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## Is Special Training Necessary for Church School Teachers?

MINNIE ROBBINS.

[Continued from last issue.]

Many of us older ones have been teachers in the schools of the land,—worldly institutions—whose object is to educate in things pertaining to this world. But while these schools have acted an important part in building up one of the greatest nations, there has been a failure to recognize the source of the principles underlying the educational system of the world—this great world, whose prince is the Prince of Darkness. And will he allow his subjects to be educated away from him without a struggle? No, indeed!

With great care and earnestness he holds out before them the idea that the aim of true education is, primarily, to make good citizens. So far, so good. But of what? This world, His kingdom. And, secondarily, to bring to its possessor, first, money; secondly, fame, and thirdly, last, and including both, power. But scarcely without exception, the secondary object entirely eclipses the primary till itself becomes the primary with no trace of the real primary left; and all this to exalt self.

As we continue our investigation, what spirit do we find manifesting itself throughout the whole educational theory of the world? What is the principle it is following and basing its teaching upon? This:—That human mind, human intelligence and human wit, "can bring all things into subjection under him." In short that he can and "will be like the Most High." And this spirit, which caused the fall of the brightest angel in the Heavenly Courts, will just as surely bring ruin and destruction to all other created beings who encourage its influence.

Then can the training which we have received, in, and for, these insti-

tutions, have any part to act in leading others, or ourselves, back to that knowledge, for lack of which God's people are destroyed? Does this exaltation of self educate any to "fear God and keep his commandments, which is the whole duty of man?" Can the training which leads man, finite man to "exalt himself above all that is called God," have any part in the work of restoring the image of God in the soul?

The work of the church school teacher is in no wise parallel with that of the educator in the schools of the world. Instead it is directly opposite, as is plainly shown by purpose and aim of each.

The work of the church school teacher is to train souls for the Heavenly Kingdom, and is as much more far-reaching, beyond and above that of those who are educating for the kingdom of this world, as Heaven is above earth. The training required for the latter position will in no wise suffice for the former.

The church school teacher is to educate in things of God, for it is "by beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, we become changed into the same image."—2 Cor. 3:18. "But the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."—1 Cor. 2:11. "And the *Spirit of Truth* is promised to lead us into all truth."—John 16:13. "Thy Word is Truth."—John 17:17. How is it that we are to be prepared unto all good works? We find the answer in 2 Timothy, 2:16, 17. It is the Scriptures that thoroughly furnishes unto all good works, that makes perfect. And so we must be closely connected with the Spirit of Truth in order to be led into truth. Not the truth about religion only, nor religion and morals, but the truth of *all things*.

But will none of our former training be of value in church school work? some may ask. I answer "Not unless it was directed by the Holy Spirit,

which is not likely to be the guiding spirit in the worldly institutions." Paul says in 1 Corinthians, 2:6-8, "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. How be it we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world that come to naught. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world: for had they known they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory."

Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, but how much of that wisdom was retained and brought into use after the forty years of shepherding in the wilderness? God's tender love for all His creatures is shown in His dealings with the idolatrous Egyptians no less than with His people Israel. In mercy He caused him by whom he was to lead his people from bondage, to become learned in all the wisdom and ways, the character and disposition, the likes and dislikes of those who held them slaves, and who were in the darkness of error and superstition. So much of his Egyptian wisdom—if we may call it Egyptian—did Moses retain as would enable him to present his cause before Pharaoh in the manner and spirit which would most strongly appeal to the haughty monarch and his court. That much of Moses' Egyptian learning was God-given. But what years of solicitude and patient toil were required to eradicate the erroneous theories which he had imbibed. And who was his teacher, his educator, his trainer, during those forty years of quietness? "When the Spirit of Truth is come He will guide you into all truth, was as true for Moses, yes and for Abraham, and for Daniel, as it is for us. And is as true for them.

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## Arkansas Department.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER J. A. Lyles, of West Point, Arkansas, would like to give the absent members of the Searcy church, letters of transfer to other churches as was voted at their recent business meeting, so he would like the addresses of all such. The members have all scattered and the Searcy church will soon be one of the past. Brother Lyles, also, writes that he went out one-half day and took five orders for Christ's "Object Lessons." May others take courage and follow his example. He is trying to arrange his work so as to canvass for the small books by the holidays.

A CORRECTION.—A mistake in last week's issue of this paper, made us say that Brother Sealey was delivering Brother J. J. Robinson's orders that he took the early part of last summer. Brother J. P. Wagner is doing that work.

THE "SENTINEL."—By the time this article reaches print, a letter will have been sent to all the isolated, and the church elders for the churches from this office, in behalf of getting the "Sentinel" before the Legislature. It was stated in last week's issue that it would cost in the neighborhood of forty dollars, but we find that it would double that sum, for there are between one hundred and thirty-five and one hundred and forty members. We see the advisability of sending a copy of it to their homes before the Legislature convenes; that would cost in the neighborhood of twenty-five dollars. Now, we are not able to do this; we can not conscientiously draw the money from the Tract Society or Conference for it; hence we appeal to the brethren and sisters to send in a donation for this purpose. As has been stated, vigorous efforts are being made to get the Sunday laws passed, you all know what that means. Now, we want to get several copies of the "Sentinel," before this body so that they may act intelligently when this bill is introduced; but we can not do this without your help, so we trust that you will see the importance of this; and please send all donations for this fund to the Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Arkansas.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.—V. B. Watts, 33 hours; 49 orders; Great Controversy; helps, \$11.00. J. M. Baker, 28 hours; 5 orders; 28 exhibits; value, \$10.50; helps, \$2.75; Bible Readings. W. L. Cupit, 21 hours; 7 orders; 18 exhibits; value, \$14.00; helps, \$3.00; Bible Readings. Totals:—3 canvassers; 82 hours; 61 orders; value, \$24.50; helps, \$17.50.

## MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

SINCE the envelope system has been established, the weekly offerings, so reports the mission board, have increased many fold, and yet we scarcely average more than two and a half cents a week for each individual; so that there is still room for improvement. The Lord has told us through the Spirit of Prophecy that the home missionary work will be further advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions. He says further that we have not discerned that in helping to advance the work in foreign fields, we would be helping the work at home. So one way to share in this glorious work is to provide liberally for its rapid extension to all parts of the world. Within the last few weeks, envelopes have been sent out to all our churches, and we trust that they will make use of them, adopting the ten-cents a week plan, or less, if they can not afford ten cents. Give something to utilize the envelopes each week, and thus have a part in carrying the gospel to distant lands. Four hundred millions of benighted souls, one passes into eternity at every tick of your watch without God and without hope! And while we are praying for laborers to be sent forth, we should support our prayers by liberally giving of our means to help support the laborers, "for the laborer is worthy of his hire."

## AM I DOING ALL I CAN?

THAT men "can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth," is illustrated by the experience of two sisters canvassing in an Eastern town. The ministers of the place soon learned that the sisters were selling Adventist literature in their town, and four protestant ministers and one Catholic priest used their combined

influence to hinder the work. They spoke against them publicly, and even went from house to house and warned their people not to order any of the books, and if they had ordered any of them not to take them. The sisters had rented a room from a lady who was a member of one of the churches, and through the influence of the minister, she refused to allow them to occupy the room any longer, so they had to move. But they found another room and went right ahead with the work. The lady referred to was soon ashamed of her course, and asked them to come back and live with her again. They found that the work the preachers had done was really a help instead of a hindrance to their work, for it had aroused a curiosity in the minds of the people to know what there was in this book, and what these people really did believe. One lady said before they had time to show the book, "I have heard of your book and I will take one in the best binding." They anticipated trouble when the time came to deliver the book; but in this they were happily disappointed, for they delivered every book but one. This incident shows that the enemy is active. This impresses upon us the fact that we should work while the day lasts, for the night is soon coming when no man can work; also, brings to mind the truth of the following testimony found in volume 6:—"There is special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue? Only a little while. If there ever was a crisis it is now. Now is the time for the last warning to be given. Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people." God calls for whole-hearted consecration, not weak-kneed kind of service which allows a man to get discouraged and go home every time he meets some difficulty, or has a book left on his hands. It is time for those to whom God has entrusted the work of giving His message to the world to wake up and act as though they were in earnest.

## Education.

NOW that the fall work is nearing completion, the boys can be better spared from home than during the rainy season. Many boys

only get three or four months schooling each year. Education is unlike money or stock. It can not be burned, destroyed, or stolen against the owners will, but the more it is used the better it becomes. Parents, what better can you give your boys and girls than a Christian education? It will fit them to work for souls, and by being connected with God, we will readily work for our friends and neighbors. God says "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." There is a good school at Springdale. Correspondence solicited.

J. C. ANDERSON.

## ✦ Texas Department. ✦

### The Field.

HANNA, TEXAS.—After our good meeting at Sanger, I left Brother Cubly, who was associated with me, at that place, and who was left to bind off the work. I came to Hanna to assist Brother J. N. Sommerville in a meeting which had been in progress for about two weeks. I saw at once there was some interest to hear the message, but a greater interest among the Baptist element to debate. The searching truths of the message had stirred them up; and, notwithstanding, the most of the congregation voted a challenge to debate down, the Baptists met in conference, and by action of the body, voted another challenge and appointed a committee to deliver the action of said body. The congregation seeing the matter was urged, they voted to have the discussion. So we wrote up propositions, the first of which was affirmed by Adventist and denied by Baptist, and reads thus:

*Resolved*, That the Scriptures teach that the Law of God, the Ten Commandments, of which the seventh day is a part, is binding upon all Christians.

I make mention of the first of these propositions to show the apostacy of the people whose writings declare that they "believe that the Law of God is the unchangeable rule of His moral government." [See *Baptist Church Manual*, page 55.] I noticed, also, that a heated discussion took place in a Baptist convention as to the binding claims of the Ten Commandments. And now one of the same people, a Baptist minister(?) is, to-day, in open

debate with almost a score of his associates, doing away with a law they once proclaimed to be unchangeable. No doubt this spirit runs through the rank and file of this once earnest people, far *thus saith* the Lord; but now, as with ancient Israel, anything to justify themselves, and excusing themselves from the binding claims of down-trodden Sabbath of the Lord.

This disputer of God's Law, does not only deny its binding claims, but defiantly said that "those who taught it were nothing but Ishmaelites, and were preaching a damnable doctrine, and ought to be stoned to death." His ministering brethren sat by and said amen. Truly the time is come when the fiercest and most bitter anathemas will be pronounced against those who keep God's Law and teach it. And is it not time that every Seventh-day Adventist was getting to his business? May this be so, is the prayer of your brother.

H. B. FRENCH.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE heaviest storm of the season in Keene occurred last Saturday night between twelve and one o'clock. It was a veritable electric disturbance, and peals of thunder and flashes of lightning came in rapid succession. It blew so hard that many houses, both new and old, were compelled to yield to the pressure of the wind and leaked profusely.

THE Sanitarium now has several patients, and last week two surgical operations were successfully performed there. Dr. Haskell performed one of them, and Dr. Reese, of the City of Mexico, the other, assisted by Dr. Haskell. This institution is here to stay, and is deserving of abundant success.

THE last rail on the Dallas, Cleburne and Southwestern Railroad was laid into Cleburne last Thursday, and the event was celebrated by the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles. Work on the road is still progressing rapidly, but it will be several weeks before it is in operation.

DR. Reese, of Mexico City, delivered a short address before the Missionary Society last Saturday night; also before the students literary society the same evening. Both were well received.

A BRIEF note from Elder Rupert in Battle Creek states that much business of importance is to come before the General Conference Committee during the session now being held there. May the Lord give them wisdom!

T. R. ALLISON, well-known in Keene and throughout Texas, has associated himself with a Mr. Boren, and they are expecting to start a broom factory on a large scale in Cleburne. They have plenty of capital and expect to do a large business.

THE attendance at the Keene Academy still increases, the enrollment to date being about one hundred and sixty-five, and the present attendance about one hundred and sixty. There are about forty-five young people at the home. A fine class of young people is attending the school this year, and all seem very much in earnest about their work.

MRS. W. J. Culberhouse has been quite sick for several days, and at last reports was not much improved.

ELDER D. U. Hale was with the Jewett church over Sabbath, the 8th instant. He reports a good meeting with them.

A LETTER from Professor H. E. Giddings states that himself and family are now settled in their new home and engaged in their school work at Fernando, Los Angeles County, California.

PROFESSOR John B. Fitch has consented to give private lessons in the Spanish language to a limited number of pupils. Apply to him in person for terms. The class will be taught after regular school hours.

### Obituary.

T. S. WILLIAMS was born May 29, 1830, and died at Hughes Springs, Texas, October 15, 1902, being 72 years 4 months and 16 days old. His death was caused by heart disease. He joined the Seventh-day Adventist church thirty years ago, and has since been a firm believer in that faith. He died with a bright hope of a soon-coming Saviour. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss, but we mourn not as those who have no hope. C. C. WHATLEY.

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General News Notes.

THE *Times*, of Washington, D. C., says that the Second Seventh-day Adventist church of that city, has recently purchased the building on the corner of Twelfth and M Streets. The purchase was made from the Central Methodist church, paying \$12,900 therefor. Possession has been given and meetings are regularly held there.

THE Japanese all over the world, celebrated the birth-day of the Mikado on the 3d instant. He was fifty-one years old on that date, and had reigned over the Island Empire thirty-five years. It has been during his reign that Japan has become the leading nation of the Orient, and has taken a place among the first-class powers of the world.

THE investigation of the differences between the coal miners and the operators, by the commission appointed by the President, is still in progress. A very careful study of the situation is being made, and much testimony has been taken. Both sides are anxious for a decision to be rendered.

THE firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity; as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flame.

A Good Example.

WE HAVE just received an order for twenty-five copies of our pamphlet, "The Events Connected with the One Thousand Years of Revelation Twenty," from a brother who says he wishes them for his little girl to sell. We have wondered why many more could not follow this example and set their children at work in a way that will be useful to them. This little pamphlet is well suited for such work. The first part, "The Millennium," is a subject about which there exists a good deal of misunderstanding; the second, "The Destiny of the Wicked," is of interest to many, and the third, "The Gathering of Israel, or the Home of the Saved," is one in which all are interested. We give an unusually large discount, and pre-pay express or mail charges. Let us hear from others, who may wish to work for it.

Address the Southwestern Union RECORD, Keene, Texas.

"THE work of the Lord is a great work, and wise men are needed to engage in it. Men are wanted who can adapt themselves to the wants of the people. If you expect to help the people, you must not take your position above them, but right down among them."

YOUR PLEDGE AGAIN.

NO DOUBT our readers will think a good deal has been said lately in our columns about pledges, and there has been, but we cannot feel that too much has been said as yet. The pledges made at the different campmeetings this year were made in good faith, and were accepted by the conference and union conference in the same manner, and having confidence in our good brethren, plans have been laid, the carrying out of which would be impossible without these pledges were paid. We believed these plans were warranted by the pledges made, and now we await the receipt of the pledges to put them into execution. We know there are many calls for money, but they are not for a selfish purpose or to enrich any person; and the promise is that, "the liberal soul shall be made fat." We have yet to hear of a person who was ever impoverished by giving to the

Lord's work.

But, now, the pledges have been made, and we are confidently expecting to see them paid, and the object we have now is to tell our brethren how badly we need the money. The article in last week's issue will show the Texas brethren what need the Texas Conference has for their part of the pledges made at Handley. The Union Conference has some work started which called for paper and material, which we have ordered and received, but we haven't the money on hand to pay for the same. We are coming up to the point where we must have our reasonable expectations met, or close down this work. We, therefore, make this appeal, and hope we shall have a hearty and prompt response. As far as possible we will write personal letters, as some may have forgotten that they made pledges to this work. Do not wait for this, however, but send it in as we are in pressing need.

These pledges should be sent to the undersigned at Keene, Texas, and they will be properly acknowledged, and the pledges cancelled.

C. N. WOODWARD.

"INSPIRED HISTORY OF THE NATIONS."

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

BE IT KNOWN that I have carefully, thoroughly and critically read Elder G. G. Rupert's MSS. on "The Inspired History of the Nations," covering the several parts, and have been highly gratified at the positions therein taken and established, forming to my mind a consistent outline of Bible doctrines based on prophecies reaching from the times of ancient history down to our own day and the end of the world. As set forth by Elder Rupert, the Scriptures appear in new and startling outline, almost all Scripture prophecies culminating in our own days, or present generation. Nothing I ever read has thrilled my soul as much as the apparent most simple combination of Scripture statement into one connected outline reading like a romance, and certainly in intensity of interest eclipsing anything of the kind ever published to the world. As I perused these pages in the manuscript the solemn conviction forced itself upon me that nothing was so calculated to stir the people at large, and the remnant people of God in particular, as these very truths in their unique setting, as Elder Rupert has, no doubt, been aided from on High to put them forth. May the Lord open the way for these precious Scripture themes to be multiplied by the million and circulated in every tongue throughout the earth.

A. KUNZE,

Instructor of Bible at the Keene Academy, Keene, Texas.

**World's Oldest Family.**

**A**S a result of recent investigation it has been shown that the foundation of a dozen of the four hundred barons in the British house of lords dates back to 1400, the earliest being 1264. The oldest family in the British Isles is the Mar family, of Scotland, 1093. The Campbells, of Argyll, began 1190, Tellestrand dates from 1199, Bismark from 1270, Grosvenor family, the Dukes of Westminster, 1066; the Austrian house of Hapsburg goes back to 952, the house of Bourbon 864. The descendents of Mohammed, born 570, are all registered carefully and authoritatively in a book kept in Mecca by the chief of the family. Little or no doubt exists of the absolute authenticity of the long line of Mohammed's descendents.

In China there are many old families; also among the Hebrews "but" says an authority "when it comes to pedigrees there is one gentleman to whom the world must take of its hat, not as facile princes or primus inter pares, but as the great and only nonesuch. This is the Mikado of Japan." His place has been filled by members of his family for more than 2,500 years. The present mikado is the 122d of his line. The first one was contemporary with Nebuchadnezzar, 660 years before Christ. Of the seven great religions enumerated by Max Muller as possessing Bibles the Mikado family is older than five.

Since we all have the consolation of knowing that we are descended from the first family, it makes no difference if some of the early records are lost, except so far as they relate to recent property titles.

**A Splendid Opportunity.**

*Read and see if this does not mean you.* The Correspondance School for Nurses connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School, will begin a new class the first of January, 1903. Lessons are weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regular course at one of our sanitariums. This is the fifth year this work has been carried on, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Our pupils during the year of 1902 nearly doubled the number of any previous year. Studies in eleven subjects are given, among which Christian Help Work and care and

treatment of the sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been revised and enlarged and are in every way improved.

The tuition fee is Three Dollars, which barely covers the cost of sending out the lessons, correcting the replies, and returning the reports to the pupil. The text-books required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall organize a new class in January which will continue one year (some finish in six months), and shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars, also testimonials from those who have taken the course, will be sent free on application.

Address, Correspondance Department Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Michigan.

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"The greatest Teacher is represented in our midst by His Holy Spirit."—*Test. on Ed.* Let us place ourselves at His feet and learn of Him as He bids us to do. "Those who are under the training of the Holy Spirit will be able to teach the Word intelligently."—*Test. on Ed.* Then it follows that those who are not under this training will *not* be able to teach the Word intelligently.

"John the Baptist was not fitted for his high calling \* \* \* by association with the great men of the nation, in the schools at Jerusalem \* \* \* Jesus was John's teacher on the Isle of Patmos."—*Test. on Ed.* God is no respecter of persons. He will send His Spirit to us if we woo it, as readily as He did to John. He will train us for work in his vineyard, and there will be no mistake in his teaching. If we never come to perfection, the trouble will lie with us. "Their (teachers') danger is in being self-centered, and too wise to be instructed."—*Test. on Ed.* "When teachers are willing to sit in the school of Christ and learn of the Great Teacher, they will know far less in their own estimation than they now do."—*Test. on Ed.* This is plain instruction given by the Lord for us. Successful work depends upon our accepting and obeying it. To every one God will impart a fitness for the work he or she is called to do. His promise to do this stands back of the call, and in no other way can the fit-

ness come. We must place ourselves under the training of the Holy Spirit and there we shall be led into all truth.

It is written of the greatest teacher the world has ever known, "For it became Him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory—to make the Captain of their Salvation perfect through sufferings.—Heb. 2-10. And "though He were a son yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.—Heb. 5: 8.

In the light of so much and such plain evidence, how can we decide the question before us any other than affirmatively, though we may, without due consideration, have thought otherwise.

Church school teachers do need special training of the highest type—that of the Holy Spirit of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. We need that and nothing less will accomplish the work. We can conceive of nothing higher or in advance. Some may say, "Then why go for training to Keene, to College View, to Berrien Springs, or to any other institution of the kind? Paul says "the Truth is not bound." Cannot the Spirit of Truth train me in one place as well as another?" It could, yes; but will it? It is not a question of the *ability* of God, but of His *will*.

Under whose direction were these institutions established, and for what purpose? Are we willing to believe, is it possible for us to believe, that the Spirit of the Lord was not in this work? Certainly not. Would He establish such great institutions as those if there were no necessity for them?

These are questions that almost answer themselves.

In the face of these facts, I ask one more question: If we do not, as far as possible, avail ourselves of the advantages provided by the Lord for the purpose of imparting fitness for this or any other work, is it not presumptive to claim it from some other source or to expect to receive it in some other way? Would Naaman the leper have been healed had he washed in any other stream than the Jordan?

But while preparation is needful, and must be thorough, we are not to spend long years in acquiring it. "They ought to have been taught that which is essential in a very short

period. They ought not to require years for their education before they can respond to the call, 'Go work today in my vineyard.'—*Test. on Ed.* "If the enemy can keep workers out of the field on any pretext, he will do so.—*Test. on Ed.*

This is more plain instruction. While given directly to the students at Battle Creek, its application is not confined to them only, but refers to all workers. We must make speedy preparation, improving each moment, and get out to work while the doors are open. And we must not think, when we leave our institutions as students, and enter the field as laborers, that there is nothing more for us to learn. "Those teachers who have not a progressive religious experience, who are not learning daily in the school of Christ \* \* \* are not fit for the solemn, the *awfully solemn* position they occupy. \* \* \* Let the teachers who claim to be Christians be learning daily in the school of Christ, his lessons."—*Test. on Ed.* "Wherefore, we, receiving a kingdom which can not be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and Godly fear."—Heb. 12: 28.

## Oklahoma & Department.

To the American Brethren in Oklahoma.

Dear Brethren:

AT the Dover Campmeeting, Oklahoma, the undersigned solicited free-will offerings to procure school seats for equipping the German department founded at our Union Conference school located at Keene, Texas. A few of the dear brethren paid cash on the grounds; others have since then kindly sent amounts of their pledges; but there are still some \$32 due, and we are in great need of the money, as it seems that seats are held until the amount in full has been made up and forwarded to the factory, and we, meanwhile, are hampered for the want of proper quarters. Now, as it seems that for some reason or other, no response was made to personal letters, written to each one who had pledges for this good work, we soon will be compelled to use the medium of the RECORD for publishing the names, and asking the kind readers to inform the respective brethren, that seem to be unaware of the situa-

tion, that they would do us a very much needed service by honoring their pledges at their earliest convenience. Address T. T. Stevenson, Keene, Texas, Manager Keene Academy.

On behalf of the German Department.

A. KUNZE, Teacher.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Oklahoma Tract Society have just received a good supply of the Bagster Bibles, and will send catalogues to those who will devote some time in taking orders for them. If any one that devotes time in taking orders and wishes a catalogue, write us and we will send one, and give you the discount.

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

THE Conference Committee met at the office last week, while here. They were very busy. They all left here for their different fields of labor.

ELDER Haffner is visiting the following churches in the interest of the "Parables:" Omega, Cooper, Okeene, Isabella, Carrier and Enid.

TO OUR CANVASSERS.—When ordering books be sure to state the different bindings desired. Also state on what railroad the point is to which you wish the books shipped. By keeping the above suggestions in mind, delays will be avoided. Send your order for books in a sufficient length of time for us to order from Kansas City, in case the order cannot be filled here. It is impossible with our limited means, to carry a stock sufficient to meet all demands.

### FIELD REPORTS.

SALEM.—I am still in the work and enjoy the work very much. I am of good courage and have had some grand experiences and some pretty hard times; but we can't expect to have the road smooth all the time. The Lord has helped me wonderfully, both spiritually and temporally. When my buggy spring gave way, I saw a man that had a buggy that was broken to pieces in a cyclone, he let me have both springs and helped me put them on; charged me only one dollar. He took one "Best Stories" and one "Gospel Primer" for pay. I had sold him a "Bible Readings" before. He was well pleased, and said he would not give it for \$500 and

do without it. I praise the the Lord.

J. B. HAMPTON.

### Church Schools.

I FIND that our German brethren are getting stirred up on the church school question. I find almost every church planning for a school, and one church has two schools already in operation. Two or three will begin Monday the 10th instant. One of these will have about forty scholars. I am glad to see such an interest manifested; this is what we need, and, after we get all these church schools started, it will not be long before our higher schools will be filled to overflowing. We have tried hard to have a large German department at Keene this year, but as far as I know we have not succeeded very well. Only a small number went down. So it is not very encouraging for Keene school. But I would like to say to the German Professor that we will succeed next year, I believe, and if we can not get the students to Keene, we will ask the Professor to come to Oklahoma. It would be an easy matter to get about sixty students together here, in Cooper, for this year, if we had another good teacher. We have plenty of young people in the Conference. Last Sabbath we had a general meeting of four churches, and I think there must have been about one hundred and fifty young people present. And how we desire that these young people would prepare to enter the work. Something must be done for them. Some are attending these church schools with this in mind, to prepare for the work. May God help them to consecrate their life fully to Him.

G. F. H.

### "Object Lessons."

WE ARE out now in the campaign for "Object Lessons." We aim to complete the work in the near future. Last night I sold about forty to one church which had not taken their quota yet. The most difficult work we have now to do is to get those members who are somewhat careless to sell their books and pay for them. We need your prayers, brethren. I hope you will remember your workers before the Throne of Grace.

G. F. H.

German Department.

Ueber unsere Verhältnisse unter Wohltätern und denen, welche Wohlthaten empfangen, wie auch unter Lehrern und Schülern, Gläubigern und Schuldneru.

5. Keine Wohlthat ist größer als die des Unterrichts und der Bildung. Wer jemals etwas dazu beigetragen hat, uns zu weitem, bessern und glücklichen Menschen zu machen, der müsse unsern wärmsten Danks lebenslang gewiß sein können. Hat er dabei nicht alles geleistet, was wir jetzt bei reifern Jahren, bei weitem Fortschritten in der Kultur von einem Lehrer und Hofmeister fordern würden, so sollen wir doch nicht unerkennlich gegen das Wenige sein, das wir von ihm empfangen haben.

Ueberhaupt verdienen ja diejenigen wohl mit vorzüglichster Achtung behandelt zu werden, die sich redlich dem wichtigen Erziehungsgefchäfte widmen. Es ist wahrlich eine höchst schwere Arbeit, Menschen zu bilden — eine Arbeit, die sich nie mit Gelde bezahlen läßt. Der geringste Dorfschulmeister, wenn er seine Pflichten treulich erfüllt, ist eine wichtigere und nützlichere Person im Staate, als der Finanzminister, und da sein Gehalt gewöhnlich sparsam genug abgemessen ist, was kann da billiger sein, als daß man diesem Manne wenigstens durch einige Ehrenbezeugungen das Leben süß und das Joch erträglich zu machen suche. Schämen sollten sich die Menschen die den Erzieher ihrer Kinder als eine Art von Dienstboten behandeln. Möchten sie nur bedenken, (wenn ist auch nicht fühlen können, wie unedel dies Betragen an sich schon ist) welchen nachtheiligen Einfluß dies auf die Bildung der Jugend hat. Es kann mir durch die Seele gehen, wenn ich den Hofmeister in manchem adeligen Hause demüthig und stumm an der Tafel seiner gnädigen Herrschaft sitzen sehe, wo er es nicht wagt, sich in irgend ein Gespräch zu mischen, sich auf irgend eine Weise der übrigen Gesellschaft gleichzustellen, wenn sogar den ihm untergebenen Kindern von Eltern, Fremden und Bedienten der Rang vor ihm gegeben wird, vor ihm, der, wenn er seinen Platz ganz erfüllt, als der wichtigste Wohlthäter der Familie angesehen werden sollte. — Es ist wahr, daß es unter den Männern dieser Art hier und da solche gibt, die eine so traurige Figur außer ihrer Studierstube spielen, daß man nicht wohl auf einen bessern Fuß mit ihnen umgehen kann; allein das widerlegt nicht dasjenige, was ich von der Achtung gesagt habe, die man diesem Stande schuldig ist — wehe den Eltern, die ihre Kinder selbst

nicht erzogenen Mittlingen anvertrauen. Schluß folgt.

Undie I. Deutschen Geschwister, die auf der Dover Lagerver-sammlung waren.

Bei Anlaß unserer guten Lagerver-sammlung zu Dover, Okla. haben eine Anzahl der deutschen sowie manche der englischen Geschwister sich verpflichtet im Gesamtbetrag von etlichen Siebzig Dollars, für Patentschuldsätze zur Ausstattung d. h. Möblirung der deutschen Abteilung der Schule für die Südwestliche Konferenz. Von diesem Gelde sind noch \$32 rückständig, und wir ersuchen hiermit öffentlich um gefil. baldigste Ein-sendung aller Mit-stände, denn die Fabrik wartet auf das noch nöthige Geld, und wir müssen uns auf höchst kargliche Weise behelfen. Der dadurch unseren I. Schülern zugefügte Schaden mehrt sich von Tag zu Tag. Im Falle nun die betreffenden Gelder nicht eingesandt werden, sehen wir uns ge-zwungen anzunehmen, daß die w. Ge-schwister aus unbekanntem Grund über die wirkliche Lage der Dinge in Unwissen-heit geblieben sind, so daß wir es für not-wendig erachten ihre Namen durch dieses Blatt zu veröffentlichen, und die geneigten Leser des Record ersuchen möchten sie hierüber in Kenntnis zu setzen, und sie höflichst einzuladen ihrem gegebenen Ehren-wort gerecht zu werden und die noch feh-lenden Beträge entweder an mich oder an E. T. Stevenson, Keene Texas, gü-tigst einzusenden.

A. Kunze, Lehrer.

Warum nicht mehr Berichte aus dem Felde?

Unser junger Drucker macht gute Fort-schritte aber er vermag noch nicht eine ganze Seite fertig zu machen per Woche. Andernorts aber sehten auch oft Berichte, und ähnliches mehr. Wenn die Geschwis-ter sich nur noch einige Monate — vielleicht nur wenige Wochen mehr — gedulden woll-en, so glauben wir alles wird zu der Zufriedenheit eines jedermann von statten gehen. „Die Geduld aber soll feste bleiben bis ans Ende, auf daß ihr seit vollkommen und ganz, und keinen Mangel habet, Jak. 1: 4.

Address Wanted.

If any of the readers of the RECORD know the address of Brother Geo. H. Palmer, who attended the Keene Academy two years ago, and who went from there to Oklahoma Territory, they would confer a favor by send-

ing the address to Prof. C. C. Lewis, College Place, Washington. He would also like the address of any of the Post family who lived at Keene one year.

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