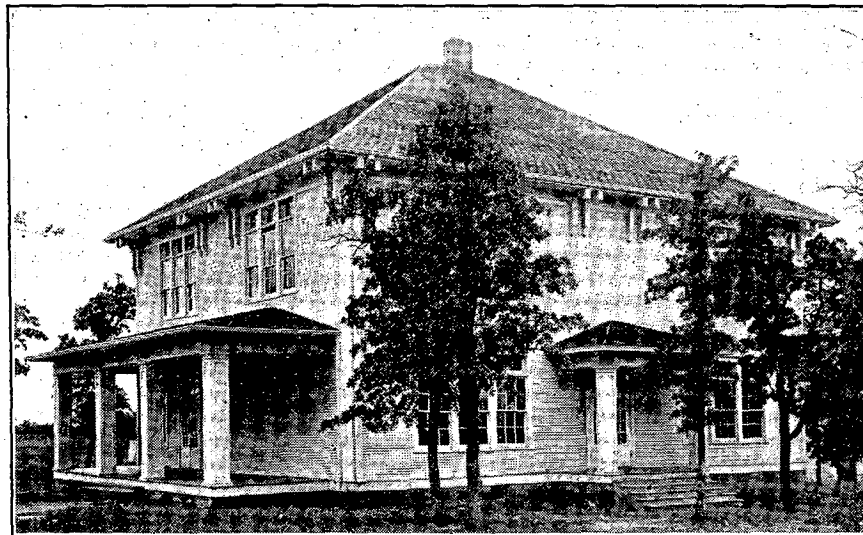


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## KEENE CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING



### THE IMPORTANCE OF DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE

#### Camp Meeting Sermon

Elder W. A. Sweany gave a strong discourse on the importance of definite knowledge. Basing his remarks on 1 John 1:1, "That which we have seen from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life . . . declare we unto you." He said:

"I suppose we all believe that these words are just as true to-day, and must somewhere have a personal application now, as when John spoke and wrote them. How can that be? He was certainly speaking of the manifestation of God as he was in that generation in the flesh. But God is still

manifest in the flesh, and as men still point to the manifestations of that personal God he is still seen in the nature, life and character of his children.

"But you will notice this particular writer was to present that, and that only, which he knew, and with which he was acquainted. John 3:11, 'Verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen.' If our Lord and Master, who spake as never man spake, and whose words were Spirit and life, felt it necessary to keep within the bounds of the truth, certainly I ought to do so. It might possibly circumscribe the sphere of our activity. It has done so with me ever since I decided to keep within the bounds of that which I know and am sure of. So I want to talk to you a little while about the im-

portance and necessity of knowing the truth and knowing God. The Lord tells us in Hosea 4:6 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. You remember Jesus said that in the days of Noah they ate, drank, bought and sold, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and 'knew not until the flood came and took them all away.' Why were they all destroyed? Because they did not know the flood was coming. But hadn't Noah told them of it? You remember as Jesus wept over the coming destruction of Jerusalem he told how the enemy would come and cast a trench about them and shut them in on every side, and told them why,—'Because thou knowest not the day of thy visitation.' Why didn't they know. The prophets had written of

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## REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK IN THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

God regards the young people of this denomination of so much importance that He has, by the Spirit of Prophecy, sent us a special message in regard to them; and surely when God speaks we will not be careless in reference to the plans He gives us. "Young men and women, can not you form companies, and, as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin? Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work." Seven churches in the North Texas Conference have responded to this invitation. The following is the missionary work which has been reported by these seven societies:

Letters written, 319  
Letters received, 153  
Missionary visits, 426  
Bible readings held, 198  
Subscriptions taken, 219  
Papers sold, 461  
Papers mailed or given, 3081  
Books sold, 351  
Books lent or given, 180  
Tracts sold, 703  
Tracts lent or given, 1921  
Hours Christian help work, 2032  
Articles clothing given, 92  
Offering for Foreign Missions,  
\$64.78  
Offerings for Home Missions,  
\$50.60  
Offerings for Local Society  
work, \$20.31

Fifty have received Standard of Attainment Certificates during the year.

Our Reading Course work has gone beyond anything we have ever had. Miss Erickson wrote me last fall that we should have at least 100 more than last year, but we have even gone in advance of that; the total number who have finished one or both of the current courses is 270, while last year we had 149; 48 have received gift books. Three Reading Course Certificates entitle one to select a book from a list of 25 books, and the department makes you a present of it. We get the benefit of reading. We also receive a certificate in acknowledgment of the reading done, but in order to encourage us still more to do this excellent reading, the gift book is given. In order that these gift books might be earned, 76 back courses have been made up.

With grateful hearts we acknowledge God's leading in this great work.

MRS. G. F. WATSON,  
Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

## NAMES OF THOSE WHO RECEIVED STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT CERTIFICATES

- 1 Willie Elmer
- 2 C. C. Graves
- 3 Elizabeth Lothian
- 4 Grace Wilcox
- 5 Nellie Josephine Ranson
- 6 Lenoa Willibel Huguley
- 7 Nellie Riddles
- 8 Irene Jewel Adams
- 9 Herman T. Price
- 10 Clyde Callicott
- 11 C. C. Wilcox
- 12 Ellen E. Knudson
- 13 Lillie Norwood
- 14 T. J. Hooper
- 15 Inez Williams
- 16 Georgia England
- 17 Clara Stoelting
- 18 Worthie Hale
- 19 Faye Felter
- 20 Maggie McCoy
- 21 Zella Franklin
- 22 Olga Petterson
- 23 Dora Hickman
- 24 Virgie Gass
- 25 Jno. Knudson
- 26 Avery Winn
- 27 Lawrence F. Warren
- 28 Vinna Frame
- 29 Janie Layland
- 30 Lela Sims
- 31 Rex Callicott
- 32 H. M. Shlenberger
- 33 Flora Page
- 34 G. R. West
- 35 Maude Martin
- 36 Jessie Casey
- 37 John D. Haynes
- 38 Mabel Dunks
- 39 W. O. Belz
- 40 C. Neal
- 41 Leland Patterson
- 42 Albert Priest
- 43 J. R. Scantlin
- 44 Carl F. Staben
- 45 Mrs. R. E. Elmer
- 46 R. E. Elmer
- 47 J. H. Ball
- 48 Mrs. Harry F. Watson
- 49 Joe Chesnut
- 50 Faye F. Shidler

The names of those who have finished the current Reading Courses are found in the RECORD of July 28, 1914.

Mrs. G. F. WATSON,  
Y. P. M. V. Secretary, North  
Texas Conference.

# THE WAR

## SOME OF THE IMMEDIATE CAUSES LEADING UP TO IT

Austria's demand that Serbia surrender the slayers of Archduke Ferdinand and wife to the Austrians for trial is regarded as the immediate cause of the European war. Serbia's refusal resulted in Austria's declaration of war on Serbia. Russia took up arms for Serbia and began to mobilize her army. Germany sided with her ally, Austria, and questioned Russia's motives in mobilizing. Negotiations ended in Germany also mobilizing and her announcement that she would fight for Austria if Russia took up Serbia's cause. Russia called on England and France, each nation proceeding immediately to mobilize, too. Germany asked their intentions, just like she had asked the intention of Russia in mobilizing. Neither would desist from mobilizing.

Then the integrity of Belgium entered into the negotiations. England, France and Germany had agreed to maintain the neutrality of this little kingdom, Germany and England going so far as to sign a treaty to that effect. England and France asserted Germany had violated this neutrality by moving troops not only into Belgium, but into the duchy of Luxembourg. England and Germany declared war on each other about the same time over the Belgian neutrality proposition. England gave the Germans twenty-four hours in which to explain why the alleged neutrality violation had occurred. Instead of an answer a declaration of war was given. Practically the same procedure is true of France.

Beginning with next week's issue we hope to give space for a few paragraphs treating on the present European war; giving its latest developments; especially noting the fulfillment of prophecy and the effect it is having upon our work.

Now is the time to subscribe for the RECORD. We are endeavoring to increase our subscription list. If you know of brethren and sisters who are not taking this paper, please show them your copy, or send us their names that we may write to them. The RECORD should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the Southwestern Union Conference.

### THE SITUATION IN THE WAR DISTRICT OF EUROPE

"To the Members of the General Conference Committee. Dear Brethren:

"You will be anxious for the first news from Europe. Therefore this Friday morning's mail is passed on to you. First came the following letter from Elder N. Z. Town, who was attending the British Union Conference, in London, which opened July 31. He writes:—

(The following significant communication was sent out by the Mission Board, Washington, D. C., and we are passing it on for the benefit of those who may not have had the opportunity of hearing it read.—Ed.)

"Battersea Town Hall, London, August 2. Dear Brother Spicer:—

"These are anxious hours on this side of the water. As you have seen, Germany declared war on Russia last evening. Elder Conradi wired Hamburg two days ago to draw most of their money from the bank. This evening Brother Conradi left for Hamburg. He may have difficulty in getting through. He felt he ought not to remain here during the remaining two days of the meeting.

"There are about 2,000 of our workers and members who will have to respond to the call to arms. Nearly every ordained minister in Germany will have to march to the front. As I bade Brother Conradi good-bye, he made special request that we remember the work over here in prayer.

"I still hope to sail the sixth on the 'Celtic' from Liverpool. We had about 1,000 of our people here on Sabbath. Raised \$1,525 for missions.

"N. Z. TOWN."

By the same mail the following letter came to the treasury department from Elder L. R. Conradi:—

"En route, England to Flushing, Holland, August 2. Dear Brother Knox:—

"Quick as a flash of lightening the Continent has been involved in the most terrible struggle the world probably has ever witnessed. The outcome, no one can foresee. We left Hamburg last Tuesday to attend the British Union Conference in London. Then there were no definite signs. Elders Raft, Tieche and myself attended. We have had good meetings up to today, but as the war has definitely broken out we had to take our chances in getting home. Only Holland is open, and should England be involved we shall be about entirely cut off. We shall

have an experience that we have never had since our denominational existence, directly involving some 25,000 of our people, and within a few days probably 2,000 of our brethren will be under arms.

"I hope to get back to Hamburg by tonight or tomorrow, and we shall have to organize our European Division work as best we can. Conference presidents, ministers, employes, etc., will be taken within a day or two, and our canvassing, etc., will probably be entirely stopped. Russia is already cut off from us, and will have to finance itself, and we shall be cut off from our colonies and work in Africa. We have supplied those mission fields with funds the last moment, and we shall send you statements; but if the war lasts two or six months you will have to furnish money for the time being until normal conditions return.

"All these countries ought to be notified to cut down all possible expense to the mere outlay of living until this is over. If England keeps out she can look after some colonies; if not, you will have to help us sustain the missions there. We sent \$1,000 due you ere matters became too serious. The parties you will have to look after will probably be Brother B. B. Aldrich, in the Canary Islands; R. S. Greaves, and the workers in Sierra Leone; Elder D. C. Babcock, in Nigeria; W. M. Lewis and family, of the Gold Coast, are now in furlough in the Canary Islands, and he can delay his trip to the Coast if England becomes involved. Then there will be A. A. Carscallen and the workers in British East Africa; B. Ohme and the workers in German Victoria Nyanza; also E. Kotz and all the workers in the Pare Mission, German East Africa.

"It may be that if Italy keeps out the routes to East Africa will remain open, but we must prepare for the worst. Skodsborg, Denmark, has sufficient money for their new sanitarium buildings. In Gland, Switzerland, we have not commenced to build the addition. We shall let everything rest, and cut our expenses down to the mere living. We call off all our meetings, and shall do our best to keep our members doing their duty. We surely need the prayers of God's people, and wisdom to know how to arrange matters best in these trying times. Brother N. Z. Town will bring you the latest news, and I hope he can cross safely.

"Under present circumstances there is little hope of my getting to the Unit-

ed States for the October Council, or of the Division Conference meeting next July in Europe. Plans for visits to the fields from your side may have to be changed, unless war can be limited to a few European powers, and to a short time. Our boat is so packed we have to sit up. Germans and Austrians had to leave France within a few hours' notice, and leave all behind but what they could carry. Many never got away and are held up. The United States ambassadors and consuls look after the respective foreigners, Germans in France, and French in Germany, etc. Our hope is in God, who guides the destinies of the world, and who will protect his own, and who will not suffer his cause to suffer too terribly in the crucible of affliction. We know that our brethren in America will stand by our missions and brethren who are cut off from our Division treasury. Remember us at the throne of Grace.

"With kindest regards, your brother in Christ.

"L. R. CONRADI."

On receipt of the appeal from Elder Conradi, a hasty meeting of the members present in Washington was called, and it was voted to ask Elder Knox to print the letter, with an appeal, in the next "Review." During the last few days the probability of having to stand by the European work in a very material way had been considered. It would seem likely that help would have to be given from this side for the work in Spain and Portugal, and in Egypt and Turkey, as well as to the far African missions, therefore it was felt that special effort should be made to urge our people to liberal contributions in this emergency. All will go into the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

It was further voted that word be sent to all the mission stations depending on the General Conference, to husband their resources, to defer plans for new extensions involving extra expenditure, and to defer all building operations not already practically completed, until it is seen how this European war affects other parts of the world. At the same time, our present appropriations provide for very little new work and all the receipts counted upon normally will be needed even for this restricted program. And if the Far East should become involved, living expenses would tremendously increase for all the workers in Asia.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD

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

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERED
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**NORTH TEXAS**

U. M. Cooke, Calvert		PP	46	88	308 00		308 00	
R. Leslie Ward, Calvert		PP	42	40	157 00		157 00	
Irene J. Adams, Temple		DR	30	10	41 00	2 90	43 90	
Minnie Shortridge, Temple		DR	38	11	36 00	3 15	39 15	
O. W. Wolf, Marlin		DR	41	11	33 00	1 35	34 35	
Lizzie Lothian, Temple		DR	30	9	27 00	2 05	29 05	
L. T. Pierce, Ft Worth		DR	23	2	6 00	35	6 35	
T. A. Stinson, Kirbyville		BR	12	12	39 00	60	39 60	
Chas McNeil, Morrill		BR	37	11	33 00	1 50	34 50	
W. A. Peters, Bowie		BR	2	2	6 00	35	6 35	
G. F. Theiss, Cameron		PG	30	14	51 00		51 00	
O. Glass, Keene		PG	26	12	43 00		43 00	
Mrs. C. C. Slayter, Jefferson		GC	21	11	44 00		44 00	
C. C. Slayter, Jefferson		GC	22	8	32 00		32 00	
Mrs. P. B. Baily, Marshall		CK	6					9 00
Mrs. L. Harrol,		Misc			225 00		225 00	
		Bibles			86 50		86 50	
		Mag	9		5 00		5 00	
Agents 16			415	241	1172 50	12 25	1184 75	9 00

**SOUTH TEXAS**

Z. S. Arey, Brenham		DR	42	10	30 00		30 00	
C. H. Chenault, Seguin		DR	49		40 50		40 50	4 50
Ithiel Cram, Anderson		GC	31	3	9 00		9 00	
E. W. Crawford, Hempstead		BR	24	3	9 50	1 00	10 50	
Faye Felter, Kingsville		PG	24	37	111 00		111 00	
A. J. Jenson, Elgin		CK	25	13	26 00	75	26 75	
A. W. Krueger, LaGrange		PG	22	2	6 00	75	6 75	
Jno. Knudson, Floresville		BR	49	28	97 00	1 00	98 00	
J. D. Leslie, Eagle Pass		PP	27	19	57 00	4 10	61 10	3 00
C. P. Martin, Eagle Pass		PG	31	39	121 00	2 50	123 50	
C. F. Mahr, Yoakum		DR	35	3	9 00		9 00	
T. B. Sawrey, Anderson		GC	32	5	16 00	75	16 75	
C. F. Staben, Artesia		PG	30	8	25 00	3 70	28 70	
Clara Stoelting, Kingsville		PG	24	34	102 00		102 00	
O. K. Skidmore, Keenan		GC	8	8	23 00		23 40	
E. W. Thurber, Sinton		PP	20	1	3 00	1 35	4 35	
Glen Willhelm, Artesia		PP	30	12	38 00	3 90	41 90	
Anton Williman, Belleville		FG	32	7	29 00		29 00	
Agents 18			535	232	772 20	19 80	772 20	7 50

**WEST TEXAS**

Ray Kinder, Silverton		BR	45	7	26 00	3 00	29 00	
Freda Peters, Comanche		PPF	30	7	14 00	1 75	15 75	
Olga Petterson, Comanche		PPF	41	13	29 00	1 85	30 85	
C. G. Parkins, Sweetwater		PPF	6	4	10 50	70	11 20	
H. W. Spraggins, Wichita Falls		BR	86					129 50
W. F. Simmons, Silverton		DR	62	11	34 00	1 05	35 05	
		Bibles						8 60
Agents 6			270	42	113 50	8 35	121 85	138 10

CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 15, 1914.

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DELIVERED
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>								
C. E. Nelson, Mora Co.		PG	55	54	210 00	1 00	211 00	
H. C. Nelson, Mora Co.		PG	57	46	185 00		185 00	
C. M. Church, El Paso		BR	22	3	11 00	35	11 35	3 00
Agents 3			134	103	406 00	1 35	407 35	3 00
<b>GRAND TOTALS—Agents 33</b>			1354	618	1464 20	41 75	2476 15	147 60

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE, MONTH OF JULY, 1914.

	Agents	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Bibles	Totals	No. Books	Val. Del.
Oklahoma	38	4607	1877	6050 50	163 85	451 07	6664 92	322	1167 85
North Texas	42	4606	1731	5717 00	260 85	184 15	6162 00	40	362 85
South Texas	34	3449	1736	5427 00	193 70	57 80	5678 00	166	670 45
New Mexico	6	917	637	2901 05	5 40	55 40	2970 85	176	786 30
Arkansas	22	2139	912	2431 50	77 35	229 35	2738 20	270	547 60
West Texas	19	1517	657	1588 50	62 40	18 30	1670 20	51	201 40
	161	17435	7552	24124 55	763 55	996 07	25884 17	1024	3736 45
							Bibles Delivered	- -	99 65
							Magazines	- -	212 10
							Total	- -	4048 20

UNION AGENT'S LETTER

I know that all will be glad to see our July report. I am glad to say that it is one of the largest reports that has ever been in this Union in one month; and it is over \$5000 ahead of July of last year.

Many will remember that we started out to reach \$30,000 in this month, but you see we did not make it. We would have, however, if it had not turned off so dry, and many of the workers ran from duty. I often wonder if the time will ever come when our colporteurs will stay in the field, and not run from wet or dry weather, or from a few bugs that destroy the cotton. Why run from such small things? If we are worried by the "footmen," how about the "horse-man?"

I am quite sure that our August report will exceed the August report of last year. We must do it if we reach the \$1000,000.00 mark this year. I

trust that every one of our old colporteurs will stay right in the field and make a good December delivery. I hope that no one will think of leaving the field as soon as the fall delivery is made. Let's stay with it. All can certainly realize that we do not have much longer to work. We are in the closing scenes of this world's history.

Am now at the Arkansas camp meeting, but will leave for the Oklahoma campmeeting this week.

The Lord is blessing His people; let all take courage and press the battle to the front.

A. F. HARRISON.

"The heart grows rich in giving  
All its wealth is living grain  
Wheat that mildews in the garner,  
Scattered fills with gold the plain."

Money is a handmaid, if thou knowest to use it a mistress, if thou knowest not.—Horace.



60 Tornadoes

Devastate 10,000 Homes in Eight States

Such is the record of one day's damage done by tornadoes.

You don't know when the tornado may strike your property, but you do know the "Old Hartford" protects against all loss. For over a hundred years the Hartford Fire Insurance Company has met every honest claim promptly. Buy a Hartford Tornado Policy today. It is the nearest thing to coming when a Tornado strikes.  
C. E. SMITH, AGENT, KEENE.

The way in which countries commercially dependent upon Europe are affected, may possibly be suggested by the receipt this morning of a cable message from Elder Pohle, of La Paz, Bolivia, reading: "Distressed—Cable \$500." Doubtless it means that expected steamship connections are interrupted, or banking connections cut with the Union treasury in Buenos Aires, from which Bolivia should receive its funds.

Now that Europe is at war, we almost forget that at nearer points our workers and brethren are living amidst scenes of war, and looking to us for help. Elder A. F. Preiger, superintendent of our mission in the Republic of Hayti, writes from Cape Haitien, under date of July 22:

"We just had a fearful battle here in the Cape Sunday night, beginning at 2:30 and lasting until 5:00 a. m. No correct estimate can be gathered as to the dead and wounded, but some 40,000 rounds of ammunition were shot off, and it was indeed a gruesome sight to see the dead bodies in the streets the next morning. The big American gunboats are in the harbor, but they have done nothing to stop the slaughter."

Under date of July 26, Elder Preiger adds a postscript:—

"Could not write more until now. A brother has just come from Grand Reviere, a town in the interior, where we have a church. It is the first time we have been able to get news from that part. The entire city is pillaged, and many homes burned. The Baptist, Catholic, and Seventh-day Adventist church buildings were pillaged, and every piece of furniture demolished and burned for fuel, including benches and doors and windows. The buildings were used as stables for the horses. Our organ was used to entertain the soldiers. We are just wondering what we can do about it, for our brethren are all very poor; none have a bed, nor so much as a mattress to lie on, and all have passed through a terrible siege. Eleven of the officers who put their horses in our church were shot by the opposing party. Twelve leading citizens of the town were shot, along with two officers of the city and some others. None of our people were killed. One of our faithful colporteurs, Brother Tertulien Mercier, was shot in the foot. When the soldiers saw him wounded, they wanted to kill him, when one of the men stepped between and thus

saved his life. We thank the Lord for His protection. We have not heard from other places, and only hope and pray that they did not fare as badly.

We hasten this batch of news out to you in advance of next week's "Review", feeling that you will appreciate the privilege of setting these facts before the people at the earliest possible moment. And some of you will be able to present the appeal in camp meetings. The last page of the "Review" will bring an appeal from the treasury for a general rally of gifts for missions on account of what we may call the "Emergency Fund", to be counted in the twenty-cent-a-week fund, and available for emergency relief in the territory of the European Division so far as required, and for the mission work everywhere.

#### MISSION BOARD.

The above letters are self-explanatory and need no comment; however, we feel impressed to add a few words. Much of the territory in which war is now raging has not only been self-supporting, but has helped very materially in supporting the work elsewhere in the world. We will no doubt be called upon to supply funds for parts of Europe and Africa, and the Mission Board will greatly miss the offerings that have been coming from these fields. It is, therefore, apparent that our people in lands of peace will have to come to the assistance of our unfortunate brethren, and the "Emergency Fund" should be started at once in all churches. We urge every minister and church elder to take this matter up at once and start the fund and remit it to the local conference office, together with the other trust funds, promptly on the first of the month. One call will not be sufficient, but it will be necessary to continue the calls for this fund until the war clouds in Europe pass away.

At a meeting of the Keene church last Sabbath, money was pledged to pay for 8,000 copies of the "Review and Herald" War Extra for free distribution. The people of the world are longing for information concerning the prophecies that are so rapidly being fulfilled. Now is the time to act. Let us circulate this extra freely and give liberally to the "Emergency Fund", that our fellow-workers in the troubled lands may have the necessary things of life.

C. E. SMITH.

#### "HAVE WE COME TO ARMAGEDDON?"

is the title of a 16-page tract being issued, which tells the meaning of this terrible war now raging in Europe. It refers to its startling suddenness, briefly reviews the prophecies referring to the present unprecedented unrest, sketches the message of Revelation 14, showing that we are living in the time of the judgment, gives credit to those noble men and women who have striven for peace, and with Scriptural proof points out the futility of their efforts. The closing paragraphs contain a sympathetic appeal to men to prepare to meet their God. We gladly recommend this latest tract to our people and hope it will be given a wide circulation. Price \$1.00 a hundred postpaid, or \$8.50 a thousand, not prepaid.

#### THE EUROPEAN WAR

"A situation has arisen in Europe which is claiming the attention of the whole civilized world, almost to the exclusion of every other topic. The greatest war known in all the ages since time began is now fairly under way and no words can describe nor mind conceive what such a conflict means to the interests of mankind politically, economically, or socially. We could not well let this sudden and awful development in the political world pass unnoticed until another issue of the "Watchman" should be ready hence, we have delayed our September issue a day or two, in order to make this terrible European war a leading theme in this issue while the attention of the people is so earnestly concentrated upon it.

"Our leading article is from the pen of Professor Magan, who has given long and earnest study to this great subject. He has taken special pains to secure information from European sources, and is prepared to set before the reader, matter of the most interesting and instructive nature regarding the causes leading up to the present situation in the old world. He presents this situation in its true light as being another development in the solution of the Eastern Question, which is finally to eliminate Turkey from Europe.

"There will also be an article by the editor calling attention to the nature and meaning of such a war as this which has now begun and pointing out the hollow and illusive character of the peace talk which has been so much heard, of late, in this and other countries."

The above is our editor's own description of a portion of the contents of the September "Watchman." On the cover is a relief map of Europe, with the names of the various capitals and The Hague, above which hovers an impressive representation of Eu-

rope's war cloud encircling the figure of death. We feel sure that all our brethren and sisters will be anxious to come before the people with something special on this great war situation just at this time hence, we expect that large orders will be received from them for this number.

J. L. McCONAUGHEY.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO USE THE NEWSPAPERS**

There never has been a more opportune time to proclaim the message concerning the Battle of Armageddon through the newspapers than now. With almost all of Europe engaged in a titanic struggle, Japan threatening to enter the field, and the Turk restless, our workers ought to realize the wonderful opportunity they now have of telling the people through the papers just what is about to break upon the whole world.

An article on the Battle of Armageddon would make a very timely subject for any newspaper, and would be read with more than ordinary interest, because of the turbulent conditions now existing in Europe. The publication of an article on this subject ought to be the means of opening the way for the printing of extracts from sermons or even of letters or interviews on various subjects dealing with the Third Angel's message. So eager are some newspapers to fill their columns with war news that they are reprinting what the soothsayers said a year or more ago about the troubles that would occur in the different countries of Europe in 1914. The Third Angel's message is more powerful and inspiring than anything a soothsayer can ever think of saying, and, by asking help from the Lord, our workers, wherever newspapers are published, ought to be able to herald the message far and wide through this medium by using the strife in Europe and what the battle among the nations means in the light of prophecy as a basis for their articles.

Various phases of the message are being proclaimed through the secular press this summer, but while the terrible scenes of bloodshed are being enacted across the water, our workers should double their efforts to sound the warning of Christ's soon return by writing articles and thus bring to the attention of the millions of readers the fact that such strifes were foretold by the prophets and are of more than ordinary significance. Brethren and sisters, let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

W. L. BURGAN,  
Secretary Press Bureau, North American Division Conference.

Every month the "Signs" Magazine tells the old story in a new way. Temperance, religious liberty and heart-gripping spiritual articles are among others to be found in the October "Signs" Magazine. A usual number at usual prices.



**LOCAL NEWS**



W. L. Brandon and family, of Grand Saline, Texas, are visiting the family of Dr. C. C. Cooke.

Mrs. N. E. Ira and Miss Rosa Taylor, of Savoy, Texas, are visiting relatives, the family of Elder J. I. Taylor

A. M. Shulenberger and family left Sunday for Jewitt, Texas, to visit relatives at that place for a few days.

Mrs. Wat. Reed returned Monday from visiting her son, Emmett, and daughter, Mrs. Claude Mosley, in Denton county.

Miss Bennie French returned from Wills Point, Texas, Tuesday, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hattie King.

Elder H. B. French went to Nashville, Tennessee, one day last week, returning today (Tuesday) with his daughter, Miss Jessie, who is very sick.

Mr. Wayne Mitchell has been visiting his old friend, Brother Wat. Reed, for the past few days, and the two old friends have been recalling incidents of the "good old times foah de wah."

Announcements are out for the wedding of Miss Josephine Wilson to Mr. J. A. Tucker, and Miss Ella Wilson to Mr. C. H. Bainer, at the home of the parents of the brides-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wilson, Keene, Texas, August 9, 1914.

We are in receipt of an anonymous communication, entitled "A Sermon," with a request for publication. We do not publish anything of this nature unless same is accompanied by the name and address of the author. If the party who sent in the above communication will favor us with an interview, we shall consider the matter of publishing same.

The art of putting well into play mediocre qualities often begets more reputation than true merit achieves.—Roche foucauld.

**OBITUARY**

Died at Gatesville, Texas, May 3, 1914, Mrs. A. A. Jones, after an illness of about two months. Her death was caused by a broken limb. She was at the time of death 67 years old, having lived a widow for 33 years.

She was ever faithful, never complaining, but always trying to do for others. She died firm in the faith, having been an Adventist for sixteen years.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Luch, pastor of the local Christian church.

Mrs. E. STEVENSON.

**FOR SALE**—Cozy little home at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, cool summers, mild winters, beautiful location overlooking the city of Boulder. One and one-half miles from Colorado Sanitarium and church school. Place consisting of one acre of ground with fruit and good garden spot. Five room house with good out buildings, arranged for keeping 400 hens and four dairy cows. Price \$1,500.00. Address J. E. Pegg, in care of Boulder Sanitarium, Boulder, Colorado. 2

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FRANK WEST, Ketchum, Oklahoma.

**FOR SALE**—22½ acres of land; 12 acres in cultivation, balance in timber and pasture. Four-room house; two porches; new barn; other outhouses; underground cistern, with capacity of 75 barrels. Six feet of coal, 27 feet underground. Near church and school. 2-tc R. E. COX, Route 5, Box 108 Elgin, Texas.

Providence conceals itself in the details of human affairs, but becomes unveiled in the generalities of history.—Lamartine.



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## THE IMPORTANCE OF DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE

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it for ages. If any of God's people are ever destroyed it will be for the lack of knowledge. Positive knowledge is worth something. The Saviour said, 'This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.'

"It is not enough to know about God. We know about many people with whom we are not acquainted. No one can know God only through Jesus; he says so in Matt. 11:27. 'No man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.' Then who knows God? The Son. Who else? Those to whom the Son reveals Him. It has pleased the Father that the Son should have first place in everything. The only time he does not have first place in the lives of some people in this world, is when they will not permit it.

"Of course we understand men may come to a knowledge of God through the work of his hands, because 'The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.' But the individual who comes to a knowledge of God in that way does so through Jesus Christ, because by him all things exist—he is the creator. Jesus tells us in John 14:6, 'I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.' Did you ever hear any one say that just as soon as he could see the way he would obey God and keep his commandments,—keep the Sabbath, or other things which have been brought to view? 'But I don't just see the way.' I suppose they are telling the truth. But who is the way? Jesus. Then whoever sees Jesus sees the way. Psalms 16:8, 'I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand I shall not be moved.' So when we have him always before us we can see the way. We do not have to see all the distance before us. If it looks dark a little way ahead, just wait until you get there and Jesus' presence will lighten the way. The experience of God's people at the red sea showed that.

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." From this we see it is one thing to believe and another thing to know the truth. What makes a man a disciple indeed? Continuing in his word,—walking in obedience to it. 'He... came into his own country; and his disciples followed him. And when the Sabbath day was come he began to teach in the synagogue.' Mark 6:1. Then his disciples followed him to church. I am filled with glad anticipation as I think what it will mean to follow Jesus a little farther on. It

will eventually lead us into the beautiful city, with its walls of jasper, its streets of gold, and its magnificent mansions.

"I want to consider the difference between believing and knowing the truth. John says 'Thy word is truth,' but do we know it? For instance the word says, 'God is love,' and of course you all believe that because God says so. Do you think John knew it? Yes, he knew it. John did not simply know it because somebody told him so, but because of his new experience in the love of God. It is our privilege to know because of his dealing with us, irrespective of the opinion of anybody else in the world. Haven't you seen the time when you ceased to think God was gracious? Are you so sure of God's love to-day that when every outward evidence is withdrawn you will still know God is love? We think of some Bible experiences—Job for instance. As long as everything went well he could believe God's love, but when everything was swept away, then was the opportunity for Satan to come in and tempt him. The time is coming, if it has not already come, that if you do not know God's love you may be tempted to doubt it. There has no temptation come to man but what came to the Lord Jesus. Did you ever wonder if he was tempted to doubt God's love? Think of the time he hung on the cross and cried out, 'My God, why hast thou forsaken me?' But his faith rallied and in his last moments he cried out, 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

"Let us make another application. The Saviour, while enumerating the signs that will precede his second coming, in Matthew 24 says, 'When ye see these things come to pass then know that he is near, even at the door.' We believe the coming of the Lord is near, but is it a matter of actual knowledge? Jesus goes on to say that this generation shall not pass till the Son of man come. Do we know it?"

We have completed the printing of a tract for the North Texas Tract Society, entitled "An Appeal for a Vegetarian Diet," by Elder T. W. Field. This is an able treatise on the subject of diet and health reform, which certainly should interest every Seventh-day Adventist. Copies of this tract can be secured from the North Texas Tract Society for 5 cents each, or in clubs of 25 for 3 cents each.

What are you doing to help the young people reach their 1914 goal?

Some who affect to dislike flattery may yet be flattered indirectly by a well-seasoned abuse and ridicule of their rivals.—Colton.

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