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NO. I.

OUR PRESENT EDITION.

THE RECORD starts out with an edition of eighteen hundred copies. Our object is to send numbers of the paper to every available person within the Southwestern Union Conference district as samples, for the purpose of showing, to some extent, the object and the mission of this paper. Our office is at present crowded with job work, thus giving us a lively beginning; but we have faith to believe that with so important a message that God has given us, this "beginning" is but "a seed," when compared to the work that will grow up in this part of God's vineyard.

Academy Board Meeting.

THIS meeting was held at Keene, May 14-19. It was a meeting of special interest and importance. In addition to the local Board at Keene, there were present Eld. W. A. McCutchen, President of the Texas Conference, Eld. G. F. Haffner, President of the Oklahoma Conference, and Eld. A. E. Field, President of the Arkansas Conference. The choosing of a man to stand at the head in the place occupied by Professor Lewis was an important matter. After much thought and prayer, Alvin Covert was chosen. His father, Elder William Covert, is a well-known man among our people. A German department was opened in the school with Prof. Kunze at the head. We feel that this department will be an important one in the school. Professor Buxton and Prof. J. L. Jones were selected as teachers for the coming year.

The Model Church School department was continued with Sister Flora H. Williams at the head, as heretofore. This department we hope to see greatly enlarged the coming year. Prof. J. B. Fitch will teach Spanish. This department also we hope to see greatly increased, as this is the proper school to fit teachers and laborers for the Mexican field—a door that now stands wide open to be entered in a substantial manner. Prof. T. French will conduct the Commercial Department. A teacher will also be furnished from the Sanitarium to represent that line of work.

Should the school be enlarged in attendance as we hope to see it, other instructors will be chosen later. Prof. H. E. Giddings declined the position formerly held by him in the Academy, on account of poor health. He will go in a few days to his home in Woodward County, Oklahoma, to spend the summer. May the Lord add his blessing to him during his stay there.

A large number of students go from the school to enter the work—some in the ministry, some as teachers, some to sell books, and others expect to enter the medical work as the way opens. The question was asked in the Sabbath meeting, "How many are there in the school who intend to give themselves entirely to the Lord and his work as the way opens," and nearly the whole school stood on their feet. We were impressed as we listened to the essays and speeches of the graduates, every one tending to one thought, namely, full consecration to the Lord.

This school is one of the most important things in this Conference to aid with our prayers and means. We cannot rest till it is free from debt and filled with students preparing to enter the work of the Lord. Now is the time for those living in cotton growing districts to take orders for Object Lessons to be delivered later. Take all the orders you can. Do not let the opportunity pass.

The printing press and things pertaining to it were turned over to the management of the Union Conference. Steps were taken to improve the campus, and remove the store and other buildings from the grounds to adjoining lots. The store will be enlarged to meet the growing trade. Brother Woodruff having resigned as foreman of the farm, Brother Creager was selected to take his place. Eugene Couch was retained as steward.

In connection with this meeting matters pertaining to the Union Conference were considered. We are glad to report there was unity of sentiment and unity of action that made us feel encouraged and happy. We truly felt that the Lord was with us, and we all go forward with courage in the work, believing the Lord will add his blessing the coming year. Let all join in earnest prayer for the prosperity of Zion.

Address all business communications to T. T. Stevenson, Business Manager, Keene, Texas.

G. G. R.

An Earnest Appeal.

WE are sending this issue of the RECORD to all the isolated Sabbath keepers throughout the Union Conference. We do this, first, to let all know what we are doing in the Conference. Second, to ask all to subscribe for the RECORD at once for the year. This paper will be sent to all the paid-up subscribers of the *Oklahoma Gleaner* for the unexpired time, and also to the subscribers of the Arkansas paper. While it will be sent to them at a loss we will leave it to the subscribers whether they will pay the difference or not. It will take two thousand subscribers to pay the actual cost of the paper. This number we can hardly expect. You can see at once that we expect it to do much good or we would not publish it. We feel we must make it a live paper, filled with the spirit of the message it represents. Its success will depend on the united action of all in, first, contributing to its columns articles of interest; second, in working for its circulation. Let all put forth an effort to get all the subscribers possible. It should go to every family in the Union Conference.

We will make the following proposition: We will wait three months on those who have not the ready cash if they will order at once. Here is an opportunity to show your interest in helping forward the work in our Conference. This offer will continue no longer than the time your attention is called to it; so do not delay. Order through your librarian, or you can send direct to your State Tract Society if you wish. We earnestly appeal to you to help us in starting the work in this Conference. Do not delay.

G. G. R.

ALVIN COVERT, son of Elder William Covert, of Wisconsin, is the chosen Principal for the Keene Industrial School the coming year. He comes recommended by the highest authority, both in the denomination and the world, as a teacher of teachers and scholars. So we look for a good school the coming year. Now is the time to begin to plan to attend the Academy. We expect the largest attendance ever had in Keene.

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KEENE, MONDAY, MAY 26, 1902.

OUR NEW PAPER.

As may be seen, the KEENE INDUSTRIAL EDUCATOR, and the official organs of the Oklahoma and the Arkansas conferences, have been merged into the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD, under which name it will now be published. All paid-up subscribers will be served, as usual, with the new paper. All those in arrears will be required to pay up, or will be dropped from the list. The price of subscription will be fifty cents, reference to which is made under our first editorial column.

THE RECORD will be the official organ of the Southwestern Union Conference, in which all matters pertaining to this branch of our church, will be published.

SOME PLANS.

G. G. RUPERT.

THE WORK IS MORE LOCALIZED.

IT will not be out of place as we enter on the duties now devolving on us to state some of the things we see to be done in the Southwestern Union Conference. As the work is more localized, it involves more responsibility on the local managers. All branches of the work are now represented in these Union Conferences, and these Conferences are now expected to assume the responsibility of building up institutions representing all these interests of the message in their own midst, such as the educational, medical, and evangelical work;

and, also, in addition, the sale of our publications. We would, also, mention the mission work in new fields heretofore left entirely to the Foreign Mission Board or General Conference.

As we look at the educational work in this conference, we are confronted with some problems that must be met, and that with determination. God, in His providence, planted the industrial school at Keene. Our souls are interested in this school that it should accomplish the work God desired it should in fitting up laborers to enter the work. It has been blessed in this work. Many to-day, as a result of this school, are now in the field, and others are preparing.

We see a great need of a German department in this school where this class can get the training needed. This is one thing we shall work earnestly for. The Spanish language should, also, be taught so we can send to our near neighbors in Mexico, our mission field, the light of the Truth. This school should be filled with students the coming year fitting themselves for some line of the work as teachers, canvassers, ministers, or in other lines. This year should mark the largest attendance in the history of the school. We want men as teachers in the school who are filled with the missionary spirit, so students will leave filled with the message for this time.

There is the debt on this sacred institution that we feel must not hang over it much longer. I feel the frown of God will rest on us if this is allowed to be so. This is a matter we will push till the work is accomplished. God wants it so, and we do not feel clear to let it rest a moment. We would advise, therefore, in communities where the books can not be sold now, that you go out and take at least six orders, so when the time comes for money to come in, you can then deliver the books. I would rather take six orders beforehand than to sell four books without orders when the time comes, so go at it in some way at once. Don't delay longer. Show the Lord you are really in earnest in your work and that you are willing now to do all you can.

THE MEDICAL WORK.

We feel that this line must be pushed as never before. This Conference has a sanitarium at Keene which is doing well. We have one at Little Rock, Arkansas, and Oklahoma City is calling for the work to be started there. We hope Oklahoma will be able to do something in this line in

the near future as it is surely needed.

This work is a part of the Gospel for to-day and we feel equally interested in its prosperity with that of the evangelical. Laborers who do not see that this work is a part of the Gospel for to-day, are surely not living up to the privilege the Lord has given them.

In connection with this line are the health food factories now being started. Keene has a factory for this purpose. Others should be started as the way opens. These enterprises are all intended to be linked and managed in harmony.

THE CANVASSER, OR FIELD MISSIONARY.

Our publishing interests are second to none. God has spoken directly over and over again about this line of work. The printed page should fall like the autumn leaves. There is no line of work so encouraging as this. It brings the truth directly to the people. Every energy should be put forth to scatter the books and periodicals everywhere. The other day I took five yearly subscriptions for Good Health without a sample copy. The name Sanitarium sold them.

There should be today a hundred canvassers where we have ten. The Oklahoma Conference trebled her book sales in the last eight months, and that is nothing to what we could do if we had the faith in the message we should have. We regard it simply as an evidence of what might be done rather than a boast of what has been done. When I look at it as I should, I am ashamed of the figures. God help us in the future to do our whole duty! Let the State missionaries move forward in courage and not be content with small things.

THE TITHES AND THE MINISTRY.

These two go hand in hand; God ordained it so. Therefore when the tithe is short the ministry is crippled. "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," is the language of the Lord. Men should be producers as well as consumers. When they have brought enough into the truth for their support, let them continue to work and bring in others, so new men may be developed on the surplus. Thus the work will continue to grow.

A conference that has the same ministry year after year with no new ones, and the old ones eating up all the tithe, is not where it should be. And when young men have had a chance to prove their gift, if not

found fruitful, they should be invited to seek some other line of the work. They may be the very best of men in other lines. And if they are not willing to try other lines it is sure they should not be supported longer. We need scores of ministers where we now have but few; but this cannot be unless care is taken who continues in the work, and in the use of the tithe.

We further believe that every member of the church should be faithful in paying a tithe for the support of the gospel and we hope to have every name where we can see it, so we can tell who are faithful and who are not. Not to compel them to pay, but that they may be labored with for their soul's good and spiritual blessing.

When we all do our duty, then the cause will go forward as it should. Every laborer who draws money from the treasury should be faithful in paying his tithe. These are some of the things we hope to accomplish in this conference, and we ask the co-operation of all the laborers and people to bring it about. We realize we have no power only so far as we have the support of the brethren and sisters.

This is not as strong a conference in numbers as some others, but we have a large territory and a great need; therefore we look to the Lord, feeling our great need, and we have faith to believe we will get strength sufficient for our need. In union there is strength. If we are agreed as touching any one thing, it shall be granted to us. Precious promise! The Lord is soon coming, and we have a great work to do to get ready. Let us be in earnest. "Not by might nor by power, saith the Lord, but by my Spirit." Let Righteousness rule and Prosperity will come to the borders of Zion.

Farewell.

It is with a feeling of sadness that we drop our work in the Arkansas Conference. It was decided at the late Union Conference held in Topeka, that we connect with the Iowa Conference for awhile. Our work in Arkansas, and our associations with the brethren and sisters there, have been very pleasant, and it was not until we had to say "good by" that we realized how hard it was to be separated from those who had become so dear to us. The Lord is prospering the efforts of the faithful laborers in Arkansas, and we know he will continue to do so. Pray that the Lord may bless us in our work in Iowa.

Mrs. ETTA HARDESTY,
C. W. HARDESTY.

Arkansas Department.

The Life is More Than Meat.

PEOPLE often say, "One might as well not live at all, as to give one's self of all the 'good things' of life. That is what Eve thought. What was the use of living if she could not have the forbidden fruit? There are not many of us that can throw stones at our common mother. But those same persons are often heard saying, "What is the use living in this misery?" and too often they put a summary end to their lives. "Is not life more than meat?" Would it not be better to deny the appetite, and even eat food not quite so pleasing to the palate, and always be full of life and vigor, able to enjoy everything to the full, than to have pleasure at the table, and misery everywhere else? But this is an extreme statement of the case. The fact is that the man who is content with the things that God gave to man in Eden, as his bill of fare, gets more positive enjoyment out of the hours that he spends at the table than anybody else in the world possibly can. He alone knows the meaning of the word "delicious." Every morsel of food is a delight to him, for he alone has the "good things" of life. As he eats, he thanks God, "who daily loadeth us with benefits." And not by any means the least of the enjoyments of a clean table is the knowledge that there will be no bad taste afterwards.

E. J. WAGGONER.

Arkansas' New Possessions.

URBANUS BENDIS.

AT the Topeka Conference, after the division of states into the Central and Southwestern Union Conferences had been made, then there was some dividing among the three conferences left in the Southwestern Union Conference. Texas gave to Oklahoma the Panhandle, while Oklahoma gave to Arkansas that part of Indian Territory north of the Arkansas river and all east of the M. K. and T. railroad, including all towns on this road. This makes a grant of a hundred miles north and south by fifty east and west. This is what constitutes our "New Possessions."

Elder Field and myself, on April 25, went to Afton to visit the company there, that came out under the labors of Elder Gregory last winter. We held meetings with these over Sab-

bath and Sunday. Elder Field returned to Springdale, Arkansas, and I went to Miami, where is situated the only organized church in the Territory. Elders Russell, Reese, and Parmele have labored there at times. It has once been a strong church, but a great number have moved away, and only seven are left. I love to meet with these little companies where they seem so hungry for some one to come and talk with them about the Message and the work. We have not learned the exact number of Sabbath keepers in this strip. The next time we write we will be able to tell more. Everyone we meet seems glad to come in among us, and I hope the brethren in Arkansas will feel that we are all one in Christ and for the work. This will make us a good canvassing territory. It is a good place for grain and stock, and will furnish us an outlet when we have nothing in season in Arkansas, as we raise little grain here. Now, brethren, let us not allow the State line to bind us in; but let this new field and our State become one vineyard before the Lord, where the brethren and workers have one common interest, namely, the giving of the everlasting gospel in all its fulness and power "in this generation."

THE following is a canvassing report for three weeks:

Arthur Songer, 54 hours; 40 orders; value, \$101.20; helps, \$13.50.

G. A. Pifer, 44 hours; 38 orders; value, \$38.50; helps, \$2.

M. D. Smith, 31 hours; 8 orders; value, \$9.50; helps, \$1.50.

Charles Queen, 26 hours; 21 orders; value, \$71.25; helps, \$2.25.

Robert East, 5½ hours; 7 orders; value, \$9; no helps.

J. J. Robinson, 22 hours; orders, 13; value, \$42.70; no helps.

Totals, 184 hours, and 30 minutes; orders, 107; value, \$271.95; helps, \$21.50.

THE subscribers to the "Arkansas Reporter" will note that their paper has been merged into the "UNION CONFERENCE RECORD," and will be sent from Keene, Texas. Rates will be noted in our next issue. Subscriptions can be renewed, as heretofore, at the Arkansas Tract Society office. All who are in arrears in their subscriptions please remit to the Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Arkansas.

Bros. G. A. Pifer and J. J. Robison, feel that the Lord is blessing them in the canvassing work, and are of good courage in the Lord.

To Our Sisters.



COMMENCING with the issue of June 4 there will appear, regularly, in the *Signs of the Times*, for the term of ten weeks, a series of articles by Dr. Mary Wood-Allen treating the oft

perplexing questions in many homes—the rearing of the children. The health and training of the child from infancy is treated upon by this able writer in a manner that will prove exceedingly helpful to parents who read the articles and practice the suggestions given. In addition to the home blessing to be derived from these articles, we believe they open a door of missionary activity to our sisters which they will not be slow to enter. Mrs. Wood-Allen is widely known as a W. C. T. U. worker, and our sisters can circulate the *Signs* containing these articles among their W. C. T. U. neighbors without exciting prejudice. Certainly this is an opportunity for our sisters which they will appreciate.

The subscription rate for three months, which will embrace the entire series, is but 40 cents. Five copies to one name and address, 88 cents; ten copies to one name, \$1.75; larger clubs, pro rata.

Send your orders at once to the Tract Society nearest you and secure the series complete.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BRO. M. D. Smith writes that his heart is filled with gratitude and praise to God; for he has helped him to give the "trumpet a certain sound."

LUKE 10:2.—"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

WE have no State canvassing agent, as yet, but we are sure the Lord will be with the ones who go out with a burden to serve Him. The work is moving along in God's order. Brother Field will be ready to offer all the assistance and advice possible; so be free to write, and may the Lord bless the canvassers, and be their strength, that they may neither be discouraged nor dismayed, but to be able to cast all their care upon Him.

BROTHER Songer canvassing in Jonesboro, Arkansas, writes thus:—"Awake; be up and doing, the Lord is coming soon!" "Arise; let your light shine." Will our lamps be found burning when He comes? Not unless we respond to the great call for canvassers.—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 315. Where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred. Let us heed the call and thereby hasten the coming kingdom; am of good courage in the Lord.

BROTHER and Sister C. W. Hardesty, who have been among us for the past three years, and to whom all have become attached, have been called to Iowa to make that their field of labor. We are sorry to see them go, but wish them God-speed. Sister Flora Heerman has taken charge of the work in the office and will be more than pleased to hear from any, or all, the brethren in the State, when there is anything they want to order from the Tract Society, or any information regarding the work.

"LIFE AND DEATH."—This is the title of a tract just received from Elder D. E. Scoles, Washburn, Missouri. It is a good tract on the question of Immortality. Our brethren will not make any mistake if they send for a few. Price, one cent each; or 60 cts. per hundred. Address, D. E. Scoles, Washburn, Missouri.

Oklahoma Department.

ITEMS.

BROTHER Maxwell spent the Sabbath with us.

Brother T. J. Eagle came in Tuesday to act as Tract Society Secretary.

We are glad to report that Brother Etchison is about ready for work again.

Elder Haffner returned Monday from Keene, Texas. He reports interesting meetings with the Conference Committee.

Do not fail to send for sample copies of the Coronation number of the *Signs of the Times*, 5 cents each, or 2 cents each in lots of twenty-five or more.

BROTHER Butka called at the office since our last issue. He is much interested in his work and is interesting those with whom he visits.

A SABBATH-school convention will be held at this place Sunday, June 1. All the brethren and sisters are invited to attend.

BROTHER A. S. Comles writes from La Junta, Colorado, that Sister Comles has recovered her health but is still crippled. He sends in tithes and money for the "Parables," but is not able to be out in the work yet.

BROTHER C. T. Cavaness left Oklahoma City last week to take up his duties as auditor of the Central Union Conference after a short visit home. We are sorry to lose Brother Cavaness, and our best wishes go with him to his work.

REMEMBER that those who sell fifty *Good Healths* at ten cents each, and send in the full amount to us, will get a receipt for the use of a tent during the campmeeting. This offer is made by the Oklahoma Tract Society.

ALL reports and articles will be sent to this office as before and then forwarded by the secretary at the same time, so they will be put in the Oklahoma department. Don't forget to report. This has especial reference to our workers both ministers and canvassers. We want to hear how you are getting along.

The Southwestern Union Conference Committee were together at Keene, Texas, and considered different questions about the work pertaining to this Conference. Among the questions answered was the campmeeting. As we don't expect to get much help from the General Conference we decided to exchange laborers with the conferences in our district; therefore we have to change the time of our campmeeting some, in order to get help from the other two conferences. It will be one week later, August 21 to September 1.

The Union Record.

As we have dropped our state paper and joined with Texas and Arkansas in establishing a union paper to be called the Southwestern Union Record, let us take just as much interest in the RECORD as we did in the "Gleaner." It belongs to us just as well as the "Gleaner" did, and I hope it will unite our brethren more in these three conferences. It will be a weekly paper and have about four times as much reading matter as the "Gleaner" had, and will cost 50 cents a year. I hope you will all feel satisfied with the change and will help us to increase the subscription list. We all want to try our best to make the RECORD as interesting as possible.

G. F. H.

THE RECORD, only 50 cents a year. Read it and see what our people are doing.

Our School.

I AM glad to say that we are connected with the school at Keene. I attended the recent meeting of the Board of Managers at Keene and I was well pleased with that institution. I believe it is doing a good work in educating young people for the Master's work. Quite a number graduated this year in the different courses. Some have prepared themselves for the ministry, and I think they are all planning to work in our conference.

I am especially glad to report that we are going to have a German department in the Academy next year. Prof. A. Kunze will have charge of it.

Now what we want, brethren, is that we all work for the school by encouraging young people to attend next fall. We want to see thirty or forty German students in that school to start with. We have many young people among us and the Lord is calling them for his service. The work must be done and who is going to do it. But before they can do the work they need a preparation for it. Let us do all we can in this conference to support our school at Keene.

G. F. HAFNER.

Perry and Guthrie.

From the Union Conference at Topeka I went to visit the church at Perry. I found the brethren alive, awake, and at work. Having sold all their Object Lessons they ordered twenty Monitors of Health. They are also preparing to build a church, with a basement for a schoolroom.

I remained at Perry until Tuesday morning. Then I started to visit the church at Guthrie, arriving there the same evening. I found the church in a bad condition. I went from place to place and visited all the members who live in town, and made arrangements to begin meetings on Wednesday night. On Thursday night Elder Sorenson came through on his way to his field of labor, and I prevailed upon him to remain over the Sabbath. We had good meetings, and when the time came to celebrate the ordinances on Sabbath afternoon everything moved off nicely. New officers were elected, and a deacon was ordained. One united with the church and a general good feeling prevailed.

But it is the opinion of Elder Sorenson, myself, and others, that the church at Guthrie will never prosper until two organizations are effected.

J. A. SOMMERVILLE.

Sabbath School Convention.

THREE sessions of a local Sabbath School Convention were held last Sabbath and Sunday in Keene Academy chapel. The first began at 3 o'clock, Sabbath afternoon. The opening address was made by Prof. Buxton. "The Relation of the Work of the Church and the Sabbath School," was discussed by Eld. H. B. French. Mrs. K. M. Stevenson read a paper, "Is the Sabbath School Fulfilling Its Purpose." A. M. Woodall talked upon "The Importance of Preparing for Sabbath School Work." Mrs. M. L. Young, "Sabbath School Supplies." Mrs. Lulu Schramm, "The Results of Personal Work." Mrs. E. J. R. Johnson, "Teachers' Meetings." Mrs. Flora H. Williams, "Qualifications of Teachers." "The Art of Securing Attention" was discussed by Miss Selma Schramm, and Miss Artie Taylor concluded with a paper on "The Art of Questioning." All the matter presented was to the point, and embraced nearly all the subjects usually discussed at such conventions.

New Books.

WE have just received notice that two valuable educational books have been issued by the Pacific Press. One is entitled "Bible Nature Studies," by Prof. M. E. Cady, and the other is "Essentials of Our Language," by Prof. Geo. W. Rine. We are sure these books will be appreciated by those who use them. Nature Studies, \$1.00; Essentials of Language, 75 cents.

The Lone Star Pure Food Company, of this place, made several large shipments of its products last week to different sections of the country.

A German Department.

A sufficient font of German text has been ordered to print a German department in this paper. Some German manuscript has already been received from Elder Haffner which will be used as soon as we are prepared to do so.

"GOOD HEALTH"—ONLY \$1.00 A YEAR.—Subscribe for "Good Health" now. It is only one dollar a year. The June number will contain the following excellent articles: Sleep Producers, by J. H. Kellogg, M. D.; The Struggle for Existence, by David Paulson, M. D.; The School Girl's Summer Vacation, by Cecily Buscall; Sanitation for U. S. Troops in Foreign Lands, by an ex-Soldier; Nerve Exhaustion, by W. H. Riley, M. D.; At commencement Time, by Mrs. E. E. Kellogg; A Composite Creation; Rice as a Food in India; Strawberries; Beefsteak Going Higher.

Send your subscription at once and secure the June number. Address, GOOD HEALTH Publishing Company, Battle Creek, Michigan.

FATHER W. S. Greer, now nearly seventy years old, was one of the first on the ground on the establishment of Keene and the Keene Industrial Academy. He is now the first to show his appreciation of the new paper, THE RECORD, by subscribing for two copies to send to his two brothers in Tennessee. This is a worthy act and an example worthy of emulation. Let all lend a helping hand to the new paper as it starts out in its mission.

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**Cleburne,****Texas.**

Faithfulness in Service.

THE parable of the talents should receive prayerful, critical attention. By it we are shown the importance of trading diligently and conscientiously on our Lord's goods. Not one thread of selfishness is to be woven into his work. Worldly ambition is not to be cherished. We are to keep self out of sight, holding Christ before the world. We are to bring glory to God by doing our best to be perfect men and women.

Christ gave the parable of the talents to show us that all the blessings we have, come from God. Our gifts belong to Him. They are not to be used according to human judgment, but according to the directions given in God's word. We are to study how we may use these gifts for the upbuilding of the cause of truth.

In the parable our Saviour says, "And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to every man according to his several ability." Here we are shown that different gifts are entrusted to different individuals. With the talents given him, be they many or few, each one is to do his utmost to glorify God. Talents improve and multiply as they are used in the service of the Master.

In the parable, the one who received five talents, and the one who received two, are represented as trading wisely on their talents, so that when their Lord returned they were able to present to him that which he had entrusted to them, together with what they had gained by trading. And to each were spoken the words of commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"But he that received one, went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money." When the time came for him to render an account, he said, "Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewn; and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth; lo, there thou hast that is thine."

"His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewn; thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my com-

ing I should have received my own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

To-day thousands are doing as the unfaithful servant did. They live for self, when God desires them to improve their abilities for Him, that they may act their part in His work. They excuse themselves by saying that they have but one talent. But if used for God, that one talent would accomplish much.

By careful use the slothful servant might have doubled the talent which instead of using he hid in the ground.

In our work the thought of glorifying God is to be made prominent. The business man is to bring the principles of heaven into every line of his work. In all he does, Christlikeness is to be clearly revealed. He who tills the soil is to make his work an object-lesson of the careful, thorough work which must be done in the culture of the soil of the heart. The mechanic is to do his very best, bringing his work as near perfection as possible.

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." The Lord cannot unite with those who are careless and slothful in their work. He leaves them to themselves, choosing for His service those who do well every piece of work they handle, those who manage economically, gathering up the fragments so that nothing will be lost.

Those who work for the Lord must remember that they are members of the royal family, and that they are to do all their hands find to do as in the sight of the heavenly universe. Never must they slight their work, doing it in such a way that he who has redeemed them will be ashamed of it. They are to guard against doing anything that will lead to carelessness or irreverence. They are ever to remember the words, "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." By following principles of strict integrity they are to build up a symmetrical character.

Christ will increase the talents of every faithful worker. This is the principle He always follows in dealing with His servants in this world. But the full honor in store for the one who in this life works with an eye single to the glory of God, will not be bestowed until the day of judgment.

Then Christ will say to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Why We Are in the World.

SEVENTH-DAY Adventists, as such, are in the world for one purpose only, and that is to give to the world the light that the Lord has seen fit to give through his word.

This is to be done by properly representing the truth in our own lives, and by teaching the truth in whatever way the Lord may open. If ever there was a people who should have their minds centered on one prime thought, it is this people. Till this thought is riveted in our minds we will not be where we ought to be.

Every man who makes a success is a man who gives all his energies to the thing in which he was engaged. Our work is to give the message to the world in this generation. Now whatever we do, this should be the main thought in the enterprise. I am sure we are not here to get rich, to enter into speculations, to please and gratify ourselves. Money-making is not harmful if the object is a right one, and the money is used for the right purpose.

Many have thought that when they make the money they will use it to build up the truth, but we notice when they do succeed, these persons are as slow to give as others. Let us reason on this a moment. If I have an object to accomplish I will keep adding to the enterprise all the money I can get. But I observe that those who are going to do something when they make some money are slow to use it when they do get it, but look forward to some time in the future when they propose to do some great thing for God, and the time seldom comes when they are ready to do it. Don't be fooled. Let us invest as we go; then the devil will not cheat us out of it.

G. G. R.

THE Pope is again in feeble health, and as usual in such cases there is increased activity of parties within the Sacred College with a view to determining the succession. The contest is said to be between two factions headed respectively by Cardinal Rampolla, the papal Secretary of State, and Cardinal Vannutelli. The latter or Cardinal Gotti, it is said, is the most probable successor to Leo XIII.

Miss Katie Wickham, of Temple, is visiting the Misses Ranson of this place.

SPECIAL RATES.

Of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas.

ORGANIZATION MEETING.—Southern Educational and Publishing Association. Atlanta, Georgia, May 20, 21. Rate one and one-third fare for the round trip on the certificate plan.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—Colored State Teachers' Association. Selling date, June 16. Final limit, June 21. Rate \$6 80, round trip.

WINTER TOURISTS RATE.—Round trip. On sale daily from October 1 to May 31, to the following points: Corpus Christi, Rockport, Aransas Pass, Portland, \$13 85. Marlin, \$4 30, Mineral Wells, \$3.60, Wootan Wells, \$5 80.

SUMMER SCHOOL, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.—Selling dates, June 15, 16, 17, 27, 28, 29, and July 10, 11, and 12. Final limit, leaving Knoxville August 15. Fare, one first-class standard fare for the round trip.

MUSIC TEACHERS' NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.—Put-in-Bay, Ohio. July 1 to 4. Fare, one and one third fare on the certificate plan.

DALLAS, TEXAS.—June 9 to 14, 1902, Texas Convention Christian Church. Rate, \$1.70 round trip. Sell June 8, and morning trains June 9. Return limit June 14, 1902.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.—Summer Institute Meeting. Rate one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Sell June 16, 17, 21, and 24. Final limit, September 15, 1902.

WINSTON SALEM, SOUTH CAROLINA.—May 21 to 29, 1902, Centennial Celebration Salem Female Academy. Rate one first class limited fare for the round trip. Sell May 19 and 20, 1902. Final limit, May 31, 1902

ASHEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.—June 13 to 23, 1902, Southern Students' Conference Young Men's Christian Association, and Annual Conference Young Men's Christian Association. Rate one first class limited fare for the round trip. Sell June 12 and 13. Limit, June 26, 1902.

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE.—Monteagle Sunday School Institute. Rate one first class limited fare for the round trip. Sell August 7, 8, 9 and 10. Limit for return, August 25, 1902.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—Epworth League Convention. May 20 to 22, 1902. Rate \$5 60 for the round trip. Sell May 19. Final limit, May 23.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.—Annual Reunion, Veterans of the Mexican War, May 20 to 21. Selling dates May 19, and morning trains May 20, 1902. Final limit May 22, 1902. Rate one fare for the round trip.

SHERMAN, TEXAS.—On account of Grand Council Meeting United Commercial Travelers, May 23 and 24. Dates of sale May 22 and 23. Final limit May 25, 1902. Rate \$3.70 for the round trip.

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THE CANVASSERS.

Scores of these are now out meeting the world selling our publications which are loaded with precious truth. Let us not forget these faithful laborers in our prayers. The present outlook is good for crops, and the opportunity should be improved by all classes of workers.

OBJECT LESSONS.

We feel that we must not let the opportunity pass to take all the orders needed to sell our entire quota of these books. Let every church officer do all he can to get this accomplished, and not wait till the time to deliver the books. If this is now attended to, then we will have no trouble; otherwise we will have the same hard pull we have had for the two years past.

PROF. C. C. LEWIS, late principal of Keene Industrial Academy, left for Walla Walla, Oregon, last Tuesday morning, to take charge of the Walla Walla College as principal. Keene has felt his loss bitterly, and it was shown in a way that could not be hidden. On the night previous to his going, the entire village turned out to bid him good-bye, and many of the "good-bye's" were mingled with tears. May God be with him and his faithful wife and family. Our loss will be Oregon's gain.

KEENE has now a fine food factory and is doing a good business. They are doing business sufficient to buy their flour and coke by the carload. It can be said that the quality of their foods is equal to any that are made at our other factories, and the prices are just as cheap. The wholesale dealers are handling their goods and they are now far behind the orders. All wishing health foods can order with perfect safety. Notice the advertisement in this issue.

Miss Winnie Reese, of Midlothian, is visiting Miss Effie Ranson, northwest of Keene.

Canvassing and The School.

ONE young lady who attended the Keene school this year paid her tuition for four and a half months by taking orders for "Good Health." She did the work in three weeks time. She thought she could have paid a full year in five weeks. Remember one hundred and fifty subscribers for one year will pay your total expense for one year in Keene Academy. Will any young lady or gentleman that has any ambition to go to school let this opportunity pass. Now is the time to begin the work. "Good Health" can be sold by the thousand at ten cents a copy. There should be a club going to every town where there are Seventh-day Adventists to sell them. G. A. R.

THIRTY candidates for baptism were immersed last Monday morning in Keene—the result of the week's meetings held during the last few days of the Keene Academy term of school in "ripening up" the work of the labors of the teachers and others. Who would think, for a moment, that there wasn't anything going on among us, in the way of Christian education? What we need is much more of the same kind of work.

THE Academy will put up about five hundred gallons of berries from the farm this year, besides what berries are being sold now at a high price. Later, there will be a like amount of peaches put up. This shows some of the products of the Academy farm. Let those who expect to attend the school the coming year read this.

A GOOD brother offered himself to the Board to work on the school farm one year free in order to do something for the cause of God. He is a man that has made a success in farming and has money. It was offered as a token of love to the school. May God bless him the coming year in his work for the Lord.

LET every friend go to work in the Southwestern Union Conference and put in their best efforts to secure subscribers to THE RECORD. We promise to make it "a live paper" for the work in the Conference.

Miss Jennie Huguley, whose home is at Plano, and who has just finished a course of study in the Dallas Business University, is visiting friends in Keene.

Texas Department.

The Canvassing Business.

THE results of the canvassers' course held in Keene Academy the past winter are now being seen by the work being accomplished by those who availed themselves of its advantages. In spite of the fact that last year there was a universal drouth which remained unbroken during the winter, our canvassers started out in the spring believing that the Lord would give them success in their work, and their faith is being rewarded as their reports show from week to week.

We did not hold a regular canvassers' institute at the close of the academy term as has been done for several years. Having held a successful drill at Keene two months before, which was attended by a majority of the students who expected to take up the book work, it was not thought necessary to spend much time in institute work at the close of the school. However we spent two days with the workers, we trust with profit. About twenty of those in attendance arranged to go out as regular canvassers, and several others will take orders for *Good Health* and handle some of the small books.

The Lord has told us through his servant that we should give the health literature and religious books equal attention. We have been trying to carry out this instruction. So four or five of our young men will work for "Home Hand Book," and one of the sisters will handle "Ladies' Guide" and "The House We Live In." We already have one sister in the field with "Ladies' Guide," making two workers handling that book.

Now as these devoted workers go forth to join the faithful band who are already in the field, let an earnest prayer arise from the heart of every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the State that the Lord's blessing may go with them. And brethren and sisters, remember the dear canvassers as you gather about your family altars, and there hold them up to the throne of grace, at the same time remembering to pray the prayer that our Savior taught us to pray when he said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." It may be that the dear Lord will put it into your heart to join this army of workers and thus cause the truth to be spread more rapidly and hasten the day when Jesus will come.

A. S. McCULLY.