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Letter from Elder Shultz.

ELD. G. G. RUPERT:

My Dear Brother:—We were pleased to meet the brethren from Scandinavia and to hear the good reports from their fields; they are of good courage and their work is onward. Quite a number of persons in different parts of the kingdom have recently taken their stand with us. A closer acquaintance with the situation in this field, draws upon my sympathies for our brethren in Norway and Sweden. Their membership is not far from two thousand. Many of them are very poor in this world's goods, but they are faithful in the matter of their tithes and offerings. Some mistakes have been made in the management of the work, and debts have been contracted. Our people in America have reason to remember the Christiana publishing house. Their gift last year, to save the institution from the disgrace into which it had fallen, amounted to nearly twenty thousand dollars. The rank and file of our people here, are no more responsible for the situation in this field, than are our brethren in America. The financial crash which overtook this institution was as much of a surprise to the brethren here as to us in America.

After careful consideration the brethren here have decided to follow the example of our American Union Conferences in taking charge of all the property situated among them, and assuming full responsibility of the same. The title of the Christiana publishing house, will soon be transferred to the European Conference, it to assume all further responsibilities and obligations of the same.

It will be remembered that our American brethren agreed to raise \$66,000 of the debt on this institution; \$35,000 have been raised and paid leaving \$31,000 still to be provided for. The Mission Board agrees to donate \$1,000, leaving \$30,000 to be raised in America. It has been decided to set apart July 6 as a date when a collection will be taken up in all the churches for the purpose of paying off the remainder of the debt. Will not our brethren of America come forward and "lift" in this matter? Do

not imagine that our Scandinavian brethren are being relieved of responsibility; far from it. The brethren on this side are taking hold of their responsibilities. Shall not we take up this matter in earnest and pay off the \$30,000 and be forever done with it? Our platform is: "No more debts; pay as you go, and then you will not owe. No more institutions until the money is provided."

H. SHULTZ.

LONDON, England, May 20, 1902.

Arkansas Department.

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The Canvassing Work.

WHEN Brother Hardesty left the state we were left without a state missionary. The conference committee thought we could wait till campmeeting before electing another. But there has come a demand for one from several sources; so that it seemed best to appoint one right away. After prayerful thought and consideration, the burden has fallen on J. M. Dickerson. He has had some experience as state missionary, and he has been a canvasser for over ten years, he has been here in our conference about one year. But he has not attended our campmeetings, so there are but few of our people that have met him. I am sure all of our canvassers will agree with our choice when you get acquainted with him. We trust that all of our people, as well as the canvassers will unite with him in helping to get our literature before the people, this is a noble work and many more should be engaged in it. The fields are white already for the harvest; and we trust that several others will enlist. We hope that as far as possible those that intend to enter the canvassing field will come to the campmeeting at Little Rock, July 10-20. Bro. Dickerson will be

there; also we are expecting N. P. Dixon to assist him in giving instruction to the canvassers. There should be many more in the field than there are now, who will enlist in the service of the Lord? Come up to the campmeeting prepared to go to work. We will have some one there to give instructions in that line of work, we would be glad to hear from any one who is thinking of entering the canvassing field.

A. E. FIELD.

The Work in Arkansas.

THE plans for the summer's work was arranged by the conference committee which met April 28. We now have three tents in the field doing good work, also several other workers, which gives us a larger corps of workers than we have had heretofore. We are also glad to report to our people that this conference is in the best financial condition it has been in since I have been in the work here; Two years ago when we came up our conference, we were about \$700 in debt, but this has all been payed, and we hope to be able to pay all of our laborers, so we can this year sing the song of Jubilee, How has this change in affairs come about? Simply because the brethren have all come to the front and done their part in paying tithes and offerings. Now we have our debts payed, and if all will continue to do their part there can be a good work done in our conference, and the message can be carried to those who know it not. By this you see that we can individually hasten the giving of the message. When we fail to come up to the standard, and do our part we are stumbling blocks in the cause, and retarding the progress of the work; I trust that there are not any of us who want to take the responsibility of holding back this message. So let each one rally to his and her God-given privilege and responsibility, and the work will go. We hope to meet a goodly number of our people at campmeeting. Let us come for the Lord will be there and we need the blessing he has for us.

A. E. FIELD.

Canvassers' Report.

[Two weeks.]

E. L. Pickney,	33, 22,	\$55 50,	\$5 00.
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Oklahoma Department.

News Notes.

Miss Ruth Rupert accompanied her father to Kœene, Texas, the 12th inst.

ELDER Sommerville and Brother Bonde report an interest at Paul's Valley, I. T., where they are holding meetings.

We know you will be interested in Brother Ohmstead's article in this issue. Let us not forget the workers in other fields.

THE last issue should have said that Brother Eagle, instead of Brother Sage, went to Topeka to prepare to move to Oklahoma City.

SISTER Anna Truman writes that she has not failed to deliver a single order so far, but that she will have to stop now till after harvest.

We are receiving many subscriptions now for all our periodicals. Our people realize that they must have our papers in their homes.

BROTHER J. J. Jobe sends in a good order this week, also a remittance. We appreciate the remittance as well as the orders. Let them both come.

SISTER Mattie Price, one of our canvassers, has been sick some days with a fever. She writes that she prays for those who are out, and we are sure her prayers will be answered.

Canvassers' Report.

Orpha Lewis, Dewey, I. T.; Heralds of the Morning; hours, 38; Exhibits, 36; orders, 15; value \$15.75.

W. L. Manfull, Addington, I. T.; Home Hand Book; hours, 85; exhibits, 102; orders, 31; value, \$144.50; helps, \$2.75.

J. Harzman, Renfrow; Great Controversy; hours, 65; exhibits, 90; orders, 17; value, \$45.00; helps, \$1.40.

Mrs. Mary Harzman, Renfrow; Great Controversy; hours, 38; exhibits, 52; orders, 7; value, \$17.75; helps, \$1.25.

Thos. Baker, Alvaretta; Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 35; exhibits, 57; orders, 5; value, \$11.75; helps, \$3.00.

Mrs. Thos. Baker, Alvaretta; Ladies Guide; hours, 28; exhibits 33; orders, 10; value, \$36.75; helps \$2.10.

Julius Schmidt, Ardmore; Heralds of the Morning; orders, 57; value, \$76.50; helps, \$21.90.

Jas. Butka, Orlando; Bible Reading; hours 45; exhibit, 64; orders, 27, value, \$62.00, helps, \$3.50.

E. E. Barnard, Clarkson, Bible

Readings, hours, 38, exhibits, 38, orders, 13 value, \$31.25, helps \$3.20.

Jno. Copple, Waukomis, Bible Readings, hours, 42, exhibits 42, orders 20, helps, \$54.50

J. H. Klumff, Anvil, Daniel and Revelation, hours, 35, exhibits, 42, orders 17, value, \$54.00, helps, \$7.75.

Mae McPhee, Alvaretta, Patriarchs and Prophets, hours 39, exhibits. 43, orders, 4, value, \$13.50, helps, \$2.25.

Mrs. N. M. Kentch, Alvaretta, Heralds of the Morning, hours, 16, exhibits, 39, orders, 36, value, \$20.25.

Mrs. Mattie Braley, Renfrow, Great Controversy, hours, 43, exhibits, 39, orders, 31, value \$78.50, helps, \$2.50

Lulu Braly, Renfrow, Great Controversy, hours, 87, exhibits, 60, orders, 9, value, \$20.25, helps, \$2.25.

Ray Hickman, Kingfisher, Daniel and Revelation, hours, 32, exhibits 51, orders, 8, value, \$18.75, helps \$4.80.

Elizetta Hickman, Cooper, Ladies' Guide, hours 37, exhibits 42, orders, 18 value, \$15.50, helps, \$.50.

May James, Chandler, Patriarchs, and Prophets and Coming King, hours, 28; exhibits. 54; orders, 13; value, \$11.25; helps, \$2.25.

J. J. Jobe, Eufania; Miscellaneous; hours, 69; exhibits, 125; value, \$53.50; helps, \$2.50,

Total hours, 800; exhibits 1014; orders, 338; value, \$785.75; helps, \$56.90; agents, 19.

A New Church Organized.

LAST Sabbath and Sunday I met with the little company near Whitehead. I baptized three souls, all of one family, a mother, her son, and his wife. I then organized a church of 20 members and six more soon who could not be present at this time. Most of these belonged to our churches before, but elsewhere at different places, some in Kansas and some to churches in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is quite fortunate in getting members from other conferences. At Cooper we received a whole church from South Dakota

The Lord came very near to his people last Sabbath and Sunday. The brethren were not only united in a church, but their hearts were united as well. This is the main question, to have the hearts united in the love of God. We have churches among us whose hearts are not united. May God help such to unite together as never before. Let us all press together, and stand like one man in the service of God. G. F. HAFNER.

THE RECORD, only 50 cents a year.

A Letter from Brother Ohmstead.

Greetings:

We arrived here in Pembroke Dock last Tuesday night from London and rented a room to live in while canvassing. We pay eight shilling a week for our room. I canvassed Thursday and Friday, putting in 14 hours, and obtained seven orders for Great Controversy. I thank the Lord for the success he has given me. This is my first work in this field, but by the help of the Lord I intend to put in some faithful work, for this is indeed a needy field and should have many more workers. We have only about two workers for each million inhabitants, and there are many precious souls here who are hungering for the truth. I thank God that he has called me to spread the gospel of the kingdom in this darkened land.

We seem to be living here back in the sixteenth century. If you could see the farmer women come into town to market in their big clumsy carts drawn by one little mule, I am sure you would smile. Canvassing here is quite different from there. Here every house has a big brass or iron knocker on the door, and when you knock you will see the heads stick out of the windows all along the street to see who you are and what you want, and by the time you have knocked at three or four doors they have decided what you are, and you cannot take them unawares very much.

Another thing is that you have to go to your own home to get your meals and stay all night. You can not stay with the people here. This makes it rather unhandy to canvass in the country, as you have to go to the town where you are staying every night.

The canvassers from America are pretty well scattered now. Brother Hartford from Kansas and Bro. Carscallen from Dakota went to Ireland. Brother and Sister Holmes of California and Brother Jones of Nebraska went to Leeds, England; and Brother and Sister Scott of Oregon and Brother Taylor of Texas went to Edinburgh, Scotland; and we went to southwest Wales.

Pembroke Dock is a place of about 16,000 inhabitants. The men all work in the government docks or fish. There is a fort here and five more within seven miles. Yesterday was the Queen's birthday, and the salutes from the forts kept the dishes rattling almost all day.

Pray for us that we may be used by the Lord to bring souls to Christ.

WM. H. OHMSTEAD.

LONDON, ENGLAND.

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Texas Department.

Canvassers' Report.

FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 1902.

J. A. Young, Bonham; Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 51; exhibits, 54; orders, 15; value, \$38.50; helps, \$10.25.

J. T. Harper, Bonham; Patriarchs and Prophets; hours, 48; exhibits, 62; orders, 39; value, \$96.75; helps, \$7.50.

Mrs. L. Harral, Paris; Coming King; hours, 27; exhibits, 21; orders, 4; value, 5; helps, \$3.75; deliveries, 5; value, \$6.

T. A. Smith, Temple; Daniel and Revelation; hours, 28; exhibits, 41; orders, 3; value, \$6.75; helps, \$2.25.

May Smith, Temple; Daniel and Revelation; hours, 33; exhibits, 56; orders, 6; value, \$14.25; helps, \$1.75.

Lydia Springsted, Belton; Daniel and Revelation; hours, 35; exhibits, 109; orders, 1; value, \$2.25; helps, \$2.21.

E. T. Seat, Alto; Great Controversy; hours, 28; exhibits, 36; orders, 14; value, \$34.50; helps, \$3.

T. K. Griffith, Alto; Great Controversy; hours, 20; exhibits, 25; orders, 6; value, \$15; helps, \$2.

J. L. Nicholson, Lexington; Great Controversy, hours, 40; exhibits, 48; orders, 6; value, \$15.50; helps, \$3.40.

Karie Tillman, Mt. Vernon; Desire of Ages; hours, 49; exhibits, 86; orders, 23; value, \$91.50; helps, \$1.33.

Wm. Chatfield, Alvin; Daniel and Revelation; hours, 24; exhibits, 12; orders, 2; value, \$4; helps, \$1.10.

Maria Johnson, Longview; Heralds of the Morning; hours, 38; exhibits, 19; orders, 27; value, \$22.75; helps, \$1.25.

G. W. Curry, Jewett; Bible Readings; hours, 47; exhibits, 73; orders, 40; value, \$99.25.

Wm. Mayers, Laredo; Coming King; hours, 26; exhibits, 40; orders, 11; value, \$11; helps, \$1.50.

R. M. McCutchen, Crockett; Bible Readings; hours, 68; exhibits, 102; orders, 47; value, \$98.75; helps, \$6.

Claud McCutchen, Crockett; Bible Readings; hours, 72; exhibits, 108; orders, 53; value, \$127.25.

H. P. Reynolds, Mart; Bible Readings; hours, 30; exhibits, 68; orders, 28; value, \$77.75; helps, \$1.25.

H. C. Long, Cameron; Bible Readings; hours, 30; exhibits, 74; orders, 11; value, \$26.25; helps, \$.75.

Total, hours, 694; exhibits, 1034; orders, 336; value, \$787.00; helps, \$49.29; deliveries, 5; value, \$6; Agents, 18.

Sunday Legislation by Congress.

SEVERAL bills for more strict Sunday enforcement in the District of Columbia have recently made their appearance in Congress, and an interesting public hearing on the matter was held before the District Commissioners on May 27. This hearing will be reported in the July *Sentinel of Christian Liberty*. The importance of this matter should secure for that number of the *Sentinel* a wide circulation.

This issue will also be a special number in that much of the matter contained in it will have special reference to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the present striking national trend away from them.

The subscription price to the *Sentinel* is but \$1 per year, and a large number should send in their orders in time to receive this number. Arrangements should also be made to dispose of thousands of extra copies. A special low rate of five cents per copy will be made when ordered in lots of ten or more.

Address orders to the Texas Tract Society.

To the Churches and Brethren of Texas.

IT is known by all that this is a time of year when we do not have much money in Texas, and hence the tithes are small and funds for Conference work very limited just now. The Conference has tried to carry on as extensive a work and operate as large a force as possible this year, which has used up what funds it did have, closely. Besides the Bible workers in four of our cities, and meetings held by individual ministerial laborers in school houses and country places, forces to-man four tents have been in the field with as many tents in operation, all of which has taken money and reduced us very low at present writing, with the campaign still to carry on and an expensive campmeeting soon to come off. In view of all this, and because, too, it is right that all should be faithful in tithe paying, I wish to impress upon all our brethren and sisters the importance of this just at this particular time. And we would like to request all church treasurers to be prompt in sending in their tithes immediately upon the close of the quarter and the holding of the quarterly meeting. We are somewhat perplexed to know how to "make ends

meet" until next quarter's tithes come in, but if all our people will be faithful in returning to the Lord his own, and the treasurers will be prompt in forwarding the same to the State treasurer, C. N. Woodward, Dallas, Texas, as soon as the funds come into their hands or the quarterly meetings are held, we may be able to get through in fairly good shape. Let all be faithful and prompt in this matter. W. A. M.

Church Treasurers, Attention!

IT has been the custom with some of the church treasurers to hold the tithe paid in at the July quarterly meeting and bring it with them to the camp meeting. We wish to make a request that you do not do this but send all you can collect in at once after the close of the quarter. We have been much gratified at the way the tithe has come in during the past year and by practicing economy enough has been received to carry on the work in good shape; but the receipts during this present quarter have been very light, as they usually are at this time of the year, while the calls for money in starting the work for the summer have been heavy. We find ourselves now with only a small surplus on hand and that being rapidly diminished, and the camp meeting which will require a large amount to carry it on, only a few weeks away. It is important that all the tithe be collected as soon as possible after July 1, and forwarded to this office, whether the quarterly meeting has been held or not. I am sure all can see that this request is reasonable and will be glad to do all they can to help in the matter, which they can do by being prompt. We shall also be glad if our scattered brethren will do likewise.

C. N. WOODWARD,
Conference Treasurer.

NOTICE.—We have received a small supply of the readings for our churches for Sabbath, July 5th, at which time it is intended the offering for the Christiana Publishing House should be taken up. Copies of this have been sent to all our church elders and leaders of companies, but if any should fail to receive the one sent them, they can be supplied by applying at the Texas Tract Society office, Dallas.

LAST week THE RECORD office was moved from the third story of the Academy building to the Assembly Hall just north of the Home. Some new type stands and cases with new type have been added to the outfit so that there is quite an appearance of a real printing office.

Christian Education.

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

Qualifications of the Sabbath School Teacher.

AND God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers." And this was done "for the perfecting of the saints." The true teacher then is called of God, and endued with power from on high. One may be called by the superintendent, but unless he has a higher call, his work will be mechanical and lack the power to uplift—it will be a matter of form. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." To lift up Jesus then is the work of the teacher, to lift up Jesus both by precept and example.

His work does not close with the Sabbath-school hour; it is a precious burden he must carry the whole week through. He must be ready to labor and to pray. Jesus, the perfect one, spent whole nights in prayer, more for those whom he taught than for himself. Consecrated wholly to God there is no time for selfishness, out of which comes every other sin. Not one thread of selfishness must be woven into this web. Said Christ, "I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified," and on this text we have the divine comment, "This is the work that ever devolves upon every teacher." On page 86 of Testimonies on Sabbath School Work I read, "Well may the questions be put by every instructor: Have I received the Holy Ghost since I believed? Have I received Christ as my personal Saviour? Let these questions be solemnly answered."

The teacher must have faith,—faith in God, faith in humanity, and faith in himself. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." God calls for men and women who can teach faith and by faith. No one can give to another what he has not himself. Let us look for a moment at the case of Cain. God says of him that he "became the head of a line of bold and abandoned sinners." And why? The answer is

The above paper upon the Qualifications of Sabbath-school Teachers was read at the Sabbath-school Convention held in Keene, May 24-25, 1902. All that is said applies so well to the qualifications needed by church school teachers that we have requested that it might be given to the readers of this department.

not far to seek. Cain had no true faith in what God said. The Lord bade him bring a lamb as an offering, but Cain reasoned that his fruit, which looked so temptingly beautiful, was as good an offering to bring. He had no faith, hence could not teach faith to his children. The just live by faith and their faith is manifest by their righteous works. Without faith the righteous works will not appear. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." Abel then is teaching you and me to-day simply to take God at his word.

Abraham had faith enough when God called him to leave his kindred, to arise and go forth, but not faith enough to take the Lord at his word in all things. He was led step by step through trial and affliction till, when God bade him offer up the son of promise as a burnt offering, he hastened to obey knowing still that of Isaac the righteous Father would make a great nation because he had said he would. Not till then was Abraham fully prepared to teach.

Why do we have Sabbath schools? For no other purpose than to reach the heart with divine truth, that the truth may show forth in the life. We should so teach that the pupil will feel that he is in the presence of the Infinite One.

God says, "The great want in our Sabbath School is not the want of machinery, but the want of knowledge in spiritual things". Sometimes the main object is almost lost sight of, and more stress is placed on the oiling of the machinery than there is on giving out the soul food. But machinery is necessary; it has its place in the work. For instance there must be certain rules and regulations. There must be order; without it, it is useless for the teacher to attempt to instruct. The senses are the avenues to the soul. If a boy's eyes and ears are occupied by various sights and sounds, very little divine truth will penetrate to his innermost soul, so we conclude that our teacher must be a disciplinarian. The teacher's heart must be full of love to God and man, and glowing with warm sympathy.

For what is the teacher working? To see the image of God restored in the soul of the pupil. And what is God? "God is love." "And every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God." He that dwelleth in

love dwelleth in God, and God in him." How can one help another to dwell in a love in which he himself has not learned to dwell? Loving God, he loves his pupil, and the pupil is drawn by that tender cord. Like the master, the love of the godly teacher is drawn out to the one who has wandered farthest from the fold. The teacher must be a deep student of the Word of God. To our teachers, and to others who will hereafter be teachers, I would say tonight as did Paul to Timothy of old, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It means something to rightly divide the word of truth, but Paul also said, "Consider what I say and the Lord give thee understanding." Finite man cannot understand the things of God except the spirit guide him, hence the necessity of prayer for guidance as we consider what God has said.

The teacher of children must be young, not necessarily in years; his head may be silvery white but his heart must be young. He must be able to think the thoughts of childhood. He is not stereotyped in his ways. His mind is active, for a teacher must think fast. He is energetic and enthusiastic. A fact may be ever so true, and yet if it does not stir the teacher, it will not stir the pupil.

The teacher must be a student of human nature; he must be tactful; he must be quick of discernment. The artist understands the material with which he works. He knows the nature of the canvass, the oil, and the many different colors he applies; he has studied the scene which he portrays till his mind reaches the minutest detail: no one but the artist can see the reason for each stroke of the brush, but he has studied the material of his scene, and when his master hand has given the final touch, it looks almost like a thing of life.

The real teacher is the greatest artist on earth, and God designs him to understand the material with which he has to work, and also to see the finished picture in the mass of crude material he has before him. But in every stroke of the brush the Heavenly Master Hand must guide. In the work with these living pictures each new one brings the use of new material; each one must be studied carefully. The teacher must be patient. "Children feel the impression of the atmosphere whether it be

pleasant or unpleasant" They are like moist clay. Impressions are easily made, but they are hard to efface.

Let us not leave scars and bruises on the mind. "They are bought with a price, a price which eternity alone can measure." In the child, God sees the undeveloped man or woman with possibilities which we do not guess.

Perseverance is required. Jesus never failed nor became discouraged. Moses taught Israel long, weary years, but we have no record that he every became discouraged but once, and then how terrible the results. Through all those wanderings, despite their terrible sins, he held that people up before his God, and perseveringly taught them a better way. The high priest ever in the sanctuary bore the names of Israel before the Lord. This is an example for the teacher; he should untiringly bear his class before the gracious Father. The teacher should teach the children to be missionaries both by precept and example. If his life is one of unselfishness, ever ministering to the needs of others, this will leave its impress on the susceptible mind of the children.

His manner should be refined, and his dress neat, plain and healthful. The Lord himself has given explicit directions with reference to this matter. Let us recapitulate. The teacher must be called of God, endowed with His power, be unselfish, consecrated, prayerful, a thorough student of the Word of God, patient, persevering, refined, courteous, energetic, enthusiastic, quick of discernment, sympathetic, and able to govern. He must have faith, love, a young heart, and an active mind. He must have time to make thorough and accurate preparation on his lesson, and to do personal work for his class.

These are some, but not all of the qualifications of the successful teacher. Let him be what he wishes his pupils to become. Do we possess all these qualifications? And if we do not, shall we seek to be excused? Not at all. Let us "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Mrs. FLORA H. WILLIAMS.

The Lord Uses Men.

NOAH was a man called of God to do a special work. The burden was laid on him, and realizing that he had a work to do by faith he prepared an ark for the saving of his house. God fits men to do the work

he has to be accomplished in the world. This was also true in the days of Abraham. The world had again gone into wickedness and there must be a man sought out that would be true to God. Abraham was selected as the one. He was told to go out from his kindred and associations to where he could have liberty to live out the principles of righteousness. Later on the Lord told Abraham that his seed should be bondmen in Egypt four hundred years and at the end of that time he would bring them out with a stretched out arm. The long period finally expired. Now the question was, Who would the Lord raise up to do this work. Moses was the man, but it took him forty years to obtain the preparation to do the work. But when he was qualified the same day the time expired the Israelites left Egypt with Moses as their leader.

Many times has this been repeated. In 1833 the last generation was marked, the last message of mercy was to be given an ungodly world. The very year the last sign was given, the very year the last generation was reached, God had a man all prepared to start the work, a student of the prophecies ready to call attention to the fact that the hour of his Judgment had come. And again in the last division of the message the Spirit of Prophecy was laid upon one by the Lord to fill a part in the work.

I expect Satan stirred up jealousy against Noah. He did against Abraham and Moses. The Lord selected the United States to be used in giving the last message to the world. Others may think this is a strange thing. I presume they feel like those of old, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? But to follow still further: Once it was thought that none but eastern Yankees could have any prominent part in this work. Time erased that. Next it was thought that men from the north must do all the work; southern men can do nothing. Now the Lord knows best where to locate the work and who to choose to lead. Just as soon as we are fitted to the work God is ready to use us. The greatest mystery in my life is to understand how God opened my heart to see this great truth and to use me in connection with his work. I know it is the truth and the its magnitude is immeasurable, but how God can use such instruments is a mystery. But the Lord knows them that are his. In every country and place and in his own providence he will search them out to do his will. G. G. R.

A LETTER FROM MEXICO:

A. G. BODWELL.

SAN CRISTOBAL TO PICHUCALCO.

FOR the first twenty-five miles after leaving San Cristobal I passed through the lands of the Chiruelo Indians. They are a very independent tribe, different from any I have found in Mexico. They own their land, horses, cattle, and sheep, and are independent farmers. They will not be servants; neither will they live or marry outside the tribe.

The first night I stopped at a ranch called Cacate, owned by a Mexican. The valley begins to widen here, and the road follows the river for thirty or forty miles. I passed a small place called Ishuatan, and a few leagues farther the Santa Fe mines. In these two towns I took in about three hours 38 paid subscriptions. That night I staid at the little towh of Solosuchiapa where the next morning I took the subscription of nearly every one.

The country between Solosuchiapa and Pichucalco is just lovely. It is high enough to be healthy, and is open rolling prairie, with timber along the creeks and rivers and mountains. Near Pichucalco the land became lower and I passed several very large ranches. Land through here is quite high.

PICHUCALCO.

This is a place of only 3,000 people but is quite a commercial center; having several large business houses. I obtained subscriptions from nearly every one here that can read. If some one would settle near here and raise corn they could do well, as they say corn is always high here.

The town of Teapa, twenty-five miles away, is as large or larger than Pichucalco. It is a quiet little town with a nice climate. I took subscriptions from nearly every one that can read.

I next rode to San Juan Bautiste, which was sixty miles away. San Juan is a beautiful place of 13,000 inhabitants. Some said there was yellow fever in the town; others denied it. I sold my horse here and took the river steamer for Frontera. Here I transferred to another steamer and in twenty-four hours landed at Vera Cruz. That night I took the train and the next morning I was at home in Mexico City, having in four months taken 816 paid subscriptions to the paper and sold many Bibles and other books, besides giving away thousands of pages of tracts containing present truth to those who were interested.

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 Handley, Texas, July 24 to August 3.
 Oklahoma, August 21 to September 1, 1902

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AUS DEM FELDE.

Am 6ten Mai ging ich nach Abart D. T. Wir hatten daselbst eine Woche hindurch alle Abend Predigt, indem aber etliche Familien der Armuth wegen nach Colorado gegangen waren um Brod zu verdienen, so waren die Versammlungen nur klein, aber der Segen vom Herrn war desto reicher. Eine Familie steht soweit in der gegenwärtigen Wahrheit, außer 1 Petri 3 : 21 muß noch an ihnen vollzogen werden.

Von hier kam ich am 15ten nach Oleta wo sich etliche unserer Geschwister angesiedelt. Bruder Ebel, der früher in Ohio gearbeitet, hatte hieselbst schon gut vorgearbeitet. Die Herzen waren empfänglich gemacht das Licht der Wahrheit hinein scheinen zu lassen. Somit wirkte der Herr mächtiglich. Eine liebe Schwester wurde durch die Taufe mit Christo begraben. Die Engel Gottes umlagerten unsere Versammlung und der Geist Gottes kam über uns. Etliche andere stehen für die Taufe bereit, welche Alt. G. F. Haffner sobald wie möglich vollziehen wird. Ueberhaupt bringt die Einigkeit der Geschwister hieselbst den Segen zu den Unbekehrten. Hoffentlich haben wir bald daselbst eine blühende Gemeinde. Der Herr segne sie laut Psalm 133.

Bei Schattuck konnte ich wegen des immernährenden Regens keine öffentliche Versammlungen abhalten.

Am 6. Jun. 1902. Abr. Löwen
Cooper Oklahoma.

Meine Geliebten deutscher Sprache:

Mit Vergnügen geben wir in unserem neuen Blatt einige Stücke zum Vortheil der deutschen Gemeinden heraus. Obgleich dieser Anfang nur klein ist, hoffen wir diesen Zweig des Wertes mit Schnelligkeit wachsen zu sehen. Wir wollen alles thun was wir können um diesen Zweck zu erfüllen. Es glückte uns eine deutsche Abtheilung in unserer Schule zu Keene kommenden Jahr einzurichten. Dies mit etwas Deutsch im Blatt, wird viel Gutes vollbringen, hoffen wir, bis daß wir mehr thun können. Ich möchte sagen: Wir wollen uns nicht mit unserem geg-

enwärtigen Zustande zufrieden geben. Denn es gibt Tausende von Deutschen in dieser Union Konferenz die die Botschaft der Wahrheit noch nie gehört. Laßt uns alle den Herrn der Ernte bitten, Arbeiter in dieser Sprache herauszurüsten, bis daß ein jeder die allen Sprachen bestimmte Botschaft hören soll. Wir bitten um euer Mithilfe Abonnenten zum Blatt zu gewinnen. Diese werden das Blatt sich erhalten helfen. Wir wollen es ein Blatt machen welches ihr euren Freunden senden könnt. Jetzt ist die beste Zeit einen Plan zu entwerfen eure Kinder kommenden Jahr in die Schule zu senden. Wir möchten gerne von euch hören in Bezug auf das Werk in eurem Teile des Feldes. G. G. Rupert.

Wir möchten gerne daß alle unsere Glieder den „Southwestern Union Record“ bestellen würden. Wir haben jetzt deutsche Buchstaben und werden immer etwas Deutsch darinnen haben; aber um dieses fertig zu bringen, brauchen wir euer Mithilfe. Zuerst daß ihr das Blatt bestellt und dann auch mitunter etwas dafür schreibt. Wir möchten besonders unsere deutschen Arbeiter aufmerksam machen daß sie fleißig Berichte einsenden von ihrer Arbeit. Dies meint nicht nur die Arbeiter in Oklahoma, sondern in Texas und Arkansas, wenn dort welche sind; denn diese Staaten gehören zu dieser Union Konferenz. Auch hören wir gerne von unseren Gemeinden. Somit seid ganz frei wenn ihr etwas interessantes zu berichten habt; sendet es ein.

Das Blatt wird wöchentlich gedruckt werden; enthält 8 Seiten, und und der Preis ist 50 cents das Jahr. Ich bin gewiß wenn ihr es einmal ein Jahr gehabt, dann wollt ihr nicht mehr ohne dasselbe sein. Die Bestellungen sowie Berichte von Oklahoma können an unsere Offizin in Oklahoma City gerichtet werden. In Liebe euer Bruder,
G. F. Haffner.

Box 239 Oklahoma City, D. T.

EINE AUFFORDERUNG

Liebe Geschwister in Oklahoma:— Ich fühle mich gedrungen eine Aufforderung an euch zu richten. Ich hoffe

ihr werdet nicht erschrecken darüber, sondern sie mit Freuden annehmen. Auch bin ich ja nicht der erste der sie macht. Alt. Rupert hat eine zeitlang zurück ein buch und einen brief an jede Gemeinde gesandt. Das buch nennt sich „Monitor of Health“ Der brief erklärte was ihr damit thun sollt und was mit dem Geld geschehen soll.

Die Konferenz hat das buch billig gekauft, gerade für diesen Zweck; nämlich um Zelte zu kaufen. Wir haben nur wenige Zelte in der Konferenz und ihr werdet euch erinnern, was für Schwierigkeiten wir hatten letztes Jahr um Zelte zu bekommen. Wir bestellten von Kansas, und die kamen als die Lager-versammlung fast vorüber war. So mußte die Konferenz Fracht bezahlen und hatte doch keinen Nutzen davon. Hätten wir daher unsere eigenen Zelte so könnten wir sie bei Zeiten fertig haben und könnten sie auch billiger ausmieten an die Geschwister.

Nun verlangen wir gar nicht viel, bloß daß jedes Glied der Gemeinde ein buch nimmt und bezahlt ein Dollar dafür. Dies bringt genug Geld ein um die nötigen Zelte zu erkaufen. Dies ist auch ein sehr gutes buch welches jede Familie gebrauchen kann. Es gibt gute belehrungen wie man verschiedene Krankheiten behandeln soll, u. s. w.

Wir möchten jetzt gerne von den Gemeinden hören ob sie willig sind das ihrige zu thun in diesem guten Werk. Diese Zelte brauchen wir sehr, das ist unbestreitbar wahr. Sollen wir sie bestellen? Wollt ihr das eure dazu thun, daß sie bezahlt werden? So wie ihr uns jetzt sagt, so machen wir es. Wartet aber nicht, ehe ihr euch meldet, sondern thut es so schnell wie möglich. Wir möchten die Zelte zur Lager-versammlung haben. Schreibt an mich.

In Liebe euer Mitbruder im Herrn,
G. F. Haffner.

VORREDE.

Liebe Geschwister in Oklahoma:— Wir haben nun unser Konferenz-Blatt fallen lassen und mit Texas und Arkansas ein vereintes blatt gegründet.

Der Name desselben ist „Southwestern Union Record“. Es wird jede Woche gedruckt werden, acht Seiten

Markt. Der Preis wird aber 50 Cents sein anstatt 25. Wir werden auch eine deutsche Abteilung haben in deutschen Buchstaben, so daß es jeder lesen kann. Wir hoffen dann daß alle unsere deutschen Arbeiter in diesen Conferenzen fleißig berichten werden. Ich weiß ihr wollt alle gerne von Texas hören, sowohl als von Oklahoma; denn ihr habt Arbeiter dort aus eurer Mitte, und wir erwarten oft von ihnen zu hören. Auch werden wir eine deutsche Abteilung in der Schule haben, und Bruder A. Kunz wird die Uebersicht führen. Wir hoffen eine gute Anzahl Deutsche dort zu sehen nächsten Herbst. Deshalb erwarten wir auch oft von Bruder Kunz zu hören im diesem Blatt. Es wird so interessant als möglich gemacht werden, so daß jeder Nutzen ziehen wird das Blatt zu lesen. Noch ein Wort in Bezug auf die Schule. Ich denke wir haben eine gute Schule in unserer Mitte und wir sollten alles thun was wir können um junge Leute zu ermutigen die Schule zu besuchen nächsten Winter. Nun es wird noch mehr über die Schule in Zukunft gesagt werden.

G. F. Haffner.

Letter from Elder Daniells.

My Dear Brother:—

From the time we began making preparations for the July offering for Christiana I have felt impressed that this year I ought to correspond with the presidents of the State conferences that this will be the last call we shall have to make for Christiana. Last year we did not make a very strong effort. Our courage was not very great. Everybody was grieved over the situation and it looked as though we had a three years' contract. But we have received so much more than we anticipated that what remains to be raised can be given at one offering, if an earnest effort is made by our men in responsible positions.

There are strong reasons why such an effort should be made this year. The present is a time of great financial prosperity in the United States. We do not know how long this prosperity will continue. Something may occur at any time to bring a great financial crisis over the country. We would find it much more difficult to raise money with finance heavily depressed than we do under the pros-

perity now existing. If our people knew positively that inside of a year a financial crash would come upon America they would certainly take advantage of the present condition to clear off the Christiana indebtedness, and they would succeed. Well why not do this anyway? We know that we have prosperity now, and we have no assurance as to how long it will remain with us. Then why not take advantage of the situation and clear our books of this debt?

Another, and more important reason why we ought to make a grand effort this year to close up the Christiana business is this: While this indebtedness is upon us we are hindered, to some extent, from pushing forward with missionary enterprises. In all our plans to answer the pressing Macedonian calls that come to us we must reckon with the Christiana debt. We must make provision for the annual contributions to this. But as soon as this indebtedness is wiped out, we shall, as a people, be able to contribute more largely to missionary enterprises.

Other reasons might be given why the coming July offering should be made the last, but these will suffice. I sincerely hope that the Lord will put it in the hearts of the conference presidents and ministers throughout the United States to rally the people at this time. All that remains to be raised can be secured at the coming offering, if all the people are aroused to do their duty. There is no reason why this should not be contributed this year. The Lord has greatly blessed our people in their efforts to be loyal to him and his cause. What has been raised for Christiana has not worked a hardship on any one, so far as I know. This whole experience should teach us a great lesson. In the first place, it should forever deter us from plunging headlong into debt as we have done hitherto. In the next place it should teach us to know how great the Lord's resources are, and how wonderfully he can bring forth the means required to advance his cause. He is the Creator of all things. The gold, and the silver, and the cattle upon a thousand hills are his. He is also the Lord of the harvest into which he has sent us to labor. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and then shall the end come". The work is his. He knows how many consecrated laborers it will take to do this work, and how much money will be required.

He knows how to bring all that is required, and he will show us if we will humbly wait before him for instructions and faithfully carry out what he gives us. The world never presented so many open doors for the proclamation of the third angel's message as it does to-day. From every country, no matter how dark, pressing calls come to us as a people for help. Now is our time to rise up in a body and speedily carry this light to all the dark places of the earth, and when this is done Jesus will come.

Let me earnestly request you to press this matter upon the ministers of your conference, and also the church officers and all the people. I hope you will have a strong article published in your state paper before the July offering is made. You are welcome to use anything I have written along this line if it will be of service.

Your sincere brother,

A. G. DANIELLS.

BELFAST, Ireland, June 1, 1902.

BRO. Reuben Wright of Ardmore, I. T., came in from Houston last Thursday. Brother Wright proposes to stay in Keene several weeks.

BRO. W. W. Stoner who has been laboring at Santo in Palo Pinto county returned to Keene last Thursday evening looking the very picture of good health.

ELD. G. G. Rupert, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, and managing editor of this paper, went to Dallas last Friday. He held services at that place on Sabbath.

BROTHER and Sister Creager, who have charge of the Academy Home, have put up so far this year 1830 jars of fruit—630 of plums and 1200 of berries. They expect to put up as many peaches.

MASTER Claud Bruce, a boy about ten years old, was bitten on the great toe of the right foot by a copper-head snake last Thursday while he and other youngsters were playing in Mrs. E. M. Taylor's barn. The boy will recover.

THE recent rains are officially reported to have been general over the State of Texas, east of the 98th meridian, and in the Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, Kansas and the Lake region. The heaviest rain was at Galveston, there being 6.52 inches of rainfall in 36 hours.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT.

Putnam.

WE came here four weeks ago and began meetings in the school house. The first week the rains bothered some, but in spite of bad roads, busy times, and rain, the Lord has blessed our efforts. Six have begun to keep the commandments of God, and a Sabbath school has been started. The interest here is good. Last night we had such a crowd that the house would not hold them. We have so many calls we do not know which way to go. Surely the Lord is good to permit us to carry such a solemn and important message to the world. Pray for us.

L. P. SYP.
MINNIE SYP.

Shawnee.

I HAVE been working in the country eight miles north of Shawnee, and I find a good interest to hear the truth; but on account of rain and the rush of work it was thought best by all interested to postpone the meetings till some future time.

I visited nearly every family in the school district and all were anxious that meetings should be held when crops are laid by. I now go to the Cherokee Nation to labor in Brother Gregory's district. Pray for the work in the northeastern part of the Indian Territory.

E. L. MAXWELL.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

A Revival of the Study and Practical Application of the Physical Side of Spiritual Truth in its Relation to the Second Advent of Our Lord.

"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

I WISH to call attention to this movement and what it is doing. My first impression was to look upon it like other things that have come up to soon die. But I find it is not one narrow hobby, but as broad as the message. It begins with the individual and crops out from there to every part of the work. It began with the individual experience of self government with Christ as the governor. Who could object to that? We next noticed the Lord leading out on the principles of our physical condition, calling attention to the light God has given us on that line, and showing the importance of coming up on higher ground. I am sure as a people we need it, and a general move on this line will prove a blessing. There are men and women that are not enjoying the blessing of God in their work because they are not walking in the light given them.

The next point is the reform on creating debts and paying what we owe. It is truly wonderful to see the great move to pay our debts and create no more. We have thought we were a Bible people and had all the truth, when here is an important truth we are just learning as a people. Let this reform go on until this principle is established in every Seventh-day Adventist.

I next notice the move that is now being agitated that every one should be a producer as well as a consumer. Our conferences have been crippled and the work hindered because this rule has not been followed. It is not always evident that one does not love the truth when he does not have success but that he is not in the right work. It should not be considered because a man has been ordained to the ministry that he must always continue in that work. There may have been a mistake in ordination. He may make the best kind of a laborer in another place. There are various gifts and yet because a person has a love for the truth we put him to preaching, when it might not have been the place his gift belonged at all. Let this reform go on till we all find our place and calling in the Lord's work, and we are willing to take that place. All should read the articles in the late *Reviews* from the pen of Elder A. T. Jones on this subject.

In fact there is a general move to complete the work the Lord has given us to do, and the person who fails to see this is losing much. The shaking to take place among God's people is a leaving behind of those who do not keep pace with the message. The cloud is rising; Israel is moving forward; the inheritance is near.

G. G. R.

A Letter from Eld. A. R. Ogden.

Dear Brother Rupert:

Your letter of November 20, was received some time ago, but I have been very busy visiting churches and companies of believers, working the best that I could under the disadvantage of a strange language. However, we are trying to do something and we realize the blessing of the Lord in our work. We hope after a few months, or years at least, to have a better knowledge of the language. We find it quite different from work in Kansas, and yet we find people who love the truth just as much as in the States.

Elder Westphal was with us for a little more than a month; but he has gone back to Argentina. Elder Baber who had charge of the work here for six years has returned to the States, so we are now left alone.

In this field we see in a remarkable degree the results of canvassing. About all that has been done in the entire field has been done by one or two faithful canvassers. In their tracks are springing up Sabbath-keepers in all parts of the field. I have received a number of letters from those who are keeping the Sabbath but who have never seen a minister. We have a very large field and but few workers.

After consideration and counsel it was thought best to move our headquarters to Iquique, 1,000 miles north of here, but still in Chile. This location is more central for the four West Coast Republics. Elder Ketring will remain in the south. The most part of our work for the present is the publishing of our Spanish paper. We can do no other work in this field with so little money. We are of good courage and happy in the work.

Your brother,
A. R. OGDEN.

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THE MILLENNIUM.

BY ELDER G. G. RUPERT.

[Continued from last issue]

He tells us it will be directly the opposite. Some have read these scriptures and supposed them to be contradictory. But they are not. One states what the position of the professed people would be, while the other gives the true situation as it really is. "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehosaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get ye down, for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:9-12. Notice, this is to occur in the last days. Also, the Lord is not telling us what the nations will be saying, but is giving a command to all the world, including all the nations, even the heathen, and urges them to wake up, signifying that they have been dormant long enough. "Let the weak say, I am strong. No time now to plow or prune your trees. Beat these implements into weapons of war. The alarm of war is in the land. Get ready for the fray, is the command of God to all the Gentiles and heathen round about. And in obedience to this command, the forces of the earth are now preparing for the conflict, and the nations of earth are coming face to face as never before in the history of the world. We now see that these scriptures do not teach what they have been represented to teach, but are directly opposite to the idea of the world's conversion. There are those who believe that during this period of a thousand years there will be a spiritual reign of Christ, applying the following scripture to that age: "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that has not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed."

Isa. 65:20. Now the text does not say anything about a Millennium, but it does plainly show that it is to be after that period is closed, as shown from verse seventeen and onward. "For, behold, I create a new heaven and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, etc." The word "thence" signifies from this time on. We have already learned that the earth will be desolate and without an inhabitant during the Millennium. The new earth, here mentioned, will not exist until after the present is melted, at the end of one thousand years. So this text applies at the close of the Millennium and onward. Now, why will there not be from that time on an "infant of days nor an old man who has not filled his days?" The answer is plainly given in the text. "For the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old, shall be accursed." The question is, When shall they die? The second death is the death referred to, and the second death takes place at the expiration of the thousand years, as shown in the twentieth chapter of Revelation. The question may arise in the mind of the reader, Why is one person called a child at a hundred years old, and the other an old man and a sinner who has not filled his days? By looking back over the history of the world we find that there have been two classes existing. Before the flood, when men lived to be nearly one thousand years old, a person one hundred years old was but a child in age. Now a man who is a hundred years old is considered a very old man, but he has not filled his days as compared with the antediluvians. Both of these persons shall die the second death. The curse of God will especially rest upon the latter, for he has lived in an age of great privileges, and every man will be judged according to the deeds done in the body. Thus we see that this text of scripture has no reference to the Millennial age whatever. But it would be far better for us to have a part with the righteous in the first resurrection, or with the translated ones at His coming, than to be with the class referred to in the text. It will then be

our privilege to reign with Christ a thousand years on thrones of judgment above, preparatory to the execution of the judgment of the wicked which, we will see later on, will take place at the close of the Millennium.

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Christiana Offering.

THIS offering will be taken up July 6. You no doubt have read what has appeared in the paper before this, concerning this offering. Elder Shultz and Daniells have both written stating the object and the desire to make this the last offering for that institution. We can but add to what has been said by saying, Let us do our duty in this matter, in this Conference, so we will not regret having a part in the united effort that is being made to clean the whole thing up. This can easily be done if all will lift as they are able. It is a united effort that counts. Let every laborer do all he can where he is to encourage the people to help. Brethren the time is near when we will be giving to advance the truth in new fields, and then we will see the power of God work for us when we get these debts off our hands. If there was the unity of action there should be every debt could be cleared from us by next Christmas and not a soul be hurt. The ratio for each one is small but as there are few who help the work goes slow. Let us all get out and do our duty in this offering before us. Fifty cents apiece in this Conference would raise fifteen hundred dollars, and that average in the United States would pay the debt. G. G. R.

A very welcome rain broke the drouth at Keene last Friday.

BRO. P. H. Rount is reported seriously ill with fever. At last accounts he was somewhat better.

SINCE the first issue of THE RECORD the Oklahoma Tract Society has sent in twenty-eight new subscriptions, Arkansas six, and Texas four.

ELD. W. A. McCutchen has sent us a lengthy article concerning the Texas campmeeting at Handley. It arrived too late for this issue of the RECORD; it will appear in our next.

JAMES Woodall and L. B. Wallen returned to Keene last Thursday from Oklahoma with a band of horses which they had purchased from Eld. G. G. Rupert. They drove them all the way and they say it was a hard trip.