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Important.

WE have just read the article written by Sister White in the last "Review," calling attention to the wants of the Southern Field. The thought came to me, how much does the Southern Field embrace? Is not Arkansas in the Southern Field in every sense of the word? And is it not true, also, of Texas and largely of Oklahoma? This caused me to look over the territory of the Southwestern Union Conference, and to my surprise, I found it to be equal, or nearly so, to all the territory of the Southern Conference. It has every element that that Conference has, and as many people and large cities and thickly populated country. It has, in addition, Mexico lying at its door, calling for help; and no field seems to yield more response to the effort put forth than does this field. I ask, does not this appeal apply to the Southwestern Field as well? We have in this great conference, one small printing outfit. The whole plant is not worth three hundred dollars. The whole tithe of this Union Conference is less than two thousand dollars. (Thank God we are able to, and will pay, all our debts on our schools.) But what are we to do with the millions of black, white and mixed people we have in our midst?

We will not go out of our territory till the Lord opens the way. But we ask, Are there not some in this territory who will feel it a pleasure to help us in our struggles to start the work in this great field? I received a letter the other day stating that thirteen Mexicans had embraced the truth in Laredo. Of this number two were men of education and preached for other denominations. They are calling for tracts in their language on the Sabbath question. We have not any to send them. Our assistant editor, Prof. John B. Fitch, can translate from the English into Spanish, or vice versa, but we have not the money to hire a man to take his place in the office while he translates for us.

Don't you think this is a needy field? The brethren at Keene know whether these things are so or not. There are whole counties of Germans in Texas that have never been entered and have not heard the truth. Pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Thank the Lord for the victory that is just before us. The Lord has promised to be a present help in time of need. I feel sure it will come. God never fails on his promises. Ask and ye shall receive. There are good days before us. Let us be of good courage in the Lord.

G. G. R.

A LETTER FROM MEXICO.

San Cristobal.

A. G. BODWELL.

THE city of San Cristobal is the largest city in the state of Chiapas and is said to contain 15,000 inhabitants. It is situated in a very picturesque spot high up in the mountains, and in the midst of an excellent farming country. They raise about the same things here that they do in the States. They also have the tropical fruits in the market.

I would judge that this is a good sheep country from the number of sheep that I have seen. The weather is quite cool here in winter. The houses are well built and the streets are nicely laid off. The people dress in American style, and most of them can read. I am told that the city contains eighteen or twenty Catholic churches and thirty priests, among them several Jesuits. So you see they have a priest for each five hundred inhabitants. The people are quite fanatical.

It began raining hard the day before I arrived and has been raining hard ever since. I have not been able to canvass much because of the rain; but I have secured twenty-four subscriptions in spite of the priests. I do not believe they are aware of what I am doing yet, although I have

canvassed right around where some of them live. Nearly every time I go out on the street I meet one or more.

I leave in the morning for San Juan Bautista, where I take the river steamer. I will have ten days of hard mountain riding, and rain every day. But the Lord has kept me in health so far, and I trust he will continue to do so. I will return home now as quickly as possible, for I can not do very much here during the rainy season, but I still have a long road before me.

THE Lord is working deliverance for His people in many ways, and we have great reason for thankfulness to Him for His tender mercies. There is in some measure a revival of the advent faith and a spirit of renewed consecration to the one purpose of giving the advent message to the world in this generation. Of course there comes as a natural consequence of this experience a willingness to return to the Lord that which belongs to Him in tithes and offerings, and to make greater sacrifices in order that the work of the Lord may be hastened.

THE debts which have hung like a dead weight upon our schools have been one of the hinderances to the advancement of the message, but the Lord has opened the way to meet this difficulty, and has made the very means of meeting it a fourfold blessing. It is evident that this is the beginning of a great deliverance which the Lord is to work in behalf of His people and His truth in the earth.—*General Conference Bulletin.*

"THE Girls' Letter Guild" is the name of an unique reform movement in England. Women of culture pledge themselves to write letters of friendly tone to the girls of the lower classes, to aid in their mental and moral uplifting. The object is to win the girls' friendship, encourage them and disabuse them of false notions and class prejudices. Good results are said to be already noticeable.

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THE MILLENIUM.

BY ELDER G. G. RUPERT.

[We begin this week, as follows, a series of articles under the above heading, from the pen of Elder G. G. Rupert, President of the Southwestern Union Conference. They will be on the events of the thousand years mentioned in the Book of Revelation. The subject will be presented, as near as possible, as the author would preach it to the people. He has, for sometime felt, that they needed more of the truth placed in a manner so that they could comprehend it. The author says: "We talk much about truth, but little of the truth. We hope to be able to give the events of this period so that any one can understand them." Now, if our readers wish that their friends should get this series of articles as they appear in these columns, let them send us their names and pay us for one year's subscription and the paper will be sent to them. The author further says: "If we can give them the doctrine alongside the State Conference Reports and exhortations, they will then see why we hold to the Seventh-day Adventist doctrines as we do." Let the subscription list of the RECORD increase greatly. We aim to improve this paper as fast as we can, and in this effort we ask the co-operation of every Seventh-day Adventist within the Southwestern Union Conference.—ED.]

THIS is a period of a thousand years, a prophecy of which is found in the 20th chapter of Revelation. The first six verses read as follows: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the

witness of Jesus and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand and years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath a part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and they shall reign with him a thousand years."

There are some statements in this scripture that we wish to notice. First, the resurrection of the dead. Second, the binding of Satan. And third, the judgment scene. The apostle says, "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." This shows that there are two events which mark the beginning and the close of the millenium, namely, the two resurrections, embracing both the righteous and the wicked. He also tells us that the righteous are the first to be raised. This is in harmony with the apostle Paul's letter to the Thessalonian brethren. His instructions to this church was as follows: "But I would not have you be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."—1 Thess. 4:13-18.

This scripture connects this event of the resurrection with another event, that of the coming of the Lord, which is the greatest of all events. When the Lord descends from Heaven the great trump of God will sound, which awakes the sleeping saints. Christ while on earth said: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the grave shall

hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5: 28, 29. Job in writing upon this question, says: "Thou shalt call and I will answer thee." Job 14. Thus at the coming of Christ, all the righteous are resurrected and brought to life. The living righteous, who remain till the Lord comes shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, "And so shall we ever be with the Lord." The Saviour's language as recorded in Matthew 24, reads thus: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send His angels with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matt. 24: 30, 31. The question may now arise in the mind of the reader, As the righteous arise to meet the Lord in the air, where does the Lord take them? The scripture is not silent upon this question: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also." John 14: 1-3.

The Prophet Isaiah says: "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in." Isa. 24: 1-2. The Psalmist David speaks of this event in the following language: "This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. Ps. 24: 6-10.

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Oklahoma Department.

Sabbath School Conventions.

OUR Secretary, Emma Haffner, held several Sabbath School conventions since the Union Conference, and it was my privilege to attend one last Sunday at Carney. The people took quite an interest in it. I think it will bring new life unto the work there, and surely our Sabbath Schools need a revival. I have noticed that our people do not take the interest in this work as they used to. The Sabbath School is the life of the church. If you find a live Sabbath School, you will also find a live church.

One thing we neglect too much—it is the study of the Sabbath School lesson. A number do not study their lessons until Friday evening, or perhaps Sabbath morning; then, when they come to Sabbath School, they do not know their lessons, and will not have that interest in the school they would if they knew the lesson. I hope our people will all wake up to the work and always keep in view the subject of bringing souls to Jesus. We have children among us who know not Christ, and we ought to bring them to Jesus. Let us work for our children in the Sabbath Schools. I think these conventions are a good thing when properly conducted.

G. F. H.

Notes from the Field.

THE work in Oklahoma, is still moving forward and calls are coming in. I have just received a petition signed by fifty persons requesting us to send a tent to their town. They have read some of our papers and books and seem to be hungry for the truth. This seems to be certainly a Macedonian cry. The Lord is opening the way faster than we can fill it.

Elder Sorenson is reporting good work at Orlando. Several have commenced to keep the Sabbath and others are interested. We will soon have four tents out in the field. Elder Woodruff asks for a tent for the Panhandle field. I think we will send one to him. Well, brethren, let us push the work forward as never before, so that soon the work will be done and God's people delivered. Pray for the work and the workers.

G. F. H.

WE are receiving some orders for the "Monitor." Let us all do our best.

A Good Work.

WE quote the following from a letter received by one of our sisters who had made a present of a "Monitor of Health" to a friend:

"Your letter to hand, and I hasten to acknowledge receipt of the book. When you sent it you did not realize how much it would be appreciated—not alone for its intrinsic value, but because it came from a near and dear friend, and one whose motive is to do good.

We have all read the book and it is all right. No intelligent person could read it without being benefited; so in this instance, the seed sown fell on good ground."

"Nannie says she can never 'come down' to eating pork again, after reading such a minute description of the hog and its habits—being simply a scavenger. The book is in close touch with her ideas of health."

BROTHER and Sister Jones, from Keene, Texas, were callers at this office [Tract Society] last week.

SISTER Truman, of Jet, sends in a large order for books in spite of the fact that she has a family to support.

WE find that not all our German brethren are taking our German paper, the "Housfreund." We wish to have them all take this valuable publication. Send your subscriptions to this office.

BRO. J. B. Hampton, an Oklahoma student that graduated at Keene this year, called at the Tract Society office last week on his way to his home at Taloga. Brother Hampton will join one of our tent companies this summer.

WE have received a copy of the announcement of the Summer Assembly at Berrien Springs, which begins June 12 and lasts ten weeks. All are interested in this summer school. It is hoped that our young people will make every effort to attend. It is known that these summer schools are valuable to those who avail themselves of their advantages.

SISTER Mary James sends us a letter which she received from her brother while on his way to England. He is a member of the canvassing company of which Brother Olmstead and his wife are a part. He says that there are twenty-six in the company. The letter is very interesting and we wish we had space to print it all. Brother James spent last winter in Oklahoma.

BRO. J. L. Jones and Miss Cora P. Taylor, were married in Keene recently, and called at the office [Tract Society] while in Oklahoma City.

WE have just received a sample copy of the "Marvel of Nations" in German. Remember this in taking orders for the book.

The Value of Politeness.

NOT many years ago one of the most popular and expensive shops on upper Broadway was owned by a man of such skill in his particular line of work that his eccentricities of manner were tolerated for the sake of the excellence of his wares. He was ill-natured and cross-grained to a degree that made it difficult for customers to deal with him. Advancing age did not make his disposition any more agreeable, and finally his patronage dwindled away. Now-a-days he occupies a cellar, and his business has come to be of an entirely different character from that he controlled only a few years ago.

A florist, who was at one time the owner of a prosperous establishment, acquired the same reputation among his clients, and he is now in charge of a basket of flowers near a department store.

Both of these men are known to have ruined themselves commercially only through their manner of dealing with customers, and are striking instances of the value of politeness in retail business.—*N. Y. Sun.*

MARY LYON'S DEVOTION.—A beautiful example of Christlikeness and consecration is portrayed in the life of Mary Lyon, of Mount Holyoke Seminary. How fittingly was it said of her that "She seemed to stand between her pupils and God to assist them in learning His will." "Is it according to the law of love?" was a question she often pressed home to her pupils in the settlement of their difficulties. The Bible had the first place among her text books. She said at one time, "Education, property, time, influence, friends, children, brothers, and sisters, all should be devoted to the great object of the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom and the salvation of men." A few days before her death, she said, "There is nothing in the universe I fear, but that I shall not know all my duty, or fail to do it."

The most costly thing in the world is sin; the richest man is he who has God's blessing.

Christian Education.

This department will be conducted by G. W. DRAPER, Keene, Texas, to whom all communications on Christian Education should be addressed.

Choosing A School.



CHARACTER building is the principal object to be kept in view in all our schools. The development of character is the one sole object of our existence in this world. Man was placed on probation in the beginning, and when probation ends this world will end. And probation is for the purpose of developing character. So it is evident that the development of character is the reason for our existence in this present world. Then if the development of character is the object of our being here, all our efforts in behalf of our children should tend to that one object, so that they may fulfill the purpose of God in giving them an existence. The inspired definition of Christian Education is that it is "the restoring of the image of God in the soul." To have the image of God in the soul is to be like God in character.

Our schools then should be Schools of Character. There are many important things to be considered in selecting a school for our children and youth, but all others should be subservient to the one consideration, What character are they likely to develop there? The acquisition of knowledge and mental training are important, but only that they may be used in the service of God. Physical culture is also important, but only that the body may become a strong and ready servant of the will in doing the Lord's work. To form a strong, noble, and Christ-like character is the only thing that will cause either intellectual or physical strength to be used to the glory of God or the lasting good of their possessor.

Let us then in determining the question of where our children shall attend school, look not so much to financial considerations, or convenience, or a great reputation for worldly learning, as to the moral and spiritual atmosphere of the school, and the character of the teachers.

One of the most important factors in the success of a Christian school

(or we might say, any school), is the personality of the teacher. The need of more and better text-books for use in our schools has been agitated among us, and rightly so, for they are needed, but what is more needed than text-books is *teachers*—true teachers, who have that gift of the Spirit and therefore can *teach*. A teacher who is called of God could and does do good work with poor text-books or none at all, while a poor teacher will do poor work with the best of text-books. No one should "take this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God."

We have all of us known men and women who were so filled with this divine spirit of teaching that it was felt to be a happy privilege to be associated with them in any way. Their very presence was like a benediction, soothing ruffled feelings and agitated minds, like oil upon the troubled waters. Such teachers are a blessing to the students who have the privilege of daily association with them, even though they never formally instruct a class.

Keene Academy has been fortunate from the beginning of its work in having some such teachers. The changes of the present year has seemed to deal hardly with us in removing some of them to other fields of usefulness. Yet some remain, and we trust that our Heavenly Father, who feels a greater interest in our school than we can feel will fill the places of the departing ones so that we shall not too keenly feel their loss.

G. W. D.

Improve the Time.

WORK while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work." These words were spoken by our Saviour, and apply today equally as well as they did when they were spoken. The day is made for work and it should be used in this way. Do not spend the morning hours in idleness but rise at least with the sun and improve the time in work or study. When you have a few spare moments, study. Study nature, books, and men, and your knowledge will be increased; your intellect will be sharpened. Do not seek for that which is easy, for it is only by hard work and proper food that we attain mental, moral, and physical strength. Contemplate the deep things of God, for by so doing you will not only be better prepared to aid others, but will be helped yourself. Remember that it is only by slow steps that we can

advance. Do not think that it is useless to keep pegging away, for "by patient continuance the mouse ate in two the cable." So work with a will.

PROF. J. C. ANDERSON.

How Sabbath School Officers Should Be Chosen.

"To change the officers frequently will be an advantage to the school, for one man's mind is not to mould all other minds. He may have some excellent qualifications, and yet in some things be deficient. Another chosen may not be deficient where the first was lacking. Different minds and qualities will bring in fresh ideas, fresh lines of thought, and this is essential." In our very small schools where of actual necessity the same teachers and officers are in charge for long periods of time, there should be a frequent change of plans and methods. The tendency to follow a well-beaten path rather than a new one results in formal stereotyped work. In the reorganization of all our work, the Sabbath school has been made a department of the church, and Sabbath school officers are elected by the church in identically the same manner that other church officers are elected. This action has settled many of the perplexing questions that never would stay settled under the old form of organization, and is in harmony with the following:—"This matter of choosing officers should not be left to the control of the Sabbath school scholars." It is not for us to read carelessly these messages, but to study them and practice the principles set forth. How else can we hope to prosper and do the work given the Sabbath schools to do.—Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.

Get Thyself A Teacher.

THIS was a Jewish maxim. It should be a proverb in every Seventh-day Adventist church and family. "Jerusalem was destroyed because education was neglected." The church to day will be lost unless the children are educated. Now is the time to get a teacher. The Summer Assembly at Berrien Springs, Michigan, will train teachers. Every person qualified to teach should be pressed into the service now. Any church which has not procured a teacher should cast about for a person of ability. Search your own ranks carefully. Encourage the young people to prepare for teaching. Two thousand teachers should be training

Seventh-day Adventist children and youths in America alone. The Foreign Mission Board wants one hundred teachers for foreign fields.

The announcement of the assembly to be held from June 12 to August 20 will tell you all about it. Remember that an offer is made to students this year which excels anything that has ever been done for them in the past. Tuition is free; rent is free; and board is served on the European plan. Some conferences are going to pay the railroad fare of their teachers to the assembly. This shows that they deem it worth while to attend. Those who have taught church schools and those wanting to teach in any of our schools should attend.

The last ten days, August 10-20, the assembly will become an educational convention in which every teacher should have a part. Send for a copy of the announcement; read it, and talk about it to all persons qualified to enter the work as teachers.

Address, E. A. SUTHERLAND, Berrien Springs, Mich.

RESOLUTION is omnipotent. He that resolves upon any great and at the same time good end, by that very resolution has scaled the chief barrier to it. He will find it removing difficulties, searching out or making means, giving courage for despondency; and like the star in the east, to the wise men of old, ever guiding him nearer and nearer to the sum of all perfection.—T. Edwards.

Arkansas Department.

The Canvassing Work.

SOME of our canvassers are making their deliveries just now; others are devoting a part of their time to gardening. Bro. E. L. Pickney makes a good report, and says that he has learned to love the people; and wants them to have the opportunity of hearing the Third Angel's Message. That, surely, is the right missionary spirit, one that the Lord can bless in the work. "The canvassing work is a missionary work, and the field must be worked from a missionary standpoint." This quotation is from special instructions on the work.

Bro. R. A. East writes that the "fields are white, already to harvest; and the laborers are few. Just think of the souls that are perishing for the truth."

Brethren Pifer and Songer are of

good courage in the Lord, and are striving to press onward, and sow the seeds of truth.

Bro. J. J. Robinson writes that he is of good courage, and that his prayer is that the work may move rapidly, and the coming of the Lord be hastened.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS.

E. L. Pickney, one hour and a half; 4 orders; value, \$5.50; helps, \$2 00; deliveries, 10.

A. Songer, 6 hours; orders, \$6; value, \$17.00; helps, \$1.00; deliveries, 6.

W. R. Robinson, hours not given; orders, 61; value, \$134 35; helps, \$49 02.

Robert East, 16 hours; 11 orders; value, \$17.75; helps, \$1.75; deliveries, 6.

J. J. Robison, 28 hours; orders, 28; value, \$90.20; helps, .75.

C. W. Brimer, hours not given; orders, 18; value, \$45.50; helps, .50.

Totals, 50 hours and thirty minutes; orders, 128; value, \$310.30; helps, \$55.02; deliveries, 22.

Prairie Grove.

WE came to this place May 18. We secured a nice grove in a favorable place and pitched our tent. We seated it so about three hundred people could be accommodated, got an organ, and were ready for meeting Friday night, May 23. The attendance is not large, averaging probably a little over a hundred, but those in attendance seem to be interested. We think that more will come as the interest grows. We are slowly getting acquainted with the people, and will be able to do more visiting from now on. There are four churches in this place. Between these and their own affairs the people are not spending much time searching after truth. We will write again. May the Lord bless all the workers and brethren everywhere.

H. Clay GRIFFIN.
URBANUS BENDER.

What and How Should We Eat.

WE should eat and must eat," the average man or woman will say, but what, how and why, they do not know. This they will say, "eat because we are hungry and eat what is good." By good is meant what pleases the taste, and usually requires but little effort to dispose of such soft foods. They are easily swallowed and will as readily injure the body. Such people do not know, or consider, that our bodies are machines made to do a

particular work. And unless it is treated with care and reason, it will soon wear out, or become impaired. We should eat the original bill of fare, as given in the first chapter of the Bible, as nearly as possible; and eat at regular intervals, eat slowly and cheerfully. Then remember that the stomach is made of muscular tissue and will stretch. So do not fill it as full as possible in order to get enough but always stop while the system craves more food. By chewing the food well, the starch is turned toward sugar, and the stomach can better do its part. Fats are not digested in the stomach. Let us study more our bodies so as to have them in a perfect condition. That is work toward perfection.
J. C. ANDERSON.

A Great Evil.

DAILY our streets are thronged with youths and young men with pale, emaciated, and expressionless countenances, puffing away at the stump of a cigar, or a cigarette, which is the greater evil of the two. Many are being aroused over this alarming evil, and surely every Christian ought to feel a responsibility in this matter. The June number of the *Life Boat* is to be a special Anti-cigarette-and-tobacco number. Will you not embrace this opportunity and send for a supply of June *Life Boats* to do missionary work with, for many will read the attractive and instructive magazine who would not read a tract on the subject. The price is one cent and a half apiece. Regular subscription, twenty-five cents a year. Address, The Life Boat, 28 Thirty-third Place, Chicago, Ills., or order through the Tract Society.

NOTICE.—The tent season is just upon us; and all who are in arrears for their pledges on the tent fund, please send your pledge to the Arkansas Tract Society, so that we will be able to balance the pledge account and procure the tent. Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Arkansas.

WE would recommend the reading of the article in the "Review" of May 27, giving the sermon delivered by Elder A. T. Jones at the Lake Union Conference. There are some principles that should be considered by all workers in the cause of God.

THE School Home put up one hundred gallons of berries in one day this week. They were raised on the farm.

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Texas and the Lord's Work.

THE present prospects are encouraging to Texas for good crops. This is true, especially in the vicinity of Keene. Late rains insure corn and cotton. Now, the question comes, What will Texas do with these Heaven-given blessings. Will they consume them on their own lusts, as mentioned by the Apostle James, or will they glorify God with it? In the time of drouth, we often say, We can not do anything on account of the dry weather! Now, what shall we say?

THE SITUATION IN TEXAS.

Texas has had the favor of having the school planted in its midst, a privilege the conferences would be glad to have. Means from all parts have come to help this enterprise forward. Texas has, also, done nobly in the past but how is it now? I am sorry to say that she is behind in the movement to relieve the school of the debt hanging over it. Other states in the Conference are ahead. Now will Texas allow this, in this year of prosperity? The reason we write this article, is the confidence we have in our people. I have always found these people, whenever matters are clearly set before them, to be the most willing people in the world to do their part. I believe, with all my heart, Texas will do the same now. What they need is to have the matter set before them, and to get the ball rolling. Now, we suggest that, without delay, each church in this Conference that has not ordered its full quota of books, to do so at once and begin to take orders so that there will be no possible failure to embrace the opportunity God has given us to get these debts all cleared up. Do not delay ordering the books so you will have them on hand ready to deliver them as soon as the people are ready to take them.

ANOTHER MATTER.

I would mention another matter: There are a number who have had the privilege of the school, who have been trusted their tuition and board. We are going to make a special effort to collect every dollar of this money the coming fall. Statements will be sent to all in this and other states who are owing the Academy to pay these claims. It has come to a point where something must be done to relieve the school of a reproach God says is hanging over these institutions. We will say here, in connection with these statements, that

the Board has decided that, hereafter, if credit is given to any in future, it will be in exceptionally rare cases, where a strict principle of christianity is involved. We find it utterly impossible to run the school on a credit system. We will do all in our power to assist in making turns to accommodate our brethren in any possible way. But the terms, cash or its equivalent, must be strictly adhered to. At the Union Conference, at Topeka, it was resolved to avoid debts as you would leprosy. We will try and do this in our institutions. Our Tract Society in Texas has been in debt for years; the publishing houses are in need of this money. Shall we not try and clear this the coming fall? I understand there is sufficient due the Society to pay the debt. Why should not those owing the Society pay what they owe? May the good Lord help us to do our whole duty in this respect, and make this a jubilee year in Texas. G. G. R.

AN ARTIST'S FIDELITY.—Leonardo Da Vinci had just finished his great painting, "The Last Supper;" and a friend came in to look at it. The friend admired a goblet on the painted table. "How wonderful it is," said the friend, "it stands out like solid silver." The painter dashed his brush over the goblet in an instant, and exclaimed, "Nothing shall draw men's eyes away from my Lord!" It is with that spirit that we should keep Christ in the foreground, and ourselves, our plans and our reputations in the background.

WANTED.—An able-bodied girl or woman in Keene, to do general house work for a family of three. Inquire of A. P. WESLEY, Keene, Texas.

SPEAR POINTS.

FAITH is the key of God's treasury. SACRIFICE is the law of the Christian life.

GOD reads our character in our prayers.

CIRCUMSTANCES may change, but God never does.

CHARACTER is what a man is in his inmost thought.

GOD honors no drafts where there are no deposits.

THE messenger upon God's errand never goes alone.

The life of the church depends on the living of each Christian.

To God's child the heaviest sorrow is lighter than the least sin.

The sun is always shining to the man who walks by faith.

It is always want of faith that is at the bottom of all fear.

Heaven will be the sweet surprise of a perfect explanation.

The truth of Jesus Christ begins with the unselfishness of God.

When Christ shines others are not seen, like the stars in the daytime.

The diamond in the rough is worth more than the best polished paste.

It is safer to throw back the switch than to pray God to save the train.

Satan baited his first pitfall with an apple, his chief bait now is gold.

Men have scarce learned to treat their friends with the love Christ showed His foes.

Be not anxious about little things, if thou wouldst learn to trust God with thine all.

The man who has begun more seriously within begins to live more simple without.

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Among the Canvassers.

LEAVING Keene May 22 I started to visit among the canvassers, stopping at Longview, Alto, Jewett, and Corsicana. I find the workers in all these places are doing well, not only taking a good list of orders each day, but are also of good courage in the Lord and in the work. Quite a number of those I called upon are beginners in the canvassing field, yet by having made a thorough preparation they were enabled by God's blessing to do good work from the start.

The field is white for the harvest. Just now is a favorable time to get these books that contain the truth for this time in the homes of the people. While I do not believe that we are wholly dependent on favorable circumstances to do this work, yet I believe God will hold us responsible for the use we make of these opportunities. I will continue my visits among the canvassers and report again later. A. S. McCULLY.

LIFE OF MRS. S. M. I. HENRY.—"My Mother's Life" is the life of Mrs. S. M. I. Henry, who was widely known, loved and honored. Everyone, without exception, who have purchased this book has been made better for having read it. It has made the burdens of many an anxious mother lighter and impelled her to have faith in God for the accomplishment of the work God has given her to do. Her history is carefully traced under the following chapter headings: Childhood, Girlhood, School Days, The Young Woman, A Wife, Motherhood, First Public Work, A Widening Field, Evangelist, Shut In, and Reaping the Harvest. 353 pages. Reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00. Order from your Tract Society.

"HEALTHFUL LIVING."—This is a live little work. Just as valuable now as ever. Presents in a concise and condensed form the writings of Mrs. E. G. White upon health reform. Some of the chapter headings are: Our Bodies, the Temple of the Holy Ghost; Duty to Study the Laws of Life; Natural Law How Violated; Disease and Providence; Causes of Disease; Flesh Foods; Dress; Manual Training; Moral Maladies; Prayer for the Sick; Drugs, etc. 336 pages. 50 cents postpaid. Order from your

Tract Society.

"GOOD HEALTH."—This year there will be no special Midsummer number. The regular July number will take its place and we have endeavored to make it strong, attractive, and effective. It will be well illustrated and particularly attractive in the presentation of the following articles:

Disinfection in the Sick Room, by Newton Evans, M. D.; Sleep Producers, by J. H. Kellogg, M. D.; How to Keep Cool, by D. D. Paulson, M. D.; The Settlement in Hot Weather, by Emma Winner Rogers; Germs in the Kitchen, by F. J. Otis, M. D.; Seasonable Cookery, by Mrs. L. T. Burden, and Swimming as an Exercise, by H. B. Farnsworth, M. D.

"Good Health" should be circulated by the thousands. In lots of 10 or more, 5 cents per copy. Order direct, or from your Tract Society.

A series of articles will soon begin to appear in the Educational Department which will discuss Faith and Reason and the relation which they sustain to each other. The Deductive and the Inductive methods of reasoning will be clearly explained, and we trust that a solution will be found for some questions which have perplexed many honest seekers after truth. All should read these articles, especially all who teach, whether in family or church schools. Subscribe for THE RECORD at once that you may not lose the first of this series of articles.

After this issue those who are owing for the "Industrial Educator" will receive no more papers unless we hear from them. Their names will be dropped from our mailing list and the amount due charged to them on our books. We made the liberal offer in our first issue to continue to send THE RECORD to those who had not the money if they would write to us promising to pay within three months from June 1. This is our only way to find out who wish to receive THE RECORD. What more could we do?

Campmeetings.

THE following are the campmeeting dates for the States in the Southwestern Union Conference:

Little Rock, Arkansas, July 10 to 20
Texas, July 24 to August 3.
Oklahoma, August 21 to September 1, 1902.

FARMERS claim that we need another good rain before an abundant crop of corn can be assured.

A FRUIT canning establishment for Keene, is on the tapis.

A PERMANENT literary society for Keene is being promulgated by the young men of this place. They proposed to include as members males and females without regard to age.

ELDER G. G. Rupert, managing editor of this paper, left for Oklahoma, his home, last Wednesday evening. He will probably return to Keene in two weeks, or on about campmeeting time in Texas.

JAMES Woodall and C. D. Mosley, of this place, have bartered for thirty-two head of young blooded horses in Oklahoma, exchanging property in Keene, in lieu thereof, valued at about one thousand dollars.

PROF. B. R. Shryock, of the Keene Academy faculty, has purchased a large pipe organ for use in the chape. and the same is now in place. The Professor has, so far, given entire satisfaction as a teacher of the science of music.

BRO. Eugene Couch and his estimable wife, left this morning for Oklahoma City, where Sister Couch will remain during the Summer, Brother Couch, in a few days after arriving there, will go to Chicago and take a place in the Hygeia Dining Rooms of the Chicago Medical Mission. Brother and Sister Couch will be back in Keene again next Fall to take charge of the culinary department of the "Home." May God be with them and success attend them wherever they may go.

AN original scheme has been set on foot by Lord Radstock for the extensive distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and single Gospels in India, in memory of the late queen-empress. The idea is that children should send to Indian children, men to men, women to women. The scheme has been taken up with great heartiness by leading members of all denominations. As many as 35,000 Gospels alone have up to the present been paid for, all the books being supplied by the Bible society at cost price. Each copy will have a label attached with the name and address of the donor written on it, and an accompanying notice in the vernacular explaining the object of the gift, and inviting the recipient to write to the donor.

BROTHER Edward Harris and wife, have gone to Palestine, to assist in caraying on a protracted tent meeting.

SPECIAL RATES.

Of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—Colored State Teachers' Association. Selling date, June 16. Final limit, June 21. Rate \$6.80, round trip.

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.

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.

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.

MONTAEGLE, 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.

DENVER, COLORADO.—Triennial Convention International Sunday School Association, June 26 to July 2 1902. Dates of sale June 23 and 24. Final limit July 31, 1902. These tickets will be extended to August 31, by presenting receipt for side trip excursion tickets as authorized by Colorado Terminal Lines. All tickets allow of stopovers between Pueblo and Denver. Rate: One first class fare plus \$2.00.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.—To all points within a radius of one hundred miles. Selling June 18 and 19. Final limit June 20, 1902.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.—Summer Institute Meeting. Dates of sale June 16, 17, 21, and 24. Final limit September 15. Rate one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip.

PALESTINE, TEXAS.—State Christian Endeavor Convention. Dates of sale June 16, and 17. Final limit June 21. Rate \$6.90 for the round trip.

NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Tickets on sale June 17 and 18. Final limit June 20, 1902. Rate \$1.10 for the round trip.

LOCAL time table of trains arriving and departing on the M. K. & T. Railway, at Alvarado, Texas, in effect June 25, 1902:

SOUTH BOUND.—No. 3, 8.35 A. M.; No. 1, 7.00 P. M.; No. 15, flyer, 9.20 P. M.

NORTH BOUND.—No. 2, 11.19 A. M.; No. 4, 9.58 P. M.; No 16, flyer, 7.12 A. M. No passenger service on any freight trains.

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Whole Wheat Wafers, per package or in bulk, per pound.....	10c
Rye Wafers, in bulk.....	12c
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Sanitarium Nuto Cereal, per package.....	10c
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Glutena Food, per package or in bulk, per pound.....	20c
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