring
water on the roof. The building
caught fire in several places, but all
were put out before they had done
much damage.

The Board met in the afternoon and
passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, as a board,
express our thanks to the students
and citizens of Keene for the heroic
work done in saving the Girls' Dor-
mitory during the Broom Factory fire
which occurred here today, Febru-
ary 5.

The loss is about \$2000. There
was no insurance on the building; it
being a frame structure, in which
broomcorn was kept, insurance com-
panies would not take the risk. The
factory will be re-built at once.
Plans have been made and the ma-
terial for the new factory will be on
the ground by the time this article
reaches our readers.

CAMP-MEETING DATES, 1913

The Camp-meeting dates in the
Southwestern Union Conference have
been fixed by the Committee as fol-
lows:

South Texas	June 26-July 6
North Texas	July 10-20
Arkansas	July 17-27
West Texas	July 31-August 10
New Mexico	August 7-17
Oklahoma	August 21-31

The place of holding the meeting
in each Conference will be announc-
ed as soon as the local committees
make their decisions.