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ARKANSAS

DEVALLS BLUFF SCHOOL FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE

This school, although located in Arkansas, is not an institution of the Arkansas Conference, but is owned and operated by the Southwestern Union Conference. I have just returned from a week's visit to the school, and I am glad to say that I find this institution in the most prosperous condition of any time since I have been connected with its management, which has been nearly four years.

The plans for carrying forward the gardening, although laid a little late this year, are being well carried out, and the farm work is far ahead of any year in the past. The school work, although greatly interrupted by the teacher, Sister Carrie Shaw, having been called to Texas on account of her mother's illness and death, is in a prosperous condition.

Those who have charge of the school and the students show their interest in the school by doing everything they can to assist in making the needed improvements on the farm.

Recently I have received letters and also personal inquiries in regard to the needs of the school. The rooms for the girls have never been ceiled; this leaves them open and very uncomfortable in the winter. It would take but a very small outlay of means for these rooms to be made comfortable. There is also some furniture

needed. If these rooms could be put into proper shape and some furniture secured, we are confident it would greatly increase the attendance the next school year.

While making our visit to the school, we received a shipment from the Oakwood Training School, of Huntsville, Alabama, containing flower bulbs, garden tools, etc. The Huntsville school has also donated to this school a small canning outfit which they have outgrown. This is very much appreciated.

There should be two or three cows on this farm. Some of the churches in Arkansas have already given liberally for this purpose, and the colored schools are making a special effort to raise funds to assist.

While this school has been growing and building up, the locality in which it is located has also been developing. Land that could be secured at a very low figure a few years ago has rapidly increased in price, and is now producing some of the best rice that can be found on the market. These rice farms have now reached within a mile and three-fourths of the school farm. Within the last few days natural gas has been discovered a few miles from the school.

The importance of schools of this kind being established in the South is quite plainly set forth in the following quotations from Vol. 9, chapter entitled "Among the Colored People."

"Most decided efforts should be made to train colored men and women to labor as missionaries in the

Southern States of America. Christian colored students should be preparing to give the truth to their own race.....

"There is the greatest need for all kinds of missionary work in the South. Without delay workers must be prepared for this field. Our people should provide funds for the education of men and women in the Southern States, who, being accustomed to the climate, can work there without endangering their health.

"Promising young men and women should be educated to become teachers. They should have the very best advantages. School houses and meeting houses should be built in different places, and teachers employed.....

"The children in the schools are to be taught something more than merely how to read. Industrial lines of work are to be carried forward. The students are to be provided with facilities for learning trades that will enable them to support themselves.

"Our churches in the North, as well as the South, should do what they can to help support the school work for the colored children. The schools already established should be faithfully maintained. The establishment of new schools will require additional funds. Let all our brethren and sisters do their part wholeheartedly to place these schools on vantage ground."

I am sure that all are glad to know that May 3 has been set apart in this Union as a day when an offering will be taken up to help meet some of the needs of this school.

J. W. NORWOOD.

CANVASSING IN BENGAL AND
NORTH CENTRAL INDIAAnnfield, Mussoorie,
March 15, 1913.Dear Friends of the Southwestern
Union Conference:—

Our last report was written just as we were finishing our work in Bombay. From there we went to the Biennial Conference, which was held in Calcutta from November 14-24. This was the best meeting we have ever attended, and one that inspired us to do more faithful service than ever before. Our hearts were filled with courage as we heard the report of growth and progress of the message from all parts of this vast empire.

Since Conference we have been canvassing from town to town and city to city through Bengal and North India, canvassing in all about twenty places. Brother Rick was with us during the month of December. When we came to Lucknow, he left us for Bombay, where he was joined by another canvasser, Miss Workes, from America. Since then, however, she has gone by the name of Mrs. Rick.

It is wonderful how the Lord has guided us at times when we knew not what to do. He has led us in more ways than we could ever name. Another very remarkable thing is the number of subscriptions He has given for our religious paper among the native people of India. Heretofore our work for this magazine has been among the European people, and the work for our health magazine among the native people, but the Lord has demonstrated that our religious magazine has a welcome among the Hindus, Parsees and Mohammedans.

I wish it were possible for me to relate to you all of the many experiences the Lord has given in our work, but as I cannot do this, I will give a few experiences from our magazine work among the Europeans and natives.

One native man, a Mohammedan, after hearing the canvass, said, "I lack only one point of being a Christian—this I refuse to tell—but I am sure I can see in this magazine the point made clear."

Another asked, "What denomination are you?" I told him, and after we had talked awhile about the Turkish question and other points, our conversation drifted on to the diet question, with which most natives are

I only ask a will resigned,
O Father, to thine own!
Today, beneath thy chastening eye,
I crave alone for peace and rest;
Submissive in thy hand to lie,
And feel that it is best.

—J. G. Whittier.

much concerned. When he learned that we, as a people, refrained from eating swine's flesh from a Bible standpoint, he became much interested, subscribed for the "Watchman" and asked many questions about the Bible.

A Hindu, after being canvassed for our health magazine, said, "Haven't you anything about religion?" I showed him the "Watchman" and he liked it very much, paid me his subscription and stated that he had questions he wanted answered in our "Question Corner."

A Beminder (large landowner) said, "I am very glad you called. I like your magazine, and you may place my name on your list. When you are this way again be sure to come and see me." Since then I have been corresponding with this man. He is a liberal Hindu, and is very influential.

A European lady said, "I have been subscribing for the 'Watchman' for years, and it is the cleanest magazine published in India."

Another lady said, "The 'Oriental Watchman' has such splendid articles on the second coming of Christ!"

A European gentleman said, "I became acquainted with the Adventist literature by living with one of your missionaries. They were the most devoted people and the best neighbors I ever had. Put my name down." I thought of the text which says, "Ye are living epistles."

Another gentleman said, "I have been a subscriber for a number of years. I also have some of Mrs. White's books. She is the best writer I ever read after."

Still another said, "You people observe the seventh day—I believe you are right, but I want more light. Send me the Watchman for 1913."

"I met this magazine in your sanitarium at Mussoorie," said another. "I liked it very much and am almost persuaded to be an Adventist."

Many more experiences and testimonies could be given. The one testimony given for our health magazine

is, "I like the 'Herald of Health' because your treatments are practical and you are vegetarian people."

The first month of 1913 we canvassed Lucknow, our headquarters. The Lord gave us about 140 subscribers for our magazines there. From this place we canvassed Allahabad, the Holiness headquarters, where they are editing a paper called the "Burning Bush." This was really a help to our work in some ways, for people everywhere are waking up to the fact that our literature is the best in the world—of course there are exceptions. At Allahabad we secured 145 subscribers.

This report is getting quite lengthy, so I must soon close. For all the time I have canvassed the Lord has given over one thousand subscriptions to our magazines, besides many precious experiences. Our canvassing work has given us an insight into the needs of India and a knowledge of the ways of the people which no other line of work could have done in the same length of time.

Mrs. Mattison has canvassed some and likes the work well. She is a sharer in all the success because she has done her part in every way, nobly and bravely.

Now we are taking up school work in Mussoorie. The Lord has been very good to us in getting started. We like Mussoorie splendidly. Although we are taken out of the canvassing work temporarily, still we have not lost interest in the "pioneer work." Surely God has called us into the school work, and we are glad to respond. We assure our friends that we are of the best courage.

The work is onward in India, and the calls are coming faster than they can possibly be answered. We are praying the Lord of the Harvest to work upon the hearts of our young people of the Southwest. Surely there are some who will answer the call just NOW for India! We especially have in mind the call for two consecrated canvassers.

Remember us and the work here in your prayers.

MILTON M. MATTISON.

The Lord does not want us to promise, resolve, covenant, and agree to obey Him for months to come; but He asks us to obey Him to-day, and trust Him "who is able to keep us from falling."—Selected.

COURAGE, COLPORTEURS!

BORROWING A FAMILY

Our Lord commissioned men to go
His blessed truth to teach;
His grace to all the nations show,
To toil, to sing and preach.
What place, my friend, is yours to
fill?
List to the Lord's command;
Whatever is His holy will
Do with a willing hand.

Colporteurs leave their homes so
dear.

Christ's precious truths to spread;
Prepare, dear souls, His word to hear,
His message to be read:
Who gives or sells a holy book,
Some precious seed has sown,
To help some one to Jesus look,
In Him true wealth to own.

His books so full of truth sublime
He spreads like autumn leaves;
O, Brother, in the harvest time,
You'll surely bear some sheaves!
Christ's love constrains; with smiles
he meets
The dear, the ransomed ones;
The wife, the little ones he greets;
His light beams from God's Son.

In rain and shine, with love divine,
Bear feed for God's dear sheep;
Where'er you dine let this light shine,
Talk truth where'er you sleep;
O, seek not ease, try Christ to please,
Fast spread the printed page;
On heavenly bread your soul is fed,
Christ's thoughts your mind engage.

Keep heart and character so pure
As to reflect Christ's love,
O, let no wiles to sin allure;
Your help is from above:
How blest is one, repulsed at first,
When toils with orders end;
Appease his hunger and his thirst,—
Each stranger left a friend.

—E. B. Hopkins.

To will and not to do when there
is opportunity is in reality not to will;
and to love what is good and not to
do it, when it is possible, is in reality
not to love it.—Swedenborg.

"The heavier the load the lighter
the heart—if He bears the load with
us."

We enjoy ourselves only in our
work—in our doing; and our best
doing is our best enjoyment.—Jacobi.

A Unique Way of Helping a Tired
Mother

We all believe the old adage that
"an ounce of prevention is worth a
pound of cure," and the fact that "a
stitch in time saves nine" is rarely
disputed. Nevertheless we do little
to relieve the overburdened relative,
friend, or neighbor, until the case has
become serious enough for the doctor.
Then we hurry over with flowers and
delicacies, and often add to the gen-
eral confusion.

If we are in any true sense our
brothers' keepers, we do not wait for
such emergencies to give such spas-
modic help, but watch for the oppor-
tunity to say a kind word or give an
encouraging lift to the burden.

One of my friends, who is always
original in her methods, recently
came to me with the story that one of
our circle was very near a nervous
breakdown,—just tired out and dis-
couraged.

The children of the family were un-
usually bright and active; the eld-
est, a splendid girl, had just entered
the high school. She was high-
strung and talkative. The boys,
strong, rollicking fellows, were noisy
and full of fun. They all adored the
mother, and the father was unusually
kind and thoughtful. But the pre-
paring of meals, and the washing,
ironing and mending were too much
for one pair of hands; and, though
the children helped, it was under su-
pervision that required patience and
tact.

The finances of the family made it
impossible to hire extra help without
going into debt; and this the mother
refused to do, using all her energy in
every way to piece out the family in-
come rather than save her own
strength.

The doctor ordered a complete rest,
and suggested a trip, in the easy way
that doctors have. But, even if the
ticket had been forthcoming, there
was the family to be left with the
housework; and the thought of the
accumulation of work which she
would find on her return home was
more discouraging to the mother than
the daily struggle with life as it
came.

It was just at this season that her
"sister's keeper" stepped in. She
asked me whether I would invite the

young daughter to spend Saturday
and Sunday with me, coming directly
from the school on Friday night. I
could do this very gracefully, as she
was in my Sunday-school class, and
had visited at my home. This good
friend had further planned for the
boys by inviting them into her own
camp for the week-end. When she
called to give the invitation, she took
with her two loaves of her own home-
made bread, knowing that if there
was an abundance on hand, there
would be a postponement of baking
day.

One more detail she arranged. She
called up her brother, and suggested
that he have a business engagement
with the husband, and invite him to
remain down town to dinner for at
least one of the evenings, and to pro-
vide for two if he could.

Everything worked beautifully. The
house was suddenly quiet, with no
thought of preparing for the evening
meal. Two rooms occupied by the
children, now being empty, the moth-
er had a complete rest by occu-
pying a room by herself. Her hus-
band suggested that she sleep as late
as possible in the morning, and slip-
ped away without waking her. By
Sunday she was a new person, and en-
joyed the quiet little dinner with her
husband in a way that did them both
good.

Monday night, when the children
came home, there was great rejoic-
ing to see the mother looking so well
and so rested. The children, too,
were less nervous after their outing,
and appreciated home all the more
because of their little trip away from
it.

How often we might relieve the
strain by such thoughtfulness, and
how much better it expresses our
thoughtfulness than flowers or gifts!
—Christian Endeavor World.

"A kind heart is a fountain of glad-
ness, brightening everything in its
vicinity."

For the business and battles of life,
we need nothing as much as a stout
heart and brave courage, and I ven-
ture to assert that the secret of that
courage is faith.—Bishop Brewster.

"Yet this one thing I learn to know,
Each day more clearly as I go,
That doors are open, ways are made,
Burdens are lifted, or are laid,
By some great law unseen and still"

REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK, INCLUDING MAGAZINE SALES, IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 19

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERED
WEST TEXAS								
R. L. Blackwelder, Albany		BR	26	19	70 00	3 00	73 00	
Hattie Dinsmore, Zephyr		PPF	33					6 00
P. Darnell, Big Springs		BR	19			5 05	5 05	
Arthur Gober, Childress		BR	42	5	15 00	2 00	17 00	
A. P. Rightmer, Eastland		BR	37	8	27 00		27 00	
H. W. Spraggins, Childress		BR	50	16	49 00	2 25	51 25	
A. C. Wade, Eastland		DR	25	10	36 00	2 50	38 50	
		Bibles		5	15 55		15 55	
Agents 7			212	63	212 55	14 80	227 35	6 00

OKLAHOMA								
Z. S. Arey Konowa		BR	111	25	71 00	1 40	72 40	
T. W. Atchley, Bache		PPF	47	29	49 00	50	49 50	3 50
G. B. Boswell, Long		DR	46	35	112 00		112 00	
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		PPF	51	42	75 50	3 70	79 20	1 50
E. W. Crawford, Quinton		HH	56	18	47 50	1 25	48 75	
J. F. Goss, Perkins		GC	35	29	107 00	8 00	115 00	
Geo. Hauf, Frederick		BR	11			4 00	4 00	7 75
W. R. Hixon, Durant		PP	58					143 75
J. A. McMains, Coody's Bluff		BR	40	12	48 00	2 50	50 50	
O. S. Owen, Meeker		PP	41	23	84 00		84 00	
J. W. Scroggin, Texhoma		BR	12	9	36 00		36 00	
W. F. White, Stonewall		BR	40	12	36 00	2 50	38 50	
J. A. Young, Wewoka		PP	40	39	133 00	9 25	142 25	
Abe. Miracle, Wewoka		PPF	52	54	119 00	2 25	121 25	
Mrs. E. Grubbs, Claremore		Magazines	5	28	2 80		2 80	2 80
Mrs. E. A. Goss, Enid		Magazines	12	128	12 80		12 80	12 80
		Bibles			73 80		73 80	
Agents 16			657	483	1007 40	35 35	1042 75	172 10

SOUTH TEXAS								
W. E. Scott, Beeville		GC & HH	20	6	22 00	2 65	24 65	
A. G. Loosmore, San Antonio		BR	19	2	6 00		6 00	41 00
Will Palmerton, Francitas		PG	22	3	9 00		9 00	6 00
Mrs. E. L. Neff, Austin		PPF	2	2	3 00		3 00	
Agents 4			63	13	40 00	2 65	42 65	47 00

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NORTH TEXAS

Pearl Lambeth, Dallas	BR	39	33	116 00	1 50	117 50	
Chas McNeil, Trinity	BR	40	35	114 00	1 50	115 50	
O. Glass, Decatur	BR	53	36	108 00		108 00	
D. L. Creel, Trinity	BR	40	34	108 00		108 00	
A. Gregory, Weatherford	BR	45	32	102 00	50	102 50	
A. Prewitt, Keene	BR	29	9	29 00	3 00	32 00	
Atha Davis, Terrell	BR	8	5	18 00	1 50	19 50	
E. L. Drummond, Cleburne	BR	6	2	6 00	2 75	8 75	
H. H. O'Harrow, Purdon	GC	45	50	183 00	1 00	184 00	
Z. L. Davis, Purdon	GC	48	34	117 00	3 35	120 35	
G. Theiss, Midlothian	GC	40	23	82 00		82 00	
C. F. Kaupke, Paris	GC	50	20	77 00	5 50	82 50	
H. Tibbitts, Joshua	DR	47	21	64 00	3 50	67 50	
W. E. Preston, McKinney	DR	38	14	48 75		48 75	
T. M. Woodruff, Paris	DR	39	11	42 00	2 15	44 15	
C. L. Frisby, McKinney	DR	34	8	29 00	50	29 50	
J. W. Schidler, McKinney	DR	20	6	23 00		23 00	
Mrs. Drummond, Cleburne	PG	35	19	60 00	1 75	61 75	
J. Z. Graham, Ladonia	ES	44	23	71 00		71 00	
J. W. Barnhurst, Grand Prairie	PP	40	13	40 00	3 75	43 75	
Josie Splawn, Ennis	PF	16	3	10 00	4 75	14 75	
Mrs. M. E. Harrison, Fort Worth	PPF	40	16	25 00		25 00	17 00
U. M. Cooke, Dallas	PPF	19	10	15 50	1 35	16 85	16 00
Mrs. C. L. Frisby, McKinney	PPF	4	1	1 50		1 50	
W. W. Chatton, Dallas	BFL			32 00	4 00	46 00	15 00
Agness Houlton, Waco	BFL	30	11	19 50	5 10	24 60	7 50
W. N. Porter, Marlin	BFL	24	11	13 00	25	13 25	
Mrs. Andruss, Weatherford	BFL	9	9	9 50		9 50	3 50
Mrs. Preston, McKinney	BFL	4	3	3 00	75	3 75	
Mrs. Bauknight, Waco	Papers		50	5 00		5 00	
Maude Martin, Dallas	Papers		175	17 50		17 50	
	Bibles			59 70		59 70	
Agents 31			886	717	1658 95	48 45	1707 40 59 00

ARKANSAS

Moses Hardin, Waldron	GC	41	13	41 00	4 00	45 00	
J. W. Anderson, Johnson Co.	GC	36	5	15 00	2 25	17 25	
Crystal Duce, Johnson Co.	GC	41	16	49 00	6 25	55 25	
W. F. Nance, Brinkley	CK	21	14	26 50	2 25	28 75	71 00
Ed. C. Furr, Ft. Smith	PPF	49	38	60 60	2 25	62 75	6 00
Myrtle Hensley, Ft. Smith	BFL	27	16	16 50		16 50	
Pearl Hensley, Ft. Smith	BFL	25	16	16 50		16 50	
W. S. Reddell, Benton Co.	BFL	44	26	26 00	70	26 70	7 70
Vernon Deihl, Morrilton	BFL	30	30	31 00		31 00	
John H. Jones, Morrilton	BFL	34	32	36 50		36 50	
D. D. Newkirk, Catcher	BFL	15	3	3 00		3 00	
	Bibles			31 05		31 05	
Agents 11			363	209	352 55	17 70	370 25 84 70

GRAND TOTALS—	Agents 69		1539	1485	3271 45	118 95	3390 40 368 80
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THE WACO CONVENTION

This was a meeting of the Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer Society. Our State Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Watson was present.

Sabbath, March 9, we held our Sabbath-school Convention, following our regular Sabbath-school lesson hour. Some excellent papers had been prepared for the occasion and were discussed quite at length. On our first subject, "The Sabbath School worker," some of the good points were, that it enables our Sabbath-schools to maintain a high standard, develops spiritual teachers, and in that way helps Sabbath-school workers to win souls to Christ. Reference was also made to the blackboard sketches, pictures, outlines and memory verse illustrations provided for each lesson.

We, as officers and teachers in the Sabbath-schools, no less than in worldly occupations, need to gain information from some progressive educational journal. The person who tries to get along without it seriously cripples his work. We trust that the day is not far distant when the "Worker" shall visit every home and better qualify us as teachers.

One paper outlined the plan of the Sabbath-school training course, showing us the great need of training teachers in our Sabbath-school work, and also the small amount of time, money and effort it required to take the course, and the great benefit to be derived from it.

The subject of "Consecration Service" was of interest to us. As nearing home quickens the step of the traveler, so the certainty that probation will soon close should spur us on to greater activity. The generation is fast passing, so the faithful Sabbath-school teacher should labor with zeal for the conversion of his class.

Once, a shepherd, who was very successful in raising large herds of sheep, was asked the secret of his success. He replied, "I take care of the lambs." A knowledge of the fact that the largest proportion of persons who are church members became so at the age of 16, should quicken our determination to do more for the children, as a farmer does not spend all his time sowing the seed, but makes provision for harvest and reaps what he sows. So with sowing the good seed—the Word of God. The heart of a child is the best possible ground,

and the Sabbath-school has, in the establishment of a consecration service, a harvest time when souls are garnered.

On Sabbath afternoon, at 3 o'clock, we took up the work of the Missionary Volunteer Society. Several topics were discussed; one of special interest was the "Reading Course." Most of our members have secured the books for this course, and we hope that each one has been encouraged by this convention to go forward and read the books, also to answer the review questions and send them in to the secretary. The Scriptures say that "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." We should strive to succeed in all we undertake. It was very forcibly impressed upon us that it was not enough to enroll, get the books and read them, but when the written review appears in the "Instructor" we should answer the questions promptly and send them to our secretary. The written work is of great value, "Reading maketh a full man, writing an exact one."

The value of the Morning Watch Calendar was impressed on our minds, showing us the importance of storing our minds with God's Word and giving our first waking moments to prayer. We have the example of Christ: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." All seemed interested to learn the things presented, and we feel that a good work has been done and that it was time well spent.

MRS. O. J. CORWIN.

SEED THOUGHTS

There is only one true standard of character for all human beings; and that standard is the law of God as vested in the ten commandments and exemplified in the life of Christ.

There is not one standard of character for women and another for men. All are alike to render an account of the acts of their lives to God, and are to be judged alike by the law of God alone.

Whatever of conduct that is wrong for a woman is equally wrong for a man; and a woman should not be severely censured for her wrong act, and the same offense in a man looked upon as a trivial affair.

In the beginning man was made in the image of his Creator, and it is his

duty at all times to manifest the character of his Creator in his every act of life.

It may be impossible for man in this present state of existence to arrive at absolute perfection of character, but he should constantly strive toward its accomplishment.

To participate in that which tends only to degrade and place one on a lower plane of life should be considered far beneath the patronage of him who was created in the image of God.

Every human being should be constantly growing into and advancing in, whatever is good and pure and noble. Anything which tends to degrade or cheapen the moral character should be most repulsive to him who was created in the likeness of the Creator.—J. W. Lowe.

GET THE HABIT OF SUCCEEDING

A girl in a high school class in geometry was sent to the board to demonstrate an original proposition. Several members of the class had tried it, and their instructor had promptly found a flaw in their reasoning. This girl gave a neat, correct demonstration was a mystery no one could

The effect was unexpected. The student in question was far from brilliant. She had never been particularly interested in her work. How she had chanced on that demonstration was a mystery no one could fathom. She walked to her seat tingling with a sensation novel in her experience. She was tasting the joy of success. That night she applied herself to her work as she had never done before in the course of her school life. By the end of the year she was acknowledged the most promising student in her class, and her record more than fulfils the pledge of those early days.

Nothing inspires like success. It is hard work to get up ambition enough to carry you through a humdrum routine, but as soon as you have done anything splendidly, your pride and satisfaction will supply the energy you need for duplicating your achievement.

Get the habit of succeeding. Make your work easy by making it good. Selected.

The problem of life is not to make life easier, but to make men stronger. —David Starr Jordan.

PRIVILEGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

There is no other body or organization of young people to-day whose opportunities are so great as those offered our young people at the present time. And with those opportunities are associated the most solemn responsibilities ever entrusted to any class of young people. It is possible that we do not fully appreciate the many opportunities we have, and do not realize what is required of us. We need the personal touch of faith. We cannot merely think of Christ as a historical character, but we need to feel His saving power manifested in our daily life. We need the faith the poor diseased woman exercised two thousand years ago when she sought her Lord through the throng that she might touch his garment. Just a touch was sufficient to cause the immediate recognition of the Master, which shows us how willing He is to help us when we are in earnest. We need to come into contact daily with Divine power. We may know the Lord is just as willing to respond to our appeals, and render us the needed help, as He was to help the poor woman, if we come to him in faith.

The Lord, in His plan of salvation, made no distinction or line of demarcation, but his plan was broad enough to save all, for He knew that all had sinned and come short of the glory of God. It is the privilege of the young to enjoy a deep Christian experience, as well as the old. The young people are the ones who are to carry this Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and this we cannot do until we are able to give an intelligent answer for the hope that is within us, and now is the time for us to be preparing ourselves to give this answer, and for this purpose we have established at various places schools and colleges, and, for those who cannot attend the schools, we have a correspondence school, which offers most any course which may be desired by those who wish to improve their spare time, and thus improve their ability for greater usefulness in the Master's service. We also have the reading course, and the course for the standard of attainment, which are very helpful and educational.

It will require the very best there is in us, and a constant improving until the Lord comes, to obtain heaven, but for this effort on our part heaven will be cheap enough.

The end is too near now for any to grow faint-hearted and give up, and may all the young people in this conference take new courage in the Lord, and make each day show a decided victory toward building a character that will stand when the great fiat goes forth, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

We cannot develop characters which will meet the requirements in the great day of the Lord all at once, but it must be a daily building—a steady growth; and we are admonished to take heed to our building.

May we, as young people, soon witness a much deeper consecration to the Lord and His service, that He may accomplish His will in our lives here on earth. May we each be a bright and shining light just where we are, improving our time and opportunities, and thus build characters for eternity.—R. J. Brown, in Gospel Medical Messenger.

WAVE AND TIDE.

On the far reef the breakers

Recoil in shattered foam,
Yet still the sea behind them
Urges its forces home;

Its chant of triumph surges

Through all the thunderous din—

The wave may break in failure,

But the tide is sure to win!

The reef is strong and cruel;

Upon its jagged wall

One wave—a score—a hundred,

Broken and beaten fall;

Yet in defeat they conquer,

The sea comes flooding in—

Wave upon wave is routed,

But the tide is sure to win!

O, mighty sea! thy message

In clanging spray is cast;

Withing God's plan of progress

It matters not at last

How wide the shores of evil,

How strong the reefs of sin—

The wave may be defeated,

But the tide is sure to win!

—Priscilla Leonard.

FOR SALE



Ten acres and ten-room residence, two and one-half story, well finished, papered, hard oiled. Will sell some furnishings. Large yard of heart cypress pickets, good garden, R. F. D., phone line, well on porch, insurance, no encumbrances, splendid view, hickory shade. Property corners Seventh-day Adventist Conference property, church and school. One mile from Prewitt Lake, near Avinger, Cass county, Texas. Eighty acres may be bought on easy terms, on same survey and adjoining. Would make good small sanitarium or home for pupils.

Will sell at a great sacrifice on account of business away.

Twelve hundred dollars.

160 acres, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the school, best farming land in Cass county.

Sixteen hundred dollars.

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WHY NOT AFRAID?

The wife of a naval officer was sitting in the cabin near him during a dreadful storm. She was filled with alarm for the safety of the vessel, and was so surprised at her husband's serenity that she cried out, "My dear, are you not afraid? How is it possible for you to be so calm in such a terrible storm?" Rising from his chair, he drew his sword, and pointing it at the breast of his wife, exclaimed: "Are you not afraid of that sword?" She instantly answered, "No." "Why?" asked the officer. "Because I know it is in the hand of my husband, and he loves me too well to hurt me." "Then," said he, "remember I know Whom I believe, and that He holds the winds in His grasp; and the waters in the hollow of His hands."—The Expositor.

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NEW NOTES

Charles Neal, of Oklahoma, is visiting friends and former schoolmates in Keene.

J. K. Reynolds, of Oklahoma, is visiting his son, Ray, who lives east of Keene.

Mr. Milton, father of J. T. Milton, is here for an extended visit with his son and family.

Elder G. F. Watson was called to Meridian, Texas, Monday, to preach a funeral sermon.

Miss Atha Davis, of East Texas, visited relatives here last week. She returned to her home Monday morning.

W. J. Leslie and daughter, Miss Lela, of West Texas, arrived here last week on a visit to relatives, and will remain until the close of school and accompany the delegates and visitors to the General Conference.

A. F. Harrison spoke to the Keene church Sabbath afternoon at 3:30 on the importance of every church member being active in the colporteur and other lines of work; and at night, at the Missionary meeting, the State field agents used the time in relating very interesting and helpful experiences in their work.

I. T. Reynolds, field agent of the New Mexico Conference, arrived here Friday to assist in giving instruction in the Colporteurs' Institute. A few hours after his arrival he received a telegram stating that his sister had died in Missouri, and for him to come at once. He left on the evening train for Mexico, Missouri.

Brother R. G. Keller, for many years a resident of Keene and a mem-

ber of the Keene church, died at his home near Fort Worth, Texas, last Friday. The body was brought to Keene for burial and arrived here Sabbath morning. The Keene church congregation was dismissed at the close of the Sabbath-school and all went to the cemetery, where Prof. H. S. Prener conducted the funeral service. We hope to receive an obituary for publication.

The Colporteurs' Institute in session here is progressing nicely under the direction of A. F. Harrison, J. W. Davis, G. C. Jenks, C. L. Collison, N. H. Conway and E. H. Wilcox, field agents of the conferences. Thirty were enrolled at the first meeting, but the attendance has increased until it numbers about forty. The classes are all doing well in the study of the various books, and from the degree of enthusiasm manifested on the part of all, we have every reason to believe that this summer's work will eclipse anything that has been done in the past, which will aid in a large degree in reaching the goal set by this Union for 1913: namely, \$100,000.00.

DELEGATES AND VISITORS NOTICE

A few days ago we were informed that the Southwestern Passenger Association, which recently held a meeting at Hot Springs, Arkansas, declined to make any rate for the General Conference delegates and visitors from this territory.

We have made arrangements to use a party ticket from Keene to Washington. In parties of twenty-five or more the rate will be \$28.20 for railway fare. The Pullman fare will be \$4.75 per berth, and two persons can occupy a berth and divide the expense. This will make the complete fare, when two persons occupy a berth, \$30.60 each. You will understand that this is only one way, and we do not know what arrangements can be made for the return trip. We believe, however, that it will be an easy matter to make up parties in Washington for Nashville, Chicago, Kansas City, and perhaps other points. This will give all delegates and visitors the privilege of going one way and returning another.

Delegates and visitors from Oklahoma and Arkansas can save money by being included in the party ticket from Keene, and can join the party

at any convenient place along the line. Parties buying tickets along the line should buy tickets and check baggage to junction points, and arrange with the agent to have all baggage ready to load when our train arrives. Checks will be placed on baggage after the arrival of our train. We will have to know at once how many wish to take advantage of the party ticket. There will be but one ticket purchased, and it will call for a definite number of passengers; and if you wish to be included in the number, please let me know by return mail, and if convenient, send me check for your fare and Pullman accommodations, if you wish them.

Our two tourist cars will leave Keene Monday morning, May 12, at 7 o'clock, and will go via M. K. & T. to St. Louis, Mo., arriving there at 7:51 the following morning. From St. Louis we will use the Pennsylvania line, and will arrive in Washington about noon Wednesday, May 14. This will give us time to unpack baggage and locate before the opening session of General Conference the following morning.

We have but little time to complete our arrangements, so please let me hear from you by return mail.

C. E. SMITH.

SOUTH TEXAS INSTITUTE REPORT

For the benefit of those who will go out as colporteurs from the school at Elgin, an institute was held there from April 10-18. We are glad to report that four strong young students, with the teacher, expect to enter the field immediately after the close of the school; also a young woman, not in the school, making a total of six new colporteurs from this source for South Texas this year.

In connection with the Institute Bible studies were given, morning and evening, by the ministers present, and at the close nine precious souls followed their Lord in baptism. A part of these are young people recently converted; others are older people just now accepting the truth, and yet others are precious members who had not been baptized into the message.

Elder Watson and Brother Harrison were present from the first, and their presence and labors were very much appreciated. J. I. TAYLOR.