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While the Bible, in a general sense, applies to the whole world, there are certain parts which have a special bearing upon God's people. Much of the counsel is given to the "household of faith," and is of such a nature that the world cannot appreciate it. While it is true that the sun rises and sets over the just and the unjust, and God bestows His blessing upon sinner as well as upon saint, there is a relationship entered into by those who have accepted of the gospel and identified themselves with the army of God which is waging warfare against sin, that is peculiar to itself. The work which God is carrying forward in the earth becomes the work of His church. The Lord's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," is a sacred trust committed to the church.

In order to carry on this work, the Lord has given a system by which the efforts for the salvation of souls may be sustained. It is the privilege of God's children to enter into this covenant with the Lord, and He expects that we shall use our talents for the extension of the gospel.

When the Lord brought ancient Israel out of Egypt, He gave this instruction: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." Deut. 8:18. It is clearly stated that the reason for wealth being intrusted to them was that God's covenant might be established. All their means was to be devoted to this, for their own needs must be provided for from the abundance which the Lord should give.

Early in the history of man it was understood and practised that one-tenth of all the increase belonged to the Lord for the special work of establishing His covenant. This plan the Lord has never changed. It is a duty as well as a privilege, resting upon the church today.

There are three classes of people

in the world: First, the individual who does not know the binding obligation of God in this matter; second, the class who does know, but who willingly chooses to ignore the counsel and willfully disobey Him; and third, those who know the will of God and delight to do it, willingly rendering to God His own. The following quotations from the Testimonies will be read with interest and will serve as counsel and instruction to us touching this matter:

"The Lord has given His people a message for this time. It is presented in the third chapter of Malachi. How could the Lord present His requirements in a clearer or more forcible manner than he has done in this chapter?"—Vol. VI, p. 384.

"It is a heaven-appointed plan that men should return to the Lord His own; and this is so plainly stated that men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibilities God has laid upon them. Those who claim that they cannot see this to be their duty, reveal to the heavenly universe, to the church, and to the world, that they do not want to see this plainly stated requirement. . . . God lays His hand upon all man's possessions, saying, 'I am the owner of the universe and these goods are mine. The tithe you have withheld I reserved for the support of my servants in their work of opening the scriptures to those who are in the regions of darkness, who do not understand my law. In using my reserve fund to gratify your own desires, you have robbed souls of the light which I made provision for them to receive.'"—Vol. VI, p. 387.

From these statements it must be clear to all who believe the Spirit of Prophecy that the Lord is as careful in reckoning with His people today as in ancient times, that it is just as much a part of Christian duty to sustain the cause of God by tithes and offerings as in the days when the Bible was written.

In our next article we shall study farther the real purpose and use of the tithe.

SPECIAL SUMMER SCHOOL NOTICE

We are very much pleased to give definite notice that we will have with us Elder O. A. Johnson, for a number of years the teacher of Bible in Walla Walla College. This will give our teachers a most excellent opportunity to get some special work in Bible.

We are receiving word from teachers in the field that they are planning to be present at the opening of the school, and we are expecting to have a large attendance. Please remember the date, May 30, at 9:00 a. m.

W. L. ADAMS,
Educational Secretary.

AN INVITATION

A number of extra copies of this issue of the RECORD are being sent to non-subscribers. If you are one of those who have not been receiving the RECORD in your home regularly, please consider this an invitation to you to become a regular subscriber. In this day, when every passing hour brings new evidence of our being in the time of the end, surely each one of God's children desires to know what is being done in the work. If you will read the RECORD regularly you will be able to keep up with the work in our own Union Conference, and thereby be able to get a broader view of the work as a whole.

We are still permitted to have the printed page, so let us not slight the privileges that yet remain. What do you say? May we not receive your subscription by return mail? The cost of all printing materials has advanced enormously, but the subscription price of the RECORD still remains the same—50c per year. Why not send a dollar, and have the paper go to some friend or relative who would be interested in reading it?

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.—Rev. 4:5.

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TO THE BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN SOUTH TEXAS

How rapidly the links in the great chain of prophecy, have been forged during the first quarter of the year and as we look at the future it is both dark and bright—dark as viewed from the natural viewpoint of the world—men, women and children starving. Not only in the lands of strife but in this land of plenty have we had our food riots. Then as we look at the relation of the nations of earth, it appears at times like the whole world will be involved in the terrible struggle now going on.

A deep conviction that earthly things are about to close, and the Prince of Peace return, is settling up on the people of God. So from this viewpoint it is bright and cheering and there is cause for us to rejoice and be exceeding glad for God has permitted us to understand the meaning of these things, and has given us the blessed privilege of becoming laborers together with Him, for the finishing of this work. He will sustain and help us amid the troubles and stormy times before us, and will permit us to finally triumph with this message.

A writer in "Harper's Weekly" recently said, "the most critical moment of the world's history is upon us. Events are transpiring to stun the stoutest mind." We know that it will take faith and courage to stand in times like these, but the blessed promises of God are for us and we should know whom we have believed, and know that He is able to keep that which we have committed to Him against that day. Brethren and sisters, let us commit all to Him for the finishing of this work, and labor now as never before, for we are told that work undone, will have to be done under most unfavorable circumstances later on.

I am glad at this time to call attention to our quarterly report as given elsewhere in this paper. Truly the Lord has made His people willing

to help, and has been richly blessing them in temporal things as well as spiritual. You will note that we have made a small gain (\$9.52) in the tithe over 1916, for this first quarter, and the offerings show the substantial gain of \$232.10 for this same period. We are sure that all will rejoice in this. In behalf of the workers in the conference we ask of you a continuation of hearty co-operation, and that you remember us in prayer that we may faithfully discharge every duty that comes to us.

Every day that passes brings us nearer the end and should bring us nearer to God. We should be watching unto prayer, for there are those about us, today, that need our help. Tomorrow some of these souls may be where we can never reach them again. "Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth. That which we see and hear calls us to do our duty." As we face the new quarter shall we not endeavor to do this to the fullest extent?

Yours for deeper consecration and faithful service,

E. L. NEFF.

TITHE AND OFFERINGS FOR FIRST QUARTER 1917

Church	Tithe	Mis. Of.
Austin	88.95	38.45
Alvin	22.71	14.28
Brenham	70.57	20.56
Conference	249.28	100.42
Corpus Christi	93.88	74.25
Danbury	21.30	13.64
El Campo	129.06	78.77
Elgin	68.98	31.00
Houston	403.73	143.68
Houston Col.	83.23	17.09
Laredo	423.84	93.30
Mercedes	139.60	15.60
San Antonio	360.58	175.49
Scattered	34.71	5.00
Spanish	11.70	4.68
	\$2202.12	\$826.35

NOTES ON OUR SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

It will not be possible to touch on the work of every school listed in the report in detail, but some experiences will be given in detail.

The Austin school is very fortunate to have Sister Route for superintendent

and Sister Thad Franks for assistant. These sisters have a tender sympathy for the members of the school. A quotation from a letter recently received from Sister Route gives in brief the spirit of the school: "In class work and the general Sabbath school work, I never saw a little school do better. Four of our little girls were able to repeat all the memory verses for the first quarter. I gave each of them a nice framed Bible picture. It was quite a little expense to me, but I see in those children large girls in just a little while, who have the laurels of the world to meet, and to do something to help them to love the Sabbath school and learn the Bible I think a good investment for missionary purposes." The Austin school makes a good showing in their donations.

At Beeville we have but a lone brother and his wife, whose hair is hoary with age, but who conduct their Home Sabbath School every Sabbath and save their offerings for missions, and send them in promptly at the end of the quarter. I am sure if this dear old couple, weary of days, carries out such a program, every isolated family of the conference can do the same.

The Brenham school runs along from quarter to quarter like deep water, smoothly and evenly. The school consists of sisters, with but one man member, Brother Barring, the superintendent, but there is an atmosphere of Christian love to be found in this school that is found in but few others. Mother Schramm is the charter member and is known throughout the city for her deeds of charity.

There are only three families connected with the Chocolate Bayou school. They live a long distance apart and find it impossible to meet every Sabbath. To increase their offerings this quarter, the children are going to sell the World's Crisis books. Brother David McMullen is superintendent and is co-operating fully with the conference to increase the spiritual interest and donations of the school.

There is something in life that measures our love by our giving. Notice the Corpus Christi school report. This territory is almost barren of vegetation, and we have looked forward to their reports with some anxiety. But we have never heard a single

word of complaint from this school because of "hard times" and the offerings have been a real surprise for every month of the quarter. Brother Orsborn, the superintendent of the school, is doing good work. The spiritual tone is true.

The Danbury school is small and the members badly scattered—some of them living ten miles away, but a faithful work is being done. Brother Stoner is the superintendent, a veteran of the message and a tried servant of the Lord. Their offerings will be better the second quarter, as there is more to be marketed.

We quote the following interesting item from the superintendent of the El Campo school, Mrs. M. C. Smith: "For the Thirteenth Sabbath, our Juniors had an exercise prepared entitled 'The Missionary Dollar.' There were ten in the exercise and at the end of the program each one held up their dollar and gave it when the hat was passed." Think of this fine class of boys and girls of ten bringing in ten dollars! How happy they were as they held up that silver dollar, or dollar bill! I imagine they could almost see those ten dollars wading out through the jungles of Africa in search of a nice place to start another school for those black boys and girls who know nothing of the Savior and His love. It is more of this work that is going to bring Jesus quickly. The El Campo school has for its motto, "Every member a church member."

What do you think of the following for a resourceful superintendent whose school is located in the foothills, where the crops have been very poor for the past two or three years, making money very scarce, and being some thirty-five or forty miles from a city of note, making it impossible for the members to do anything with the sale of our small books and magazines to help them along with their Sabbath School offerings. This comes from the Elgin school, whose superintendent is Brother E. Sims. He writes as follows: "To help increase our donations, I got some small envelopes and wrote the names of the children of the school on them and put thirty watermelon seeds in each envelope. As the names of the children were called off, each child came forward and took an envelope promising to plant the seed, cultivate the melons, market them and apply the

proceeds on our Sabbath school goal. You would have rejoiced with me if you could have seen how pleased the children were, and how anxious to enter into this plan. They are now looking forward to the time when they can sell the melons and bring in their offerings. Am going to work the same plan with cotton seed for the adult members, only use more seed." Shut away from the city, with no other way to earn money, this is the very best this brother could do, but his plan is going to net results for when we have done all we can, the Lord is going to bless our all. Brother Sims has the co-operation of the Elgin school and is endeavoring to lead the members in the straight and narrow way. He reports eight baptisms the past quarter.

Fant City—our German school—was organized only last quarter, but the members are zealous and there is a warmth in the heart of the superintendent, Brother Ewert, that is taking hold of the members. Brother Ewert has provided the school with the Sabbath School Worker, German Memory Verse cards, and English and German quarterlies. Their offerings have been good for a beginning, and we shall hear more about this school at the close of the quarter.

Houston has the largest school in the conference. This school is well disciplined, and has a large primary and kindergarten department, which is supplied with all General Conference helps. One very important feature of the school is the attention given the unconverted. One teacher mentions her class as follows: "In my class of six girls and two boys, you would be surprised how they hold up their donations, and the interest they take in their lessons. All are Christians except one. I can't help but pray a little more earnestly for her." Brother Heim is superintendent of the school and is doing his very best to make things interesting. The offerings were not so good as they have been in the past for the first quarter, but the goal for the second quarter has been set for \$140.00, and from the report Elder Neff brought back from the school the offerings will register more closely around \$175.00 than \$140.00.

The Houston colored school has made rapid advancement the past quarter. Three baptisms are reported and there has been a nice increase

in donations. They are striving, however, to make their offerings even better this quarter. Sister Flood is superintendent of the school, and has the co-operation of the members.

The Kingsville school consists of a few faithful sisters and children, with one brother who does not speak English enough to be understood. It is hard to understand the faithfulness of this school. They are in the trail of the drouth, where the fields lie barren and nothing for the stock to eat but cactus. The encouraging word comes from the superintendent that all do their very best. Sister Nash is superintendent of the school, and is strong in the Lord. If you but knew their financial needs, you would pronounce their offerings very good.

How do you like the tenor of the following experience related by the superintendent, Sister Sixta Lopez, of the Laredo school: "We didn't quite reach our dollar per member on the Thirteenth Sabbath, because I started to speak of it too late in the quarter, and besides we were behind on our goal, but we made pies and tamales (this is a Spanish school, you know) and sold \$11.55 worth, which we gave to the Sabbath school, and it helped us to reach our goal which was \$56.00. But we will try to reach our dollar per member on the Thirteenth Sabbath next quarter, with the help of the Lord. We will do something for those who can't earn a dollar. Some can sell papers, and those that can't sell papers can do something else." This school has a membership of only twenty-seven. There is not a school in the conference that has less of this world's goods as a whole, but their offerings are the largest per capita. Don't you think they are "constrained" by the love of Christ? I think their example worthy of emulation. Think of a people just coming from Catholicism baking pies to get money to give the message to the heathen! This should start a movement without end until the work is finished. Many mothers take a special pride in displaying cakes, pies and other dainties, the work of their own hands, and there is usually a ready sale for genuine home-made food. Prices of food are soaring rapidly, and we will hear many cries of "hard times" but the public is still spending money and if we are willing to make sacrifices and put our hands to some simple service, the Lord is going to

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bless us with Sabbath school donations and a dollar for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The Mercedes school, unfortunately, was disbanded last quarter, but Brother Oldemeyer is endeavoring to organize a second. You will note their offerings were good for their membership.

Palacios is a home school of Brother C. Noble and family. Nothing turns the hearts of the children to God like the Sabbath school and family worship. This is a very faithful school.

The Rosanky school is composed of Brethren Lynn and Alfred Carlisle and families and Mother Carlisle. They are jealous lovers of the truth and have an interesting little school.

The San Antonio school passes in a fine report for last quarter. Attentive interest is given to the lesson study and the spirituality of the members is deepening. Donations for last quarter were better than they have been for years. The goal for the quarter was \$135.00. Some wanted to leave it at \$125.00 where it has been for some quarters but the more persistent were successful in getting it set for \$135.00. The goal was flooded, the total reaching \$150.53. One class of four boys and girls and teacher put in a shining five-dollar gold piece for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. The Kindergarten department is well organized and is growing rapidly. Their offerings for last quarter amounted to over \$26.00. For this quarter the superintendent has given all the children a nickle to invest for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. Some are striving to make their nickle earn a dollar. The goal for the school for the second quarter is \$150.00.

This school has efficient service in its superintendency, through Dr. Leach.

The following experience reveals the sacrifice and love of a lone sister living at Pasadena, Sister Miller. She states: "I may be a little late in sending my offering, but I'll tell you why. I have been picking strawberries to get the money. I walked a mile and got to pick every other day and got only thirty cents per crate. I picked two crates a day and have saved up a dollar for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering out of my living. Oh, I know God blesses me. He is good and merciful." True, Sister Miller is isolated from our people, but the tone of her letter would not indicate that she is

Name	Address	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	Total	Del.
OKLAHOMA, April 28								
T. W. Atchley, Okemah		BR	32	16	64.00	4.30	68.30	4.30
E. G. Birdseye, Curtis		BR	25	4	30.50	3.00	33.50	3.00
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		PG	42	23	92.50	9.35	101.85	9.35
S. R. Cadenhead, Lawton		PG	18	4	14.00	4.25	18.25	4.25
N. H. Clem, Riverside		BR	38	16	58.00	2.25	60.25	9.75
E. W. Crawford, Quinton		CK	13	1	1.50	.25	1.75	
J. R. Doss, Walter		BR	11	4	15.00		15.00	7.00
C. E. Johnson, New Wilson		PG	34	14	51.00	3.20	54.20	9.40
J. J. Landis, Okemah		BR	49	33	122.50	5.45	127.95	5.45
M. B. Lockwood, Tulsa		BR	33	7	25.50	5.60	31.10	5.10
H. H. Malone, Tulsa		BR	40	16	35.00	2.10	37.10	2.10
Miscellaneous					141.25		141.25	141.25
E. Muhlhauser, Hendrix		BR	42	19	68.50	3.50	72.00	3.50
C. J. Morgan, Idabel		BR	34	28	104.50		103.50	
C. L. Robinson, Tushka		PG	27	7	26.50	.70	27.20	.70
W. S. Roy, Coodys Bluff		BR	73	15	59.50	25.00	84.50	81.50
W. F. Simmons, Walter		BR	42	13	49.50	1.50	51.00	
C. C. Voth, Shattuck		BR	19	4	16.00	11.25	27.25	27.25
C. S. White, Guthrie		BFL	30	2	4.00	.25	4.25	.25
Frank Webb, Pawnee		PG	50	20	58.50	6.25	64.75	6.25
J. A. Young, Berwyn		PP	41	25	87.50	1.25	88.75	1.25
Bibles					54.25		54.25	61.80
Agents 20			694	268	1179.50	89.45	1268.95	383.45

NORTH TEXAS, April 28								
W. R. Hixon, Keene		PG	30	12	45.00		45.00	
Chester F. Way, Paris			12	11	39.50		39.50	
Mrs. B. F. Plunkett, Ft. Worth			15	1	5.50	5.50	11.00	5.50
A. Gregory, Granbury		GC	40	18	52.00	.25	52.25	.25
Mrs. N. J. Liebman, Dallas		PPF	10			6.00	6.00	13.50
Mrs. W. M. Granger, Kaufman		BFL	26	6	9.00	2.70	11.70	2.70
Miss Sadie Klindt, Ft. Worth		Misc	40			44.50	44.50	44.50
D. B. Clark, Trinity		Misc	6	10	9.00	.25	9.25	.25
W. P. Tucker, Martin		Misc	50	17	62.50		62.50	
Miscellaneous for the month					155.00		155.00	155.00
Agents 9			189	75	377.50	59.20	436.70	221.70

isolated from God. She is sixty-five or seventy years of age; so it hardly seems that we have an excuse left for not having something to give the Lord for missions.

The following is from an isolated family and is very good; Sister Kuester writes: "I am enclosing a money order for tithe and Sabbath school offerings. My little boy, eight years old, is our secretary and treasurer. He has written you a card that I presume you can read." Willie's card is written in his own childish way of putting things, and is as follows: "Dear Brother Mattison, I have the Little Friend and I have a book, the name is Jack the Conqueror and we have Sabbath school at our house,

am the secretary and treasurer and I am sending in the report for the last quarter. Please send another envelope, with love." This is a splendid plan for home schools. By making the children officers of the school they become a part of the program and there is nothing that will grip their love for the Lord and a reverence for the Sabbath like the Sabbath school and the Christian influence of the home. And again, this systematizes the home school exercises. This supplies a great lack for our isolated brethren and sisters. Many boys and girls have slipped into the world because no Sabbath-day exercise was planned in the homes of our brethren and sisters isolated

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A. A. Prewitt, Runge	GC	41	30	105.00	2.15	107.15	2.15
C. H. Chenault, Bryan	DR	30	21	72.50		72.50	
Wm. McKenzie, Houston	DR	11	13	51.50		51.50	
Artie Taylor, Austin	DA	23	11	46.00	.75	46.75	.75
C. L. Bainer, San Marcos	GC	10	11	41.50		41.50	
Mrs. C. L. Bainer, San Marcos	BR	10	5	19.50	1.25	20.75	1.25
Elijah Taylor, Austin	BR	22	5	17.50		17.50	
Bibles				7.25		7.25	
Agents 7		147	96	360.75	4.15	364.90	4.15

TEXICO, April 28

R. L. Blackwelder, Ballinger	BR	32	11	38.50	3.00	41.50	
M. A. Blackwelder, Ballinger	BF	26	18	30.50	1.75	32.25	
A. C. Cranfill, Lometa	DR	18	3	10.50	.75	11.25	3.50
M. E. McNeely, Ballinger	BF	26	11	16.50	4.95	21.45	
Minnie Ragsdale, Wellington	BF	40	5	9.50		9.50	
G. H. Reese, El Paso	WCS	12	14	3.50	.60	4.10	3.50
Amy Reese, El Paso	WCS	10	4	1.00	4.60	5.60	1.00
A. C. Wade, Wellington	DR	47	15	59.50		59.50	
Mrs. A. C. Wade, Wellington	BF	23	9	15.50		15.50	
M. J. Whitfield, Clyde	BR	23	14	52.00	3.70	55.70	
Agents 10		267	104	237.00	19.35	256.35	8.00

ARKANSAS, April 28

W. Brinegar, Pine Bluff	BR	72	154	404.00	6.45	410.45	
G. O. Bayless, Pine Bluff	BR	56	96	198.00	5.85	203.85	
C. W. Cutter, Jelks	BR	46	93	182.00	1.50	183.50	1.50
A. Lyles, Jelks	BR	42	35	128.50	1.50	130.00	1.50
E. E. Hanson, DeWitt	PG	34	15	101.50	9.70	111.20	
I. H. Newkirk, Toltec	DR	16	18	83.00	1.50	84.50	
W. Kirkham, Toltec	DR	10	1	54.00		54.00	
F. M. Garner, Nashville	USP	39	17	38.00	1.95	39.95	
Helen Krum, Jonesboro	BFL	33	15	30.50	1.75	32.25	
N. W. Guhl, DeWitt	PG	50	7	27.55	5.10	32.65	
Mrs. J. H. Krum, Jonesboro	BFL	39	5	10.00	5.75	15.75	2.00
Bibles				56.40		56.40	
Agents 11		437	465	1313.45	41.05	1354.50	5.00

from church privileges.

If there is a tendency on your part to feel that a great deal has been said on offerings in the above notes, remember that the fundamental purpose of the Sabbath schools is to bring souls to Christ, and raise money to send out to bring other souls to Christ.

Can we not devote every thought and act of our being to foster the finishing of the work in some way this quarter? We gave 11.7 cents per capita per Sabbath last quarter. There is a difference of seventy-three in our attendance and membership. Had our per capita membership per Sabbath been figured on our attendance, it would have been 14c per member. We need to encourage a better attendance don't we? Remember it takes 15c per member per Sabbath to get on the Honor Roll. C. C. MATTISON.

STIRRING TIMES

These are certainly stirring times. Stirring in the economical, industrial, and political world; and should be intensely stirring in the camps of the children of Israel. The world is stirred through excitement and industry as never before. She is striving to conserve to the utmost every available resource in food supply, war materials, men and money. We read such expressions in the daily journals as, "We are preparing to take thousands of young men from the farms to support them as soldiers," "Urge a war-labor reserve, organized upon military lines," "Urge the seeding, harvesting and handling in the most efficient manner the largest possible crops we can," "That the army conscription plan be broadened to utilize for agricultural labor, manufac-

ture of munitions, or other national service, first, men beyond military age, second, men of military age, but not accepted for active service, and third, boys under military age." "The utilization of idle lands;" "The people to plant vegetable gardens in back lots, front lots and vacant lots;" "Plant food crops everywhere—even in flower beds;" "Be less tolerant of extravagance and waste, more appreciative of economy and efficiency."

Thus we see the calls going out to earth's inhabitants like a mighty trumpet-blast to join the battle for victory. "Victory," that's just what we are striving for, and it's a possible goal. Your part and mine in this conservation plan is to set aside with caution every moment of time at our command for the distribution of tracts and periodicals and books—by selling, loaning or giving away; for Christian help work, holding Bible readings and cottage meetings and earning money for missions. The latter, we are inclined to believe, will be easier than ever before because of the scarcity and demand for labor; but soul-winning—Satan has so blocked the way that it will remain the same laborious task until sin is repressed.

Consider the following Home Missionary report for the first quarter of the year as given by the churches:

Letters written	146
Letters received	64
Missionary visits	875
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	184
Subscriptions for periodicals ..	53
Papers sold	919
Papers mail, lent or given away	3983
Books sold	307
Books lent or given away	186
Tracts sold	6
Tracts lent or given away	3090
Hours of Christian help work ..	1156
Articles of clothing given away	145
Number of meals provided	109
Treatments given	147
Signers obtained to the temperance pledge	16
Offerings for home missionary work	\$47.14
Number of conversions	11
Magazines sold	3597

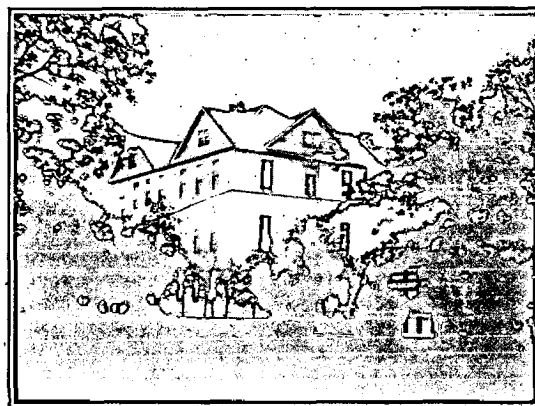
We are all ashamed of the report, even though it be by far the best we ever had in the history of the conference. Let us remember that this represents the work of 434 people for a period of three months. How busy

we are, but think of the moments, hours and days that we might have spent in useful service for the Master that were squandered and have gone from us forever—but "He's coming soon, I know." From the good letters received from the secretaries with their reports we are encouraged to believe that the second quarter's report will show a big gain over the first. I believe we can double our report every quarter of the year, don't you? Come, let us work to this end.

Some things to especially work for this quarter: Double our magazine sales. Of the above magazine sales, 2091 were sold through regular agents and 1506 through the churches. Double our Signs Weekly subscriptions. There are only 117 subscriptions coming to this conference, with upwards of a million people. The price is only 85 cents a year in clubs of five or more to separate addresses. Increase our Review subscriptions all we can. Only 80 Reviews are being subscribed for in the conference. Plan to attend camp meeting and bring your friend. The date has been definitely fixed at July 9-16.

C. C. MATTISON.

VACATION is at hand. If you wish to make up a study in order to square yourself with your course or finish it, write to C. C. Lewis, Principal of the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C. He will tell you what many others are doing and what you can do. Write today for the "Nut-shell" booklet.



S. W. J. C.

Department



NEWS NOTES

You can almost count them on your fingers now, these few last days of school. Treasure them well.

Elder Carey talked about "Self-consciousness" last Monday,—that thing that makes a fellow think of himself, when he ought to be thinking of something else.

The boys who kept up with Professor Peterson last Tuesday did something besides walking. The girls marched, too, down stairs, down the walk, down the road, and back again, and everybody came back in the best of spirits.

Miss Lillian Emerson was again called to Athens, Texas, because of the illness of her little nephew.

The Texico students and the Oklahoma students have been doing things

this week. They have been having student meetings, and laying plans, and even having their pictures taken.

Professor Harrison finished his tale of the mines Thursday. His humor served to ease the shock, pleasant or otherwise, of the grade cards which had just been given out.

These moonlight nights! Oh, who doesn't love moonlight? The music clubs made the most of the occasion last Thursday night, and while the sweet, dreamy strains of "Juanita," "Hoe Cake," and "Dixie" floated up from the serenaders, we were waffled away to Slumberland.

There's a trio of Johnson girls now, for their sister, Hazel, is visiting them, and is going to stay till school is out.

Professor Field's little sermonette last Friday, on the "Blessings of Obstacles," teaches us to look for some good in everything difficult—yes, even Physics.

Miss Vinna Frame has taken a spin to Dallas.

Sabbath, May 5, was Young People's Day, when they celebrated the tenth anniversary of their organization.

One of our family circle, Miss Munro, has been called home on account of the sickness of her little sister.

To think!—only three more Friday evenings when we gather in the Sabbath vesper service! How we shall miss them when we are gone! Elder Carey conducted the service last Friday night, telling us some real stories of strength and courage, from the dear old blessed Book.

"Get a Keene edge." Sharpen your mind at the Southwestern Junior College.

There's something inspiring in the Asiatic Band every Friday night. Last

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT, FIRST QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31.

Sabbath School	Memb.	Attendance	12 S. Off.	13th S. Off.	Total
Austin	18	13	\$ 26.79	\$ 11.66	\$ 38.45
Beeville, Home School	2	2	3.60	1.00	4.60
Brenham	14	9	9.13	2.55	11.68
Chocolate Bayou	11	10	4.29	1.52	5.81
Conference			19.77	10.00	29.77
Corpus Christi	22	15	31.57	13.84	45.41
Danbury	8	8	8.54	.60	9.14
El Campo	29	27	34.67	18.60	53.27
Elgin	56	52	14.91	9.17	24.08
Fant City	20	14	17.63	1.45	19.08
Houston	81	67	80.05	30.00	110.05
Houston, Colored	19	15	7.78	4.89	12.67
Kingsville	26	20	13.12	3.02	16.17
Laredo	27	24	56.00	19.00	75.00
Mercedes	4	4	13.72	2.00	15.74
Palacios, Home School	5	5	2.45	.80	3.25
Rosanky, " "	7	7	3.39	1.67	5.06
Rosenberg	6	6	3.20	3.00	6.20
San Antonio	59	43	107.20	43.33	150.53
San Antonio, Spanish	7	7	3.88	.80	4.68
GRAND TOTAL	421	348	\$461.74	\$178.90	\$640.64

Friday night it was the Philippine Islands. Were you at the band?

Library Day—July 11, 1917.

Saturday night, Professor Pecbles described his travels in Mexico, and the things he saw, from the candy shops, which gave him indigestion, to the rustic beauty of the villages, and the grandeur of the mountains, and the fantastic ruins, and the historic spots of Mexico City.

PERIOD FIVE

With each succeeding period the number of those who have forged their way ahead into Class I has increased. The names of those who have nothing below I on their grade cards for Period Five are: Esther Lickey, Letha Taylor, John Phillips, Antonia Romeriz, Ethel Taylor, Geo. West, E. M. Davis, Arthur Lickey, Arthur Miracle, Edith Warren, Walter Coberly, Ernest Cloninger, Lillian Emerson, Lillian Chitty, Arthur Luther, Leila Thweatt, Marie Wilcox, Fayette Smith, Benton Wilcox, Lillie Griffin, Strauss, Cubley, Arthur Lacy, Verna Larson, W. B. Parkins, Lela Leslie, Norman Dunn, Ruby Brown, Belle Crippen.

Those who received a first grade in at least three subjects follow: J. W. Grant, Ethyle Coberly, Vernon Martin, Abbie Dunn, Grace Harper, Nora Riddles, Agnes Nystel, Orville Wilson, Lawrence F. Warren, Elmer Hahne, Ramona Cole, Noble Chase, Emma Kuhn, W. C. Loveless, Edna Menne, Charles Miller, Martha Stopp, James Fortner, Robert Wilson, Nannie May Smith, Daisy Dean, Laura Claude Martin, Lowell Estes, Beulah Crane, and Elizabeth McGavock.

Friend Student, period six is final—final! Speed up!

WHY JOHN SHOULD HAVE MANUAL TRAINING

Within the past twenty-five years throughout Europe and America many systems of handicraft have been introduced in the school as a part of elementary instruction. Educators long since reached the conclusion that book training alone is not sufficient for the education of the youth, and this lack is shown by the introduction of manual training into most of the public and high schools of the day. It is a well known fact that many a boy and girl under the former systems

of instruction, on leaving school were quite unable to make their own living, and this led to the question as to whether or not the public education was of such a nature as to fit the child for a useful career in life. As a result of much discussion in educational circles, we have the different systems of manual training.

The object of introducing manual training into the public schools is well defined by one of our noted educators when he says: "We do not wish to make mechanics; we teach banking, not because we expect our pupils to become bankers; we teach drawing, not because we expect to train architects, artists, or engineers; and we teach the use of tools and properties of materials and the methods of the arts, not because we expect our boys to become artisans; we teach them the United States Constitution and some of the acts of congress, not because we expect all to become congressmen. We DO expect that our boys will at least have something to do with bankers, architects, artists, engineers, and artisans; we do expect all to become good citizens.

"Our great object is educational other objects are secondary. Manual training in wood work gives an indirect preparation for life, not by teaching a certain trade but by employing a general dexterity it trains the hand to be the obedient servant of the brain. Manual training develops the mental faculties, and at the same time it imparts positive useful information. It gives direction to activity and a clear insight into the nature of things. The great object in sloyd is educational. The cultivation of dexterity with tools is secondary."

From Prof. Hoffman the following is quoted: "Sloyd has for its aim, as a means of formal instruction: to instill a love for work in general; to create a respect for rough, honest, bodily labor; to develop self-reliance and independence; to teach habits of attention, industry, and perseverance; to promote the development of the physical powers; to train to habits of order, exactness, cleanliness, and neatness; to train the eye to the sense of form, and to cultivate the dexterity of the hand."

It teaches the student to think and not to blindly follow the textbook as an absolute code of facts and laws because they are printed in the book. It was John Ruskin who wisely said:

"You can teach a man to draw a straight line, and to cut one; to strike a curve line, and to carve it; and to copy and carve any number of given lines or forms with admirable speed and perfect precision; and you will find his work perfect of its kind; but you ask him to think about any of those forms, to consider if he cannot find any better in his own head, he stops: his execution becomes hesitating; he thinks, and ten to one he thinks wrong: ten to one he makes a mistake in the first touch he gives to his work as a thinking being. But you have made a man of him for all that. He was only a machine before, an animated tool."

A century ago the main endeavor of the American parent was to make of his boys and girls gentlemen and ladies, who should be acquainted with all the conventionalities and foibles of fashion that made up the life of that day. The idea of the middle ages yet prevailed, that all rough work and physical labor of all sorts should be done by servants and inferiors.

We should be very grateful, as a people, to God for the instruction given to us through His spirit with regard to manual training. We, as a people, had this information from heaven long before other people discovered the need of it, though it is to be regretted that we have been so slow in following the light given, that the world is far ahead of us in the very work we should have done. Hardly a high school or university but offers courses in manual training. It is acknowledged that wood work comes nearer meeting the educational requirements than any other branch of craft work. It is the most suitable handicraft for the young on account of the many works that can be accomplished in it, and also on account of the great variety of tools employed by it. It is not beyond the natural powers of youth.

The following questions have been settled by the introduction of wood work into our school curriculum:

The models are of such a nature that they can be used. The work tends to cultivate a respect for rough, bodily labor. It trains in habits of order and exactness, cleanliness and neatness. It cultivates a sense of form. It is beneficial from a hygienic viewpoint. It counteracts the evil of sitting still. It imparts general dex-

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A. P. Richie and wife spent Sabbath
with relatives in Keene.

Brother W. F. Field and family
spent last Sabbath with the Dallas
church.

Roy Casey has returned from Loma
Linda, Cal., where he was engaged
as assistant postmaster.

C. T. Brown and wife spent Sabbath
in Keene visiting friends and rela-
tives, returning to Waco Monday.

A car of lumber arrived last week
and has been placed on a vacant lot

terity to the hand. Manual dexterity
is a thing that occupies no mean posi-
tion in the arts and crafts, and in
many of the professional employ-
ments, and this is merely a matter
of education.

Sir Charles Bell, in his "Treatise
on the Hand" cites these interesting
examples of the great extent to which
hand dexterity may be developed. 221
words were written on a kernel of
wheat. A Polish monk wrote the
whole of the "Iliad" on a piece of pa-
per that could be put into a nutshell.
A Swede, Nauringaros, gave to Pope
Paul V twelve plates of ivory so min-
ute that they fitted into a pepper-
corn. To Queen Elizabeth was pre-
sented a golden chain of fifty links,
which could only be seen when placed
on white paper.

The subject of manual training is
one that deserves a great deal more
attention than has been given to it
by our educators. There is an abun-
dance of instruction in the Testimo-
nies with regard to the importance
of it. If we had followed this mes-
sage years ago, work shops today
would be found in every school, and
they would be models of efficiency.

H. H. HAMILTON

which has been secured for the new
lumber yard.

Mrs. J. A. Frame and family passed
through Keene from Hamby, Texas,
en route to Dallas. Miss Vinna Frame
joined them here.

Miss Hillah Atwood has returned
from El Campo, South Texas, where
she has just finished a successful year
of school teaching.

Brother A. M. Woodall left Monday
for Waco where he expects to spend
a few days in the interests of the
church at that place.

W. C. Casey and wife spent a few
days in Keene visiting relatives and
friends. They returned to their home
in Ft. Worth Sunday morning.

Last Sabbath was enjoyed by all,
as it was Young People's Missionary
Volunteer Day. A very interesting
program was rendered at the church,
in both the morning and afternoon
services.

Mrs. Annie Smith and daughters
returned last week from Dalworth,
Texas, where Misses Sidney and Tres-
sa recently closed a very successful
term of school.

Brother O. W. Wolfe, who is now
located at Hillsboro, spent a day or
two in Keene last week. He was
completing arrangements for start-
ing a tent effort at that place, which
was to begin May 6.

T. C. Nystel has moved into his
new location and is again prepared
to serve the public with a full line
of groceries and general merchandise.
While his new quarters are not as
large as the old, yet he has every-
thing arranged in a very inviting
manner, and will be glad to welcome
you, and also to quote you the very
best prices on your produce.

A quiet home wedding, at the resi-
dence of Mrs. L. A. Callicott, of this
place, Thursday night, May 3, united
the earthly destinies of two young
couples, Miss Lois Callicott and Mr.
J. B. Carter, and Miss Esther Lickey
and Mr. George West, the ceremony
being performed by Elder T. W. Field.
Brother and Sister Carter will enter
the colporteur work in the North Tex-



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as Conference in the near future, and
Brother and Sister West go to South
Texas to enter the work. They have
many friends, both here and elsewhere
throughout the Union, who gladly
join us in wishing them God's bless-
ings in their work and much happi-
ness in their married life.

J. H. Dortch & Son is the style of
a new grocery firm in Keene. This
week J. K. Woodall sold his stock of
general merchandise to the above
firm, who will continue the business
in the same building until their new
store building on the corner can be
completed, which they hope to have
done some time in June. They plan
to carry a full line of general mer-
chandise, and expect to make prices
on goods as low as can be obtained
elsewhere. They invite you to call
and get acquainted.

FOR SALE—Five acres with five-
room house, never-failing well, cis-
tern and other improvements. Only
about ten minutes walk from the Col-
lege. Address, 19-4t.
E. W. Carey, Keene, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good Schubert piano,
\$75.00; telephone and stock, \$22.50;
four-room cottage, lot 75 x 150, water
in house, fruit—make me an offer.
Will trade for farm land in Arkansas.
Mrs. Z. B. Thweatt,
102 Roosevelt Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.

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AS WORKERS WITH GOD—No. 1 J. W. Christian

While the Bible, in a general sense, applies to the whole world, there are certain parts which have a special bearing upon God's people. Much of the counsel is given to the "household of faith," and is of such a nature that the world cannot appreciate it. While it is true that the sun rises and sets over the just and the unjust, and God bestows His blessing upon sinner as well as upon saint, there is a relationship entered into by those who have accepted of the gospel and identified themselves with the army of God which is waging warfare against sin, that is peculiar to itself. The work which God is carrying forward in the earth becomes the work of His church. The Lord's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," is a sacred trust committed to the church.

In order to carry on this work, the Lord has given a system by which the efforts for the salvation of souls may be sustained. It is the privilege of God's children to enter into this covenant with the Lord, and He expects that we shall use our talents for the extension of the gospel.

When the Lord brought ancient Israel out of Egypt, He gave this instruction: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." Deut. 8:18. It is clearly stated that the reason for wealth being intrusted to them was that God's covenant might be established. All their means was to be devoted to this, for their own needs must be provided for from the abundance which the Lord should give.

Early in the history of man it was understood and practised that one-tenth of all the increase belonged to the Lord for the special work of establishing His covenant. This plan the Lord has never changed. It is a duty as well as a privilege, resting upon the church today.

There are three classes of people

in the world: First, the individual who does not know the binding obligation of God in this matter; second, the class who does know, but who willingly chooses to ignore the counsel and willfully disobey Him; and third, those who know the will of God and delight to do it, willingly rendering to God His own. The following quotations from the Testimonies will be read with interest and will serve as counsel and instruction to us touching this matter:

"The Lord has given His people a message for this time. It is presented in the third chapter of Malachi. How could the Lord present His requirements in a clearer or more forcible manner than he has done in this chapter?"—Vol. VI, p. 384.

"It is a heaven-appointed plan that men should return to the Lord His own; and this is so plainly stated that men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibilities God has laid upon them. Those who claim that they cannot see this to be their duty, reveal to the heavenly universe, to the church, and to the world, that they do not want to see this plainly stated requirement. . . . God lays His hand upon all man's possessions, saying, 'I am the owner of the universe and these goods are mine. The tithe you have withheld I reserved for the support of my servants in their work of opening the scriptures to those who are in the regions of darkness, who do not understand my law. In using my reserve fund to gratify your own desires, you have robbed souls of the light which I made provision for them to receive.'"—Vol. VI, p. 387.

From these statements it must be clear to all who believe the Spirit of Prophecy that the Lord is as careful in reckoning with His people today as in ancient times, that it is just as much a part of Christian duty to sustain the cause of God by tithes and offerings as in the days when the Bible was written.

In our next article we shall study farther the real purpose and use of the tithe.

SPECIAL SUMMER SCHOOL NOTICE

We are very much pleased to give definite notice that we will have with us Elder O. A. Johnson, for a number of years the teacher of Bible in Walla Walla College. This will give our teachers a most excellent opportunity to get some special work in Bible.

We are receiving word from teachers in the field that they are planning to be present at the opening of the school, and we are expecting to have a large attendance. Please remember the date, May 30, at 9:00 a. m.

W. L. ADAMS,
Educational Secretary.

AN INVITATION

A number of extra copies of this issue of the RECORD are being sent to non-subscribers. If you are one of those who have not been receiving the RECORD in your home regularly, please consider this an invitation to you to become a regular subscriber. In this day, when every passing hour brings new evidence of our being in the time of the end, surely each one of God's children desires to know what is being done in the work. If you will read the RECORD regularly you will be able to keep up with the work in our own Union Conference, and thereby be able to get a broader view of the work as a whole.

We are still permitted to have the printed page, so let us not slight the privileges that yet remain. What do you say? May we not receive your subscription by return mail? The cost of all printing materials has advanced enormously, but the subscription price of the RECORD still remains the same—50c per year. Why not send a dollar, and have the paper go to some friend or relative who would be interested in reading it?

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.—Rev. 4:5.

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TO THE BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN SOUTH TEXAS

How rapidly the links in the great chain of prophecy, have been forged during the first quarter of the year and as we look at the future it is both dark and bright—dark as viewed from the natural viewpoint of the world—men, women and children starving. Not only in the lands of strife but in this land of plenty have we had our food riots. Then as we look at the relation of the nations of earth, it appears at times like the whole world will be involved in the terrible struggle now going on.

A deep conviction that earthly things are about to close, and the Prince of Peace return, is settling up on the people of God. So from this viewpoint it is bright and cheering and there is cause for us to rejoice and be exceeding glad for God has permitted us to understand the meaning of these things, and has given us the blessed privilege of becoming laborers together with Him, for the finishing of this work. He will sustain and help us amid the troubles and stormy times before us, and will permit us to finally triumph with this message.

A writer in "Harper's Weekly" recently said, "the most critical moment of the world's history is upon us. Events are transpiring to stun the stoutest mind." We know that it will take faith and courage to stand in times like these, but the blessed promises of God are for us and we should know whom we have believed, and know that He is able to keep that which we have committed to Him against that day. Brethren and sisters, let us commit all to Him for the finishing of this work, and labor now as never before, for we are told that work undone, will have to be done under most unfavorable circumstances later on.

I am glad at this time to call attention to our quarterly report as given elsewhere in this paper. Truly the Lord has made His people willing

to help, and has been richly blessing them in temporal things as well as spiritual. You will note that we have made a small gain (\$9.52) in the tithe over 1916, for this first quarter, and the offerings show the substantial gain of \$232.10 for this same period. We are sure that all will rejoice in this. In behalf of the workers in the conference we ask of you a continuation of hearty co-operation, and that you remember us in prayer that we may faithfully discharge every duty that comes to us.

Every day that passes brings us nearer the end and should bring us nearer to God. We should be watching unto prayer, for there are those about us, today, that need our help. Tomorrow some of these souls may be where we can never reach them again. Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth. That which we see and hear calls us to do our duty. As we face the new quarter shall we not endeavor to do this to the fullest extent?

Yours for deeper consecration and faithful service,

E. L. NEFF.

TITHE AND OFFERINGS FOR FIRST QUARTER 1917

Church	Tithe	Mis. Of.
Austin	88.95	38.45
Alvin	22.71	14.28
Brenham	70.57	20.56
Conference	249.28	100.42
Corpus Christi	83.88	74.25
Danbury	21.30	13.64
El Campo	129.06	78.77
Elgin	68.98	31.00
Houston	403.73	143.68
Houston Col.	83.23	17.09
Laredo	423.84	93.30
Mercedes	159.60	15.60
San Antonio	360.58	175.49
Scattered	34.71	5.00
Spanish	11.70	4.68
	\$2202.12	\$826.35

NOTES ON OUR SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

It will not be possible to touch on the work of every school listed in the report in detail, but some experiences will be given in detail.

The Austin school is very fortunate to have Sister Route for superintendent

and Sister Thad Franks for assistant. These sisters have a tender sympathy for the members of the school. A quotation from a letter recently received from Sister Route gives in brief the spirit of the school: "In class work and the general Sabbath school work, I never saw a little school do better. Four of our little girls were able to repeat all the memory verses for the first quarter. I gave each of them a nice framed Bible picture. It was quite a little expense to me, but I see in those children large girls in just a little while, who have the allurements of the world to meet, and to do something to help them to love the Sabbath school and learn the Bible I think a good investment for missionary purposes. The Austin school makes a good showing in their donations."

At Beeville we have but a lone brother and his wife, whose hair is hoary with age, but who conduct their Home Sabbath School every Sabbath and save their offerings for missions, and send them in promptly at the end of the quarter. I am sure if this dear old couple, weary of days, carries out such a program, every isolated family of the conference can do the same.

The Brenham school runs along from quarter to quarter like deep water, smoothly and evenly. The school consists of sisters, with but one man member, Brother Barring, the superintendent; but there is an atmosphere of Christian love to be found in this school that is found in but few others. Mother Schramm is the charter member and is known throughout the city for her deeds of charity.

There are only three families connected with the Chocolate Bayou school. They live a long distance apart and find it impossible to meet every Sabbath. To increase their offerings this quarter, the children are going to sell the World's Crisis books. Brother David McMullen is superintendent and is co-operating fully with the conference to increase the spiritual interest and donations of the school.

There is something in life that measures our love by our giving. Notice the Corpus Christi school report. This territory is almost barren of vegetation, and we have looked forward to their reports with some anxiety. But we have never heard a single

word of complaint from this school because of "hard times," and the offerings have been a real surprise for every month of the quarter. Brother Orsborn, the superintendent of the school, is doing good work. The spiritual tone is true.

The Danbury school is small and the members badly scattered—some of them living ten miles away, but a faithful work is being done. Brother Stoner is the superintendent, a veteran of the message and a tried servant of the Lord. Their offerings will be better the second quarter, as there is more to be marketed.

We quote the following interesting item from the superintendent of the El Campo school, Mrs. M. C. Smith: "For the Thirteenth Sabbath, our Juniors had an exercise prepared entitled 'The Missionary Dollar.' There were ten in the exercise and at the end of the program each one held up their dollar and gave it when the hat was passed." Think of this fine class of boys and girls of ten bringing in ten dollars! How happy they were as they held up that silver dollar, or dollar bill! I imagine they could almost see those ten dollars wading out through the jungles of Africa in search of a nice place to start another school for those black boys and girls who know nothing of the Savior and His love. It is more of this work that is going to bring Jesus quickly. The El Campo school has for its motto, "Every member a church member."

What do you think of the following for a resourceful superintendent whose school is located in the foothills, where the crops have been very poor for the past two or three years, making money very scarce, and being some thirty-five or forty miles from a city of note, making it impossible for the members to do anything with the sale of our small books and magazines to help them along with their Sabbath School offerings. This comes from the Elgin school, whose superintendent is Brother J. E. Sims. He writes as follows: "To help increase our donations, I got some small envelopes and wrote the names of the children of the school on them and put thirty watermelon seeds in each envelope. As the names of the children were called off, each child came forward and took an envelope, promising to plant the seed, cultivate the melons, market them and apply the

proceeds on our Sabbath school goal. You would have rejoiced with me if you could have seen how pleased the children were, and how anxious to enter into this plan. They are now looking forward to the time when they can sell the melons and bring in their offerings. Am going to work the same plan with cotton seed for the adult members, only use more seed." Shut away from the city, with no other way to earn money, this is the very best this brother could do, but his plan is going to net results for when we have done all we can, the Lord is going to bless our all. Brother Sims has the co-operation of the Elgin school and is endeavoring to lead the members in the straight and narrow way. He reports eight baptisms the past quarter.

Fant City—our German school—was organized only last quarter, but the members are zealous and there is a warmth in the heart of the superintendent, Brother Ewert, that is taking hold of the members. Brother Ewert has provided the school with the Sabbath School Worker, German Memory Verse cards, and English and German quarterlies. Their offerings have been good for a beginning, and we shall hear more about this school at the close of the quarter.

Houston has the largest school in the conference. This school is well disciplined, and has a large primary and kindergarten department, which is supplied with all General Conference helps. One very important feature of the school is the attention given the unconverted. One teacher mentions her class as follows: "In my class of six girls and two boys, you would be surprised how they hold up their donations, and the interest they take in their lessons. All are Christians except one. I can't help but pray a little more earnestly for her." Brother Heim is superintendent of the school and is doing his very best to make things interesting. The offerings were not so good as they have been in the past for the first quarter, but the goal for the second quarter has been set for \$140.00, and from the report Elder Neff brought back from the school the offerings will register more closely around \$175.00 than \$140.00.

The Houston colored school has made rapid advancement the past quarter. Three baptisms are reported, and there has been a nice increase

in donations. They are striving, however, to make their offerings even better this quarter. Sister Flood is superintendent of the school, and has the co-operation of the members.

The Kingsville school consists of a few faithful sisters and children, with one brother, who does not speak English enough to be understood. It is hard to understand the faithfulness of this school. They are in the trail of the drouth, where the fields lie barren and nothing for the stock to eat but cactus. The encouraging word comes from the superintendent that all do their very best. Sister Nash is superintendent of the school, and is strong in the Lord. If you but knew their financial needs, you would pronounce their offerings very good.

How do you like the tenor of the following experience related by the superintendent, Sister Sixta Lopez, of the Laredo school: "We didn't quite reach our dollar per member on the Thirteenth Sabbath, because I started to speak of it too late in the quarter, and besides we were behind on our goal, but we made pies and tamales (this is a Spanish school, you know) and sold \$11.55 worth, which we gave to the Sabbath school, and it helped us to reach our goal which was \$56.00. But we will try to reach our dollar per member on the Thirteenth Sabbath next quarter, with the help of the Lord. We will do something for those who can't earn a dollar. Some can sell papers, and those that can't sell papers can do something else." This school has a membership of only twenty-seven. There is not a school in the conference that has less of this world's goods, as a whole, but their offerings are the largest per capita. Don't you think they are "constrained" by the love of Christ? I think their example worthy of emulation. Think of a people just coming from Catholicism baking pies to get money to give the message to the heathen! This should start a movement without end until the work is finished. Many mothers take a special pride in displaying cakes, pies and other dainties, the work of their own hands, and there is usually a ready sale for genuine home-made food. Prices of food are soaring rapidly, and we will hear many cries of "hard times," but the public is still spending money and if we are willing to make sacrifices and put our hands to some simple service, the Lord is going to

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bless us with Sabbath school donations and a dollar for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The Mercedes school, unfortunately, was disbanded last quarter, but Brother Oldemeyer is endeavoring to organize a second. You will note their offerings were good for their membership.

Palacios is a home school of Brother C. Noble and family. Nothing turns the hearts of the children to God like the Sabbath school and family worship. This is a very faithful school.

The Rosanky school is composed of Brethren Lynn and Alfred Carlisle and families and Mother Carlisle. They are jealous lovers of the truth and have an interesting little school.

The San Antonio school passes in a fine report for last quarter. Attentive interest is given to the lesson study and the spirituality of the members is deepening. Donations for last quarter were better than they have been for years. The goal for the quarter was \$135.00. Some wanted to leave it at \$125.00 where it has been for some quarters but the more persistent were successful in getting it set for \$135.00. The goal was flooded, the total reaching \$150.53. One class of four boys and girls and teacher put in a shining five-dollar gold piece for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. The Kindergarten department is well organized and is growing rapidly. Their offerings for last quarter amounted to over \$26.00. For this quarter the superintendent has given all the children a nickle to invest for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. Some are striving to make their nickle earn a dollar. The goal for the school for the second quarter is \$150.00.

This school has efficient service in its superintendency, through Dr. Leach.

The following experience reveals the sacrifice and love of a lone sister living at Pasadena, Sister Miller. She states: "I may be a little late in sending my offering, but I'll tell you why. I have been picking strawberries to get the money. I walked a mile and got to pick every other day and got only thirty cents per crate. I picked two crates a day and have saved up a dollar for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering out of my living. Oh, I know God blesses me. He is good and merciful." True, Sister Miller is isolated from our people, but the tone of her letter would not indicate that she is

Name	Address	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	Total	Del.
OKLAHOMA, April 28								
T. W. Atchley, Okemah		BR	32	16	64.00	4.30	68.30	4.30
E. G. Birdseye, Curtis		BR	25	4	30.50	3.00	33.50	3.00
W. R. Brewer, Wewoka		PG	42	23	92.50	9.35	101.85	9.35
S. R. Cadenhead, Lawton		PG	18	4	14.00	4.25	18.25	4.25
N. H. Clem, Riverside		BR	38	16	58.00	2.25	60.25	9.75
E. W. Crawford, Quinton		CK	13	1	1.50	.25	1.75	
J. R. Doss, Walter		BR	11	4	15.00		15.00	7.00
C. E. Johnson, New Wilson		PG	34	14	51.00	3.20	54.20	9.40
J. J. Landis, Okemah		BR	49	33	122.50	5.45	127.95	5.45
M. B. Lockwood, Tulsa		BR	33	7	25.50	5.60	31.10	5.10
H. H. Malone, Tulsa		BR	40	16	35.00	2.10	37.10	2.10
Miscellaneous					141.25		141.25	141.25
E. Muhlhauser, Hendrix		BR	42	19	68.50	3.50	72.00	3.50
C. J. Morgan, Idabel		BR	34	28	104.50		103.50	
C. L. Robinson, Tushka		PG	27	7	26.50	.70	27.20	.70
W. S. Roy, Coodys Bluff		BR	73	15	59.50	25.00	84.50	81.50
W. F. Simmons, Walter		BR	42	13	49.50	1.50	51.00	
C. C. Voth, Shattuck		BR	19	4	16.00	11.25	27.25	27.25
C. S. White, Guthrie		BFL	30	2	4.00	.25	4.25	.25
Frank Webb, Pawnee		PG	50	20	58.50	6.25	64.75	6.25
J. A. Young, Berwyn		PP	41	25	87.50	1.25	88.75	1.25
Bibles					54.25		54.25	61.80
Agents 20			694	268	1179.50	89.45	1268.95	383.45
NORTH TEXAS, April 28								
W. R. Hixon, Keene		PG	30	12	45.00		45.00	
Chester F. Way, Paris			12	11	39.50		39.50	
Mrs. B. F. Plunkett, Ft. Worth			15	1	5.50	5.50	11.00	5.50
A. Gregory, Granbury		GC	40	18	52.00	.25	52.25	.25
Mrs. N. J. Liebman, Dallas		PPF	10			6.00	6.00	13.50
Mrs. W. M. Granger, Kaufman		BFL	26	6	9.00	2.70	11.70	2.70
Miss Sadie Klindt, Ft. Worth		Misc	40			44.50	44.50	44.50
D. B. Clark, Trinity		Misc	6	10	9.00	.25	9.25	.25
W. P. Tucker, Martin		Misc	50	17	62.50		62.50	
Miscellaneous for the month					155.00		155.00	155.00
Agents 9			189	75	377.50	59.20	436.70	221.70

isolated from God. She is sixty-five or seventy years of age; so it hardly seems that we have an excuse left for not having something to give the Lord for missions.

The following is from an isolated family and is very good; Sister Kuester writes: "I am enclosing a money order for tithe and Sabbath school offerings. My little boy, eight years old, is our secretary and treasurer. He has written you a card that I presume you can read." Willie's card is written in his own childish way of putting things, and is as follows: "Dear Brother Mattison, I have the Little Friend and I have a book, the name is Jack the Conqueror and we have Sabbath school at our house,

am the secretary and treasurer and I am sending in the report for the last quarter. Please send another envelope, with love." This is a splendid plan for home schools. By making the children officers of the school they become a part of the program and there is nothing that will grip their love for the Lord and a reverence for the Sabbath like the Sabbath school and the Christian influence of the home. And again, this systematizes the home school exercises. This supplies a great lack for our isolated brethren and sisters. Many boys and girls have slipped into the world because no Sabbath-day exercise was planned in the homes of our brethren and sisters isolated

SOUTH TEXAS, April 28

A. A. Prewitt, Runge	GC	41	30	105.00	2.15	107.15	2.15
C. H. Chenault, Bryan	DR	30	21	72.50		72.50	
Wm. McKenzie, Houston	DR	11	13	51.50		51.50	
Artie Taylor, Austin	DA	23	11	46.00	.75	46.75	.75
C. L. Bainer, San Marcos	GC	10	11	41.50		41.50	
Mrs. C. L. Bainer, San Marcos	BR	10	5	19.50	1.25	20.75	1.25
Elijah Taylor, Austin	BR	22	5	17.50		17.50	
Bibles				7.25		7.25	
Agents 7		147	96	360.75	4.15	364.90	4.15

TEXICO, April 28

R. L. Blackwelder, Ballinger	BR	32	11	38.50	3.00	41.50	
M. A. Blackwelder, Ballinger	BF	26	18	30.50	1.75	32.25	
A. C. Cranfill, Lometa	DR	18	3	10.50	.75	11.25	3.50
M. E. McNeely, Ballinger	BF	26	11	16.50	4.95	21.45	
Minnie Ragsdale, Wellington	BF	40	5	9.50		9.50	
G. H. Reese, El Paso	WCS	12	14	3.50	.60	4.10	3.50
Amy Reese, El Paso	WCS	10	4	1.00	4.60	5.60	1.00
A. C. Wade, Wellington	DR	47	15	59.50		59.50	
Mrs. A. C. Wade, Wellington	BF	23	9	15.50		15.50	
M. J. Whitfield, Clyde	BR	23	14	52.00	3.70	55.70	
Agents 10		267	104	237.00	19.35	256.35	8.00

ARKANSAS, April 28

W. Brinegar, Pine Bluff	BR	72	154	404.00	6.45	410.45	
G. O. Bayless, Pine Bluff	BR	56	96	198.00	5.85	203.85	
C. W. Cutter, Jelks	BR	46	93	182.00	1.50	183.50	1.50
A. Lyles, Jelks	BR	42	35	128.50	1.50	130.00	1.50
E. E. Hanson, DeWitt	PG	34	15	101.50	9.70	111.20	
I. H. Newkirk, Toltec	DR	16	18	83.00	1.50	84.50	
W. Kirkham, Toltec	DR	10	10	54.00		54.00	
F. M. Garner, Nashville	USP	39	17	38.00	1.95	39.95	
Helen Krum, Jonesboro	BFL	33	15	30.50	1.75	32.25	
N. W. Guhl, DeWitt	PG	50	7	27.55	5.10	32.65	
Mrs. J. H. Krum, Jonesboro	BFL	39	5	10.00	5.75	15.75	2.00
Bibles				56.40		56.40	
Agents 11		437	465	1313.45	41.05	1354.50	5.00

from church privileges.

If there is a tendency on your part to feel that a great deal has been said on offerings in the above notes, remember that the fundamental purpose of the Sabbath schools is to bring souls to Christ, and raise money to send out to bring other souls to Christ.

Can we not devote every thought and act of our being to foster the finishing of the work in some way this quarter? We gave 11.7 cents per capita per Sabbath last quarter. There is a difference of seventy-three in our attendance and membership. Had our per capita membership per Sabbath been figured on our attendance, it would have been 14c per member. We need to encourage a better attendance don't we? Remember it takes 15c per member per Sabbath to get on the Honor Roll. C. C. MATTISON.

STIRRING TIMES

These are certainly stirring times. Stirring in the economical, industrial, and political world; and should be intensely stirring in the camps of the children of Israel. The world is stirred through excitement and industry as never before. She is striving to conserve to the utmost every available resource in food supply, war materials, men and money. We read such expressions in the daily journals as, "We are preparing to take thousands of young men from the farms to support them as soldiers," "Urge a war-labor reserve, organized upon military lines," "Urge the seeding, harvesting and handling in the most efficient manner the largest possible crops we can," "That the army conscription plan be broadened to utilize for agricultural labor, manufac-

ture of munitions, or other national service, first, men beyond military age, second, men of military age, but not accepted for active service, and third, boys under military age." "The utilization of idle lands;" "The people to plant vegetable gardens in back lots, front lots and vacant lots;" "Plant food crops everywhere—even in flower beds;" "Be less tolerant of extravagance and waste, more appreciative of economy and efficiency."

Thus we see the calls going out to earth's inhabitants like a mighty trumpet-blast to join the battle for victory. "Victory," that's just what we are striving for, and it's a possible goal. Your part and mine in this conservation plan is to set aside with caution every moment of time at our command for the distribution of tracts and periodicals and books—by selling, loaning or giving away; for Christian help work, holding Bible readings and cottage meetings and earning money for missions. The latter, we are inclined to believe, will be easier than ever before because of the scarcity and demand for labor; but soul-winning—Satan has so blocked the way that it will remain the same laborious task until sin is repressed.

Consider the following Home Missionary report for the first quarter of the year as given by the churches:

Letters written	146
Letters received	64
Missionary visits	875
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	184
Subscriptions for periodicals ..	53
Papers sold	919
Papers mail, lent or given away	3983
Books sold	307
Books lent or given away	186
Tracts sold	6
Tracts lent or given away	3090
Hours of Christian help work ..	1156
Articles of clothing given away	145
Number of meals provided	109
Treatments given	147
Signers obtained to the temperance pledge	16
Offerings for home missionary work	\$47.14
Number of conversions	11
Magazines sold	3597

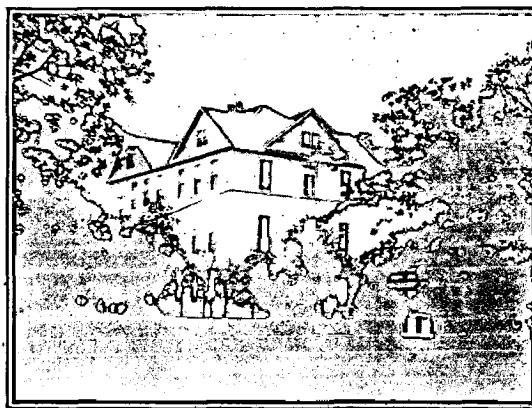
We are all ashamed of the report, even though it be by far the best we ever had in the history of the conference. Let us remember that this represents the work of 434 people for a period of three months. How busy

we are, but think of the moments, hours and days that we might have spent in useful service for the Master that were squandered and have gone from us forever—but "He's coming soon, I know." From the good letters received from the secretaries with their reports we are encouraged to believe that the second quarter's report will show a big gain over the first. I believe we can double our report every quarter of the year, don't you? Come, let us work to this end.

Some things to especially work for this quarter: Double our magazine sales. Of the above magazine sales, 2091 were sold through regular agents and 1506 through the churches. Double our Signs Weekly subscriptions. There are only 117 subscriptions coming to this conference, with upwards of a million people. The price is only 85 cents a year in clubs of five or more to separate addresses. Increase our Review subscriptions all we can. Only 80 Reviews are being subscribed for in the conference. Plan to attend camp meeting and bring your friend. The date has been definitely fixed at July 9-16.

C. C. MATTISON.

VACATION is at hand. If you wish to make up a study in order to square yourself with your course or finish it, write to C. C. Lewis, Principal of the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C. He will tell you what many others are doing and what you can do. Write today for the "Nutshell" booklet.



S.W.J.C.

Department



NEWS NOTES

You can almost count them on your fingers now, these few last days of school. Treasure them well.

Elder Carey talked about "Self-consciousness" last Monday,—that thing that makes a fellow think of himself, when he ought to be thinking of something else.

The boys who kept up with Professor Peterson last Tuesday did something besides walking. The girls marched, too, down stairs, down the walk, down the road, and back again, and everybody came back in the best of spirits.

Miss Lillian Emerson was again called to Athens, Texas, because of the illness of her little nephew.

The Texico students and the Oklahoma students have been doing things

this week. They have been having student meetings, and laying plans, and even having their pictures taken.

Professor Harrison finished his tale of the mines Thursday. His humor served to ease the shock, pleasant or otherwise, of the grade cards which had just been given out.

These moonlight nights! Oh, who doesn't love moonlight? The music clubs made the most of the occasion last Thursday night, and while the sweet, dreamy strains of "Juanita," "Hoe Cake," and "Dixie" floated up from the serenaders, we were waffled away to Slumberland.

There's a trio of Johnson girls now, for their sister, Hazel, is visiting them, and is going to stay till school is out.

Professor Field's little sermonette last Friday, on the "Blessings of Obstacles," teaches us to look for some good in everything difficult—yes, even Physics.

Miss Vinna Frame has taken a spin to Dallas.

Sabbath, May 5, was Young People's Day, when they celebrated the tenth anniversary of their organization.

One of our family circle, Miss Munro, has been called home on account of the sickness of her little sister.

To think!—only three more Friday evenings when we gather in the Sabbath vesper service! How we shall miss them when we are gone! Elder Carey conducted the service last Friday night, telling us some real stories of strength and courage, from the dear old blessed Book.

"Get a Keene edge." Sharpen your mind at the Southwestern Junior College.

There's something inspiring in the Asiatic Band every Friday night. Last

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT, FIRST QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31.

Sabbath School	Memb.	Attendance	12 S. Off.	13th S. Off.	Total
Austin	18	13	\$ 26.79	\$ 11.66	\$ 38.45
Beeville, Home School	2	2	3.60	1.00	4.60
Brenham	14	9	9.13	2.55	11.68
Chocolate Bayou	11	10	4.29	1.52	5.81
Conference			19.77	10.00	29.77
Corpus Christi	22	15	31.57	13.84	45.41
Danbury	8	8	8.54	.60	9.14
El Campo	29	27	34.67	18.60	53.27
Elgin	56	52	14.91	9.17	24.08
Fant City	20	14	17.63	1.45	19.08
Houston	81	67	80.05	30.00	110.05
Houston, Colored	19	15	7.73	4.89	12.67
Kingsville	26	20	13.16	3.02	16.17
Laredo	27	24	56.00	19.00	75.00
Mercedes	4	4	13.74	2.00	15.74
Palacios, Home School	5	5	2.45	.80	3.25
Rosanky, " "	7	7	3.39	1.67	5.06
Rosenberg	6	6	3.20	3.00	6.20
San Antonio	59	43	107.20	43.33	150.53
San Antonio, Spanish	7	7	3.88	.80	4.68
GRAND TOTAL	421	348	\$461.74	\$178.90	\$640.64

Friday night it was the Philippine Islands. Were you at the band?

Library Day—July 11, 1917.

Saturday night, Professor Pecbles described his travels in Mexico, and the things he saw, from the candy shops, which gave him indigestion, to the rustic beauty of the villages, and the grandeur of the mountains, and the fantastic ruins, and the historic spots of Mexico City.

PERIOD FIVE

With each succeeding period the number of those who have forged their way ahead into Class I has increased. The names of those who have nothing below I on their grade cards for Period Five are: Esther Lickey, Letha Taylor, John Phillips, Antonia Romeriz, Ethel Taylor, Geo. West, E. M. Davis, Arthur Lickey, Arthur Miracle, Edith Warren, Walter Coberly, Ernest Cloninger, Lillian Emerson, Lillian Chitty, Arthur Luther, Leila Thweatt, Marie Wilcox, Fayette Smith, Benton Wilcox, Lillie Griffin, Strauss, Cubley, Arthur Lacy, Verna Larson, W. B. Parkins, Lela Leslie, Norman Dunn, Ruby Brown, Belle Crippen.

Those who received a first grade in at least three subjects follow: J. W. Grant, Ethyle Coberly, Vernon Martin, Abbie Dunn, Grace Harper, Nora Riddles, Agnes Nystel, Orville Wilson, Lawrence F. Warren, Elmer Hahne, Ramona Cole, Noble Chase, Emma Kuhn, W. C. Loveless, Edna Menne, Charles Miller, Martha Stopp, James Fortner, Robert Wilson, Nannie May Smith, Daisy Dean, Laura Claude Martin, Lowell Estes, Beulah Crane, and Elizabeth McGavock.

Friend Student, period six is final—final! Speed up!

WHY JOHN SHOULD HAVE MANUAL TRAINING

Within the past twenty-five years throughout Europe and America many systems of handicraft have been introduced in the school as a part of elementary instruction. Educators long since reached the conclusion that book training alone is not sufficient for the education of the youth, and this lack is shown by the introduction of manual training into most of the public and high schools of the day. It is a well known fact that many a boy and girl under the former systems

of instruction, on leaving school were quite unable to make their own living, and this led to the question as to whether or not the public education was of such a nature as to fit the child for a useful career in life. As a result of much discussion in educational circles, we have the different systems of manual training.

The object of introducing manual training into the public schools is well defined by one of our noted educators when he says: "We do not wish to make mechanics; we teach banking, not because we expect our pupils to become bankers; we teach drawing, not because we expect to train architects, artists, or engineers; and we teach the use of tools and properties of materials and the methods of the arts, not because we expect our boys to become artisans; we teach them the United States Constitution and some of the acts of congress, not because we expect all to become congressmen. We DO expect that our boys will at least have something to do with bankers, architects, artists, engineers, and artisans; we do expect all to become good citizens.

"Our great object is educational other objects are secondary. Manual training in wood work gives an indirect preparation for life, not by teaching a certain trade but by employing a general dexterity it trains the hand to be the obedient servant of the brain. Manual training develops the mental faculties, and at the same time it imparts positive useful information. It gives direction to activity and a clear insight into the nature of things. The great object in sloyd is educational. The cultivation of dexterity with tools is secondary."

From Prof. Hoffman the following is quoted: "Sloyd has for its aim, as a means of formal instruction: to instill a love for work in general; to create a respect for rough, honest, bodily labor; to develop self-reliance and independence; to teach habits of attention, industry, and perseverance; to promote the development of the physical powers; to train to habits of order, exactness, cleanliness, and neatness; to train the eye to the sense of form, and to cultivate the dexterity of the hand."

It teaches the student to think and not to blindly follow the textbook as an absolute code of facts and laws because they are printed in the book. It was John Ruskin who wisely said:

"You can teach a man to draw a straight line, and to cut one; to strike a curve line, and to carve it; and to copy and carve any number of given lines or forms with admirable speed and perfect precision; and you will find his work perfect of its kind; but you ask him to think about any of those forms, to consider if he cannot find any better in his own head, he stops: his execution becomes hesitating; he thinks, and ten to one he thinks wrong: ten to one he makes a mistake in the first touch he gives to his work as a thinking being. But you have made a man of him for all that. He was only a machine before, an animated tool."

A century ago the main endeavor of the American parent was to make of his boys and girls gentlemen and ladies, who should be acquainted with all the conventionalities and foibles of fashion that made up the life of that day. The idea of the middle ages yet prevailed, that all rough work and physical labor of all sorts should be done by servants and inferiors.

We should be very grateful, as a people, to God for the instruction given to us through His spirit with regard to manual training. We, as a people, had this information from heaven long before other people discovered the need of it, though it is to be regretted that we have been so slow in following the light given, that the world is far ahead of us in the very work we should have done. Hardly a high school or university but offers courses in manual training. It is acknowledged that wood work comes nearer meeting the educational requirements than any other branch of craft work. It is the most suitable handicraft for the young on account of the many works that can be accomplished in it, and also on account of the great variety of tools employed by it. It is not beyond the natural powers of youth.

The following questions have been settled by the introduction of wood work into our school curriculum:

The models are of such a nature that they can be used. The work tends to cultivate a respect for rough, bodily labor. It trains in habits of order and exactness, cleanliness and neatness. It cultivates a sense of form. It is beneficial from a hygienic viewpoint. It counteracts the evil of sitting still. It imparts general dex-

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A. P. Richie and wife spent Sabbath
with relatives in Keene.

Brother W. F. Field and family
spent last Sabbath with the Dallas
church.

Roy Casey has returned from Loma
Linda, Cal., where he was engaged
as assistant postmaster.

C. T. Brown and wife spent Sabbath
in Keene visiting friends and rela-
tives, returning to Waco Monday.

A car of lumber arrived last week
and has been placed on a vacant lot

terity to the hand. Manual dexterity
is a thing that occupies no mean posi-
tion in the arts and crafts, and in
many of the professional employ-
ments, and this is merely a matter
of education.

Sir Charles Bell, in his "Treatise
on the Hand" cites these interesting
examples of the great extent to which
hand dexterity may be developed. 221
words were written on a kernel of
wheat. A Polish monk wrote the
whole of the "Illiad" on a piece of pa-
per that could be put into a nutshell.
A Swede, Nauringaros, gave to Pope
Paul V twelve plates of ivory so min-
ute that they fitted into a pepper-
corn. To Queen Elizabeth was pre-
sented a golden chain of fifty links,
which could only be seen when placed
on white paper.

The subject of manual training is
one that deserves a great deal more
attention than has been given to it
by our educators. There is an abun-
dance of instruction in the Testimo-
nies with regard to the importance
of it. If we had followed this mes-
sage years ago, work shops today
would be found in every school, and
they would be models of efficiency.

H. H. HAMILTON

which has been secured for the new
lumber yard.

Mrs. J. A. Frame and family passed
through Keene from Hamby, Texas,
en route to Dallas. Miss Vinna Frame
joined them here.

Miss Hilah Atwood has returned
from El Campo, South Texas, where
she has just finished a successful year
of school teaching.

Brother A. M. Woodall left Monday
for Waco where he expects to spend
a few days in the interests of the
church at that place.

W. C. Casey and wife spent a few
days in Keene visiting relatives and
friends. They returned to their home
in Ft. Worth Sunday morning.

Last Sabbath was enjoyed by all,
as it was Young People's Missionary
Volunteer Day. A very interesting
program was rendered at the church,
in both the morning and afternoon
services.

Mrs. Annie Smith and daughters
returned last week from Dalworth,
Texas, where Misses Sidney and Tres-
sa recently closed a very successful
term of school.

Brother O. W. Wolfe, who is now
located at Hillsboro, spent a day or
two in Keene last week. He was
completing arrangements for start-
ing a tent effort at that place, which
was to begin May 6.

T. C. Nystel has moved into his
new location and is again prepared
to serve the public with a full line
of groceries and general merchandise.
While his new quarters are not as
large as the old, yet he has every-
thing arranged in a very inviting
manner, and will be glad to welcome
you, and also to quote you the very
best prices on your produce.

A quiet home wedding, at the resi-
dence of Mrs. L. A. Callicott, of this
place, Thursday night, May 3, united
the earthly destinies of two young
couples, Miss Lois Callicott and Mr.
J. B. Carter, and Miss Esther Lickey
and Mr. George West, the ceremony
being performed by Elder T. W. Field.
Brother and Sister Carter will enter
the colporteur work in the North Tex-



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as Conference in the near future, and
Brother and Sister West go to South
Texas to enter the work. They have
many friends, both here and elsewhere
throughout the Union, who gladly
join us in wishing them God's bless-
ings in their work and much happi-
ness in their married life.

J. H. Dortch & Son is the style of
a new grocery firm in Keene. This
week J. K. Woodall sold his stock of
general merchandise to the above
firm, who will continue the business
in the same building until their new
store building on the corner can be
completed, which they hope to have
done some time in June. They plan
to carry a full line of general mer-
chandise, and expect to make prices
on goods as low as can be obtained
elsewhere. They invite you to call
and get acquainted.

FOR SALE—Five acres with five-
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tern and other improvements. Only
about ten minutes walk from the Col-
lege. Address, 19-4t.
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FOR SALE—Good Schubert piano,
\$75.00; telephone and stock, \$22.50;
four-room cottage, lot 75 x 150, water
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Will trade for farm land in Arkansas.
Mrs. Z. B. Thweatt,
102 Roosevelt Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.