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OUR SPRINGDALE SCHOOL.

FOR SOMETIME the Lord has been speaking to us through the Spirit of Prophecy, that our children should get a Christian education to prepare them for the closing work of spreading the gospel to this world. The more we study Christian education and read what has been said upon the subject, we can realize the importance of our children receiving the education in the way the Lord has pointed out to parents. As a result of the instruction given, Springdale church felt that something must be done for the education of our children in the way the Lord has instructed us; measures were, therefore, taken to accomplish this end. The first school was held in the church three years ago this last fall. Sister Daisy Yates, a teacher from Keene Academy, taught our first school. We all realized the need of a building and after counselling together over the matter, it was decided that an intermediate school be established for the children throughout the State. Two acres of land was kindly donated for this purpose, and the citizens of our little village contributed largely to the expense of the building; so that a two-story building, 24x36, was erected free from debt for this purpose.

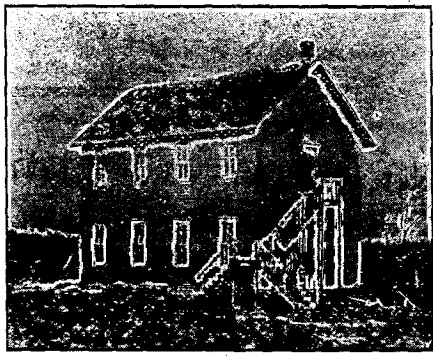
The second school year was taught by Professor D. E. Huffman with success and a larger attendance than was expected. The third term was, also, opened by the same teacher and assisted by Miss Sadie Wilson. Owing to sickness the term was completed by Professor J. C. Anderson, who is now teaching the fourth term of our school, assisted by Sister Daisy Mc Connell. After three years' experience in our school, we start with a better organization than any previous year.

We are glad to say that we can see more and more why we should carry out the instruction given. With the

three years' work we can see some visible results; and we are, indeed, thankful, that the Book of books, the Bible, is the foundation upon which our children are receiving an education; and from this school our children are receiving preparation for the Master's work.

We are glad that the pupils are imbued with the love of Jesus and love to sit at His feet and learn of Him.

MRS. A. E. FIELD.



Springdale, Arkansas Academy.

CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

THE second session of the fifty-seventh congress of the United States, convened on the 1st instant.

SNOW fell all over north Texas last week, and a decided drop in the temperature was recorded.

DR. Prudente Morales, a former President of Brazil, died last Wednesday. He was the first president chosen from civil life by the people of Brazil.

HOUSTON'S street car system is tied up by a strike. The men say they cannot live on their wages, and ask for an increase, which the company refuses. A general tie-up was the result.

LONDON, England, is now suffering an epidemic of la grippe. It is reported to be unusually severe this year, and many thousands are leaving for warmer climates.

THE Spanish ministry under Senor Sagasta, resigned last Wednesday, and King Alfonso has charged Senor Silvela with the duty of forming a conservative cabinet to succeed them.

FOR the first time since he returned from the Phillipines, Admiral Dewey is again on active sea duty. On the 1st instant he hoisted his flag on the Mayflower and put to

sea to assume active command of the fleet engaged in winter manœuvres in the Caribbean Sea.

NEWS from Washington state that by means of political trickery on the part of Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, Arizona and New Mexico may be admitted to Statehood and Oklahoma and Indian territories left out.

IMPEACHMENT proceedings were entered against the Mayor of Waco, Texas, and by a vote of nine to two the City Council ousted him from office. An appeal has been taken by him to the Supreme Court of Texas.

A SEVERE blizzard raged last Friday in New York and Pennsylvania and the New England States. Telegraph wires were down and train service was seriously interfered with.

A BATTERY of fourteen boilers in the plant of Swift & Co., Chicago, exploded one after another on the 29th ultimo, killing twenty persons and seriously wounding as many more.

IN drilling a test well for oil near San Antonio, Texas, at a depth of 1,100 feet, a strong flow of gas was struck, which threw mud and stones 150 feet into the air with a roar that could be heard for three miles. But little traces of oil were found.

THE big ore docks of the Wisconsin Central Railway at Ashland, Wisconsin, one of the largest of its kind in the world, burned to the water's edge on the 24th. Three persons were killed and a score injured, and the property loss reached half a million dollars.

THE Santa Fe railway is reported to be short of fuel coal. Recent heavy rains along the Choctaw Railway, from whence their supply comes, have made it impossible to get out sufficient to supply them. They are obliged to confiscate private coal.

THE United States has won its case in the arbitration proceedings between this country and Russia, over the seizure by the latter country of some sealers off the coast of Alaska, about ten years ago. The owners were awarded damages for their ships and cargo of furs.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt has just signed the agreement between the United States and the Pacific Cable Company, for the construction of a cable across the Pacific ocean. The shore stations are already completed, and the first section will be completed to Honolulu by January 1st. The total length of the cable from San Francisco to Shanghai, China, will be about 8000 miles, and there will be four stations between. One of these will be at Honolulu; another at the Sand Islands,

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Arkansas * Department.

FIELD REPORTS.

BROTHER V. B. Watts is at present delivering and is of good courage, realizing the blessing of the Lord in his labors, though he is still canvassing some. He reports as follows for the week ending November 21: Great Controversy; 20 hours; value, \$54.50; helps, \$3.00.

BROTHER W. F. Guthrie and wife left Siloam Springs some three weeks ago for Van Buren; will return by the way of the Nation; are canvassing on their way for "Ladies Guide," and Dr. Kellogg's Home Hand Book; report about \$9.00 worth of helps sold thus far, that is up to the 21st.

A LETTER received from Brother J. M. Dickerson this morning, November 30, states that he expects soon to start in the work; he is planning to go to Palestine to deliver Brother Beaseley's orders, as sickness compelled him to leave the field. We are rejoiced to hear that his foot is thus far healed, and trust that the effort will not cause any set-backs, for his own sake as well as for the sake of the work, for the State Agents need has long been felt to get out and push the work, and bestir some out of their nest to scatter the printed page. This apparent lull in all departments of the work seems to be uncalled for; when we realize the resources of the State, and the extent of territory that never has been touched, etc.

At last report Brother Beaseley was recovering and had been able to canvass some near his home in Helena, Oklahoma.

BROTHER W. J. Rich, of the Territory, has located in Springdale, and is contemplating taking up the canvassing work soon; the sooner the better.

ELDER E. B. Hopkins and family are at Keene, Texas. He is contemplating making Texas his future field of labor. Possibly Texas needs him; but fail to see how Arkansas can spare him, for, surely, there are many souls in this State hungering and thirsting for the truth; souls that the Lord wants for the kingdom, but they must be sought out. There are many unentered fields open for colporteur work. Shall these fields remain unentered for the lack of funds

to send out the preachers? Will the Lord not hold us responsible if we are not living up to all the light and privilege he has given us? Will he not raise up others to carry on that we have neglected? Surely every unentered field in this State will have an opportunity of hearing the truth in some way, while the day lasts; and who are to be the messengers? We will quote from page 340, volume 6: "A great and good work may be done by evangelistic canvassing....." The Lord has given men tact and capabilities. Those who use these entrusted talents to His glory, weaving Bible principles into the web, will be given success. We are to work and pray, putting our trust in him who will never fail.

BROTHER H. Clay Griffin is at present at his home in Washburne, Missouri.

NOTICE.

WE wish that all who are contemplating helping in the line of missionary work, of sending out the *Sentinel* to the members of the Legislature for the next three months, would please send in their donations to the Arkansas Tract Society promptly, as we are anxious to send in the names for mailing, etc. The *Sentinel* office has given us a reduction so that the cost will be about \$35.00. Thus far have only received a little over five—. The following names have been sent in since last week's issue: W. J. Rich, .25; T. B. Adams, \$1.00; E. B. Perry, .50. Total, \$1.75.

CONSIDER.

NOW, STOP and consider!" is a saying worthy of notice. Many people mope along in their daily duties when if a proper amount of brains was mixed with their annual labor, they would accomplish much more in the same length of time. We are told by the Spirit of God, that the Lord will not only hold us accountable for what we have, but for what we might have had. This being true, it behooves each and every one to carefully examine all his powers to see wherein he might improve. "Do your best, your very best and your best will better grow." A workman does not remain the same; there is advancing or retarding, except when it requires his best work to

keep even. This is true, that God wants us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. He works through human agencies and will perform no miracle only in an emergency. Our part is to study God's word and his works; to study the best ways of doing all of our work. We should learn from men and books. More than this, learn by your own mistakes. Improve each spare moment and you will soon be surprised to see how much spare time you have. Many express a desire to attend school, but remain at home for lack of funds. But if every person will study ways and means of making and saving money, there will soon be a new fund in your hands to use for some good purpose. Then you may study at home. Select one or two studies as your other duties will allow and secure the aid of some friend or teacher to guide in your work. This may be done by correspondence. Thus, you can be improving your mind while remaining home. Strike out in some line and do not simply be a part of a machine.

We shall close with 2 Tim. 2:15.

J. C. ANDERSON.

Thanksgiving Hymn.

The God of harvest praise;
In loud thanksgiving raise
Hand, heart, and voice.
The valleys laugh and sing,
Forests and mountains ring,
The plains their tribute bring,
The streams rejoice.

The God of harvest praise;
Hands, hearts, and voices raise
With sweet accord.
From field to garner throng,
Bearing your sheaves along,
And in your harvest song
Bless ye the Lord.

—Selected.

What Botanists do not know.

How water, commonly called sap, necessary to the life of a tree, passes from the roots to the topmost leaf and evaporates is a problem not yet solved by botanists. It is known that the ascent is made chiefly in cavities in the sapwood only, the heart and bark serving other purposes. That is the extent of our knowledge of the matter. Beyond is mere conjecture, and every theory yet advanced has failed to stand the test of experiment.

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The Field.

SINCE my last report, in company with Brother McCully, I have visited Farmersville, Avinger and New Hope. While at Farmersville we did not accomplish much on account of the rain, which continued nearly all the time we were there. The roads got so bad that we could hardly get around.

We then went to Avinger where we spent the Sabbath and Sunday with the brethren and sisters. We had a glorious good meeting; the brethren and sisters seemed to be encouraged by our visit and wanted us to stay longer, and invited us to come again. They all took hold of the "Object Lesson" work and pledged to sell and pay for their books.

There are two families at this place that lately took hold of the truth, one of which had been keeping the Sabbath about a month, the other one kept the first Sabbath while we were there. This was the result of Brother Sommerville's labor last winter.

They have a good church school at this place. We had the privilege of visiting the school and we were well pleased with it and think it is a success. However, the school is small and needs more help.

I will say to the brethren and sisters throughout the State, that if there are any that are thinking of moving to a church, this is a good place and the brethren will gladly welcome you.

Avinger is a good place to live. Land is cheap. It can be bought for two and three dollars per acre. This is a good place for some of our brethren that have no homes and want to get close to a church school to avail themselves of the opportunity. If any one reading these lines wants further information let him write to S. J. Rhine, Avinger, Texas.

After leaving Avinger our next visit was New Hope. Here we found the brethren and sisters of good courage. Most all of them had already taken their "Parables" and had paid for them—a good example for the rest of us.

They, also, have a good school at this place. The brethren seemed to have the spirit of the message and are anxious to do all they can to help it along.

I am now at Keene and expect to work a few days here in the interest of "Object Lessons."

Pray for the work and its success.
T. W. FIELD.

JONES COUNTY. — On October 31 the writer and Brother N. V. Willess commenced a series of meetings at Nugent. Quite an interest was manifested on the part of some of our hearers. November 17 Brother Willess had to leave me and go home. On the 18th I closed the public service.

At the close of the meeting, I was earnestly requested to go to Willow Creek school house, some eight or ten miles distant, and assured that some who had attended some of our meetings were interested and wanted some further light. I remained at Nugent, however, and spent several days visiting some of the interested ones in that community. There are several families investigating and I have great hopes that there will be several who will decide to stand on the Lord's side. The Baptist pastor has been there since we closed, and preached against us. And some over-zealous christians(?) have been circulating some very false stories concerning our people.

I am now at Willow Creek. Have preached four times and have agreed to stay a week or ten days longer. There are several persons here that are deeply interested. I am comfortably and conveniently situated at the hospitable home of a well-to-do farmer and stockman, who is a member of the Christian Church. I have sold several "Christ's Object Lessons" since I came here. Expect to go from here to Madge in Coleman County. Brethren, pray for us and for the cause in West Texas.

N. J. ETHEREDGE,

DECEMBER, 1, 1902.

Canvassers, Attention!

WE EXPECT to make the Canvassers' School and Bible Institute to be held this winter, of which notice was given in last week's issue, and also in this, a feast of good things for the canvassers. We hear those who have been in the work in Texas from its infancy tell of the institutes held years ago where fifty and sixty would be in training for the work and go out from these meetings

full of hope, courage and faith and enthusiastic in the Master's service. Why not live old times over again? Let us make the coming institute the best one ever held in Texas. To do this it will be necessary for all the old canvassers, as far as possible, as well as new recruits, to attend. Don't let the old canvassers think their time will be lost by so doing. The Bible study alone, will be worth many times the effort and expense it will take to be there. Hunt up last week's RECORD and read over once more the studies that will be taken up in the course.

I would be pleased to hear by letter from those who are expecting to attend.
A. S. McCULLY.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

AN interesting report comes from Brother W. L. Adams and wife, who are teaching the church school at Marietta, Cass County, Texas. They have an enrollment of thirty-three, and are teaching eight grades of work. Their report is encouraging in every way, and prospects are for a good school.

BROTHER A. M. Woodall left Keene yesterday for Edgewood, where he expects to teach a church school for a four months' term.

BROTHER R. G. Keller, of this place, and J. M. Haggard, of Poetry, Texas, expect to take advantage of the holiday rates, and visit their old home and friends in Pinkneyville and DuQuoin, Illinois. They will start about the 17th instant.

BROTHER A. C. Jones, of Collinsville, Indian Territory, has moved to this place, and with his son, Professor J. L. Jones, has purchased the store being erected by Woods and Mosley.

GOD heeds not so much what we say as what we are and what we do. Because if we are true and good, and do well, we shall doubtless speak right.

NEVER give way to sadness. Put on your hat and go and visit the poor and sick in your neighborhood. Seek out the desolate and distressed; inquire into their wants, and sympathize with, and minister to them. To those who will try it, they will always find the best medicine for a heavy heart.

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AN IMPORTANT OCCASION.

IN THIS ISSUE, in another column, we give extracts from a letter from the pen of Elder Daniels, on the subject of the needs of the coming week of prayer. The subject of thought for this occasion is "Service," so this will be the theme during this week. This is a theme worthy of prayerful and careful consideration. If ever we have had need to think on this line of thought, it is at this time. Consecration should be the order of the day. We are nearing a period during which nothing will stand the test but true service to the Master. The week of prayer this year should be characterized with greater earnestness in the seeking of God, than any season of the kind ever held by Seventh-day Adventists. We are on the very borders of the heavenly Canaan. Soon this work will be closed up, and then every man will be rewarded according to his works. We are justified by our faith, but judged by our works. Let us seek the Lord in earnest prayer, for Him to open our understanding so we may better glorify Him, in our works of love, to carry the truth to those in darkness.

As far as possible all worldly labor should be laid aside, and while we

pray for service, let us do real missionary work with our neighbors during the week. And we would say to the ministers who visit the churches, if there springs up an interest, do not leave soon as the week is closed and the collection taken, but stay and build up the church. There has an impression been received by some that the week of prayer is for us to get the collection taken, but this is not the case. The necessity for the conversion of souls is of greater importance to the church, and every minister should ever have in view in his work this thought, and the means will then come. Now is the time when hundreds of laborers should be sent to every country in the world; hence this week of prayer for service is an appropriate season of seeking the Lord. Let all engage in it with heart and soul.

G. G. R.

THE TYRANNY OF LABOR.

A GOOD DEAL of unfavorable comment has been occasioned by the action of a labor union in Schenectady in expelling one of its members for serving in the State militia. A prominent and influential Eastern paper says:

The worst days of the employers' blacklist never saw a more indefensible case of the oppression of a workman than the one which is reported from Schenectady, New York, in connection with the right of a citizen to serve in the State militia without forfeiting his right to work for a living. This time it is oppression by a labor union that confronts us. William Potter, the Schenectady painter who was expelled from his labor union because he had served with his militia company when ordered out by Governor Odell to patrol the scene of a recent street car strike, has now lost his position at the dictation of the union, which directed to Shafer and Barry, the man's employers, this note:—

"This is to certify that Mr. William Potter was expelled from local union No. 62; cause, being a member of the national guard contrary to our rules as laid down in our national by-laws, and the members of local union No. 62 refuse to work with Mr. William Potter."

Shafer and Barry, wishing to avoid a strike with its damage to their business, promptly discharged Potter, giving him at the same time a letter of recommendation asserting that he was "a good mechanic, willing to work for his employers' interest." Potter has written to the local press asking if the citizens of Schenectady will "allow this attempt to deprive an honest citizen of a chance to earn a living to be successful?"

It is very difficult to consider such an episode with an even temper. One thing is sure, such acts go far to justify President Elliot in

saying, as he did in Boston last week, that "we are threatened to-day in our country with two tyrannies—the tyranny of combined capital, an abominable tyranny; and the tyranny of combinations of labor." And one kind of tyranny may be just as abominable as the other. It is a pity that now and then a labor union should be so short-sighted as to flaunt such deeds in the faces of fairminded men, who wish to sympathize with their endeavors to improve the lot of the world's workers.

Doubtless the action of the Schenectady union was ill-advised, and will do much to intensify the feeling between capitol and labor. In this case the sympathies of the mass of the people will not be with the labor union that expelled Mr. Potter for serving in the national guard. Union 62 has made a serious mistake.

Notice.

We have received a number of orders for the pamphlet, "The Inspired History of the Nations." We wish to say that the latter part, on the "Gathering of Israel," will be out in two weeks at the outside. We will then fill all orders.

Seeing that we with our facilities here were hardly prepared to get the whole work out as soon as we desired, we have arranged with the Review and Herald to print for us the whole book, and it is now on the press, and will soon be ready for the trade. It will be bound in different bindings, and will contain nearly seven hundred pages, and will be illustrated with about fifty full-page engravings.

G. G. RUPERT.

Mortar Tossers.

There are no hod carriers in Japan. The native builders have a method of transferring mortar which makes it seem more like play than work to the onlooker. The mortar is mixed up in a pile in the street. One man makes this up into balls of about six pounds weight, which he tosses to a man who stands on a ladder midway between the roof and the ball. This man deftly catches the ball and tosses it up to a man who stands on the roof. This plan would scarcely work for a modern skyscraper.

Another Victory.

The case of Brother W. T. Gibson who was arrested last summer for Sunday work in Everett, which was

appealed from the lower to the Superior Court, came up in that court Thursday, the 13th inst. The chief of police offered to loan Mr. Gibson the money to pay his fine, which he refused. He was then asked what he wished done with the case, and replied that he wished to have the case discharged on the grounds of rights guaranteed by the Declaration of Rights in the Constitution of the State, or that the case be tried. The chief of police called the attention of the district attorney to the case and gave him the *Sentinel* with an account of the previous trial. Mr. Gibson also gave him his brief, which he had prepared for the defense, the result of which was that when the case came up before the court it was non-prossed (not prosecuted).

The result of this trial has been a victory for the truth, and Brother Gibson is profoundly grateful that it has terminated so favorably.—*Geo. B. Wheeler in Atlantic Union Gleaner.*

Slighting a Duty.

YOU haven't made things look very neat and orderly here in the back shop," said a merchant to a young clerk.

"Well, I thought it was good enough for back there, where things cannot be seen very plainly, and where customers seldom go."

"That won't do," said the merchant sharply, and then added in a milder tone: "You must get ideas of that kind out of your head, my boy, if you hope to succeed in life. That kind of 'good enough' isn't much better than 'bad enough.'"

And the merchant made the boy go and do all the cleaning over again.

The girls who do not sweep in the corners, or dust under things, and the boys who dispose of things as quickly as possible, saying that things "will do" if they are not well done, are the boys and girls who will not turn out to be great men and useful women.—*Selected.*

Energetic Men.

WE LOVE upright energetic men. Pull them this way; and then that way and the other, and they only bend, but never break. Knock them down, and in a trice they are on their feet. Bury them in the mud, and in an hour they will be out

and bright. They are not ever yawning away existence, and walking about the world as if they had come into it with only half their soul; you cannot keep them down; you cannot destroy them. But for these the world would soon degenerate. They are the salt of the earth. Who but they start a noble project? They build our cities and rear our manufactories; they whiten the ocean with their sails, and they blacken the heavens with the smoke of their steam vessels and furnace fires; they draw treasures from the mine; they plow the earth. Blessings on them! Look to them, young men, and take courage; imitate their example; catch the spirit of their energy and enterprise, and you will deserve, and no doubt command, success.—*Selected.*

Short Sermons.

WHEN thou hast thanked thy God
For every blessing sent,
What time will then remain
For murmurs or lament?

PUT not your trust in money, but
put your money in trust.

THE devil walks arm in arm with
the man who brags on himself.

A MAN that is too big to work is
too small to live.

A COURSE of conduct that has to
be defended to the conscience, may
always be set down as wrong.

TOO MANY of our singers do not
know any more about the gospel they
sing than the town pump does about
the taste of water.

THE first question of the Old Testament is God's inquiry, "Where art thou!" Man asked the first question in the New Testament, "Where is He?" The Law answers the first; the Gospel answers the second.

I WAS never of any use until I found out that God did not make me for a great man." Such was the confession of a Christian minister. It is a lessons many need to learn. "Before honor is humility." "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

WHY should we insist on bearing our own cares, when God is ready to bear them for us? Why do we magnify and multiply them, and brood over them, as if in so doing we could relieve ourselves or make them seem fewer or lighter? Let us go with them at once to him, knowing that it

is as self-righteous to keep our cares as our sins from him. Let us go to him with thanksgiving as well as prayer. Oh, how thanksgiving lightens all burdens and scatters all shadows! How quickly care leaves when we rebuke it with, "Bless the Lord, O my soul."

HOLY subjection is sweeter than sinful sovereignty. Power is sometimes pleasure; obedience is always delight. 'Tis rapture to be wholly the Christ's. 'Tis continual thorns to serve self alone. Self is worth least when exalted most.

WHEN we pray for any virtue, we should cultivate the virtue as well as pray for it; the form of your prayer should be the rule of your life; every petition to God is a precept to man. Look not, therefore, upon your prayers as a short method of duty and salvation only, but as a perpetual monition of duty. By what we require of God, we see what he requires of us.

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Bible Institute.

THIS is a thing that has been talked of for several months, but never definitely settled until recently. Now it is decided to hold this school beginning January 4, and lasting eight weeks. There are various reasons why this study should be given. First, it is always appropriate to give time to the study of the word. In the knowledgs of the truth there is power, and the better a laborer is qualified to teach the scriptures the more successful he or she will be. There is, to my mind, still another reason at this time. The laborers cannot do so much then as at other times, and to get together and exchange ideas, and get the experiences of others will be a great help to all. And still another reason, but not the least as it appears to the writer, it is the fact that the laborers are losing that interest in the study of the doctrines which made us a peculiar people, and as a result they are losing the power which once attended the work in new fields.

There seems to be creeping over us a formality, like the ordinary preaching of other denominations, and in many cases there is but little difference between the preaching of

Seventh-day Adventists and that of other denominations. God has given us a message or we are not entitled to an existence as a denomination. I feel sad to learn that many of the younger laborers are not acquainted with the evidences of our faith. They are not prepared to teach the prophetic periods, and many lines of prophecy, which give us power with the people.

The object of this school will be to give a general view of the peculiar faith that has made us what we are as a people. The study will begin with the creation, and give a historical line of truth to our day, embracing the covenants, the forming of the theocracy, the history of Israel for nine hundred years to the captivity; their experience and relation to earthly governments; the prophetic periods, the eastern question the gathering of the nations, the gathering of the Lord's people, the time of trouble, the state of the dead, and other doctrinal points, with practical revival meetings. Other studies will also be given by other teachers. This is an opportunity of which all should avail themselves. No tuition will be charged. Plans of labor will be discussed, as to the best methods; in fact, every line that will aid the workers. Instructions will be given in church government. Book selling, and all lines to forward the cause of God will be considered.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND.

We answer, every person who can arrange to do so, old or young: all who feel their need to know more how to work for God, and desire to have a better knowledge of the truth. Arrangements will be made for free tents to live in, and a few rooms may be had. Remember the date of beginning, and begin now to arrange to come, and to be here at the commencement. G. G. RUPERT.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

THE DATE for this important occasion, has been fixed for December 20-27. We take the following very important extract from a letter from Elder A. G. Daniels, which we hope will be carefully read by all:

"You will remember that the subject chosen for the readings is "Service." The various features of this subject upon which readings have

been prepared are: "Open Doors for Service," "Macedonian Calls to Service," "True Motive for Service," "Preparation for Service," "Saved for Service," "Definite Aim in Service," and "Consecration of Means to Service." From these various topics you will see the ground that may be covered by the readings during the week of prayer.

I know you will agree with me that the call of the hour is to service, and that this call can only be answered by the coming of many consecrated workers. These workers ought to make a quick response. You know as well as I do what pressing calls are coming to this denomination from all parts of the world. You know the call that comes from Burmah, from Turkey, from Africa, and from China and Japan. These are so definite and so pressing that it does seem to me that they can not be left unanswered much longer. And yet we are perplexed beyond measure to find the workers for these fields.

I do not know of anything more suitable at this time than a week of earnest prayer and consecration to God. This week of prayer should lead our people to get a new hold on the Lord.

It should bring a great spiritual awakening, a revival and reformation among this people. It should lead those who are growing worldly to cut the ties that bind them to the things of this world, and to strengthen the ties that bind them to the world to come. It should lead our young men and women of talent to a full, unreserved consecration of their lives in the service of God; and it should lead our brethren and sisters everywhere who are blessed with means to cast this money into the Lord's treasury, that it may be used to hasten the Advent message to all the world. I believe if the week of prayer should be observed as it ought, the results above mentioned would follow.

Now, the question that troubles me in this: Will the week of prayer be religiously and devoutly observed by our people? Will they make suitable preparations for it? Will they lay aside the cares of the world as much as possible, and give themselves up to the study of the Bible and to earnest prayer and consecration and service as they should?

I believe that this will depend very much upon the way the meetings shall be conducted by the ministers and church elders who shall be placed in charge of the meetings. From my own experience, I know that the manner in which the meetings are conducted has much to do with the results. If the minister does not feel any special burden, the readings will be read, and the form of worship will be gone through during the week, and but little impression will be made. On the other hand, if those who have charge of the meetings give themselves up to earnest prayer and devoted service to all the members of the church, the blessing of God will rest upon them, the meetings will be characterized by the presence of His Spirit, and the benefits to the church will be great.

GRAND CAVES.

Two Recently Discovered in the Indian Territory.

AT A SPOT eleven miles south-east of Sulphur Springs, Indian Territory, in the level prairie is an opening about forty feet in diameter and sixty feet in depth. By clinging to its rocky precipitous walls a person may descend to the bottom, and there find the openings to two caves, one leading westward and the other to the east. It is now proposed to explore them. For years this place has been known as Rocky Prairie Cave.

It is one of the most striking natural curiosities in the Chickasaw nation. The caves are of unknown length, and through one rushes a subterranean stream of great depth in places and of icy coldness. Exploring parties have ventured into these labyrinths for hundreds of yards, but the danger of becoming lost has prevented a thorough examination of the underground passages.

The cave leading westward is easiest of access and contains a number of spacious chambers. The room is about seventy-five feet square and fifty feet from the floor to the ceiling. The floor is obstructed with huge bowlders. The darkness and stillness are intense. Picnic parties sometimes go there, and with a large bowlder for a table eat their lunch in the glare of torches that cast uncanny shadows

along the massive walls.

Timid persons hesitate in venturing into the depths of the eastern cave. The passage slants at an angle that compels the explorer to crawl and slip and slide for nearly one hundred feet before reaching a spot where he may stand upright and walk with safety. From the darkness comes the sound of rushing water, which is found to be a stream that runs from eight to thirty feet in depth. Men have waded in the stream until the water reached their chins, and then have gone in a boat to points where they were unable to touch bottom. A farmer carried his boat into the cave several years ago, but never had the courage to follow the stream to its end. At a depth estimated to be two hundred feet below the surface of the ground is a natural bridge formed by a huge stone. The water plunges underneath this bridge like a mill race. A boat can be pulled over the bridge, however, and launched on the other side.

About one hundred feet below the bridge the stream widens into a broad, deep pool with a high vaulted roof. Beautiful stalagmites and stalactites adorn this chamber. Two hundred feet below this pool the passage is difficult. It is said that this cave has been explored for a mile.

The stream is believed to find its outlet at a spring about three miles from the entrance to the caves. This spring is of great size and volume, and flows with remarkable swiftness. In rainy seasons the spring boils and gushes as if choked with the flood of water that pours from its mouth. The stream in Rock Prairie cave rises when there is a heavy rainfall in the surrounding country, and the increased flow of both spring and stream at such times, is taken as evidence that they are connected.

Oklahoma † Department.

Helping One Another.

IN THE DAYS of the Apostles one church helped the other, as we read in the following texts: Acts 11: 29, Romans 15: 26. This is right, for if we are members of one body, one member should take care of the other, especially when one member suffers.—1 Cor. 12:26, Eph. 4: 16.

I am not writing this to show that

we have members among us that are actually suffering for want of food, although there are such in the world, and we ought to help them, but I want to call your attention to some of our churches in our conference that are poor and need a house of worship. And, again, there are churches that have means and help those poorer ones. Now, brethren, don't you think it would be pleasing in the sight of God, to help those churches in getting a house of worship. I thought it would be a good thing to create a church building fund and help those churches. Perhaps just make a loan, and let them pay it back again whenever they can, so that the money could be used again to help some one else.

I hope brethren, you will consider this question from a Bible standpoint, and send in an offering as soon as possible. We have some churches that need help just now. Send all contributions to the Tract Society and state what it is for.

G. F. H.

Church Schools.

OUR German churches are starting schools quite fast! Shattuck church has decided to have a church school commencing the 8th of this month. This will make six German church schools so far. I am indeed glad to see our German brethren manifesting such an interest in church schools. Workers will be developed by this means. G. F. H.

† German † Department. †

Allgemeine Bemerkungen über den Umgang mit Menschen.

Ich wendete mich zu ihr und redete von einer Begebenheit, die vor zwanzig Jahren vorgegangen war — sie wußte nichts davon. „Es ist kein Wunder,“ sagte ich, „Sie waren damals noch ein Kind.“ Das kleine Wesen freute sich innigst darüber, daß ich sie für so jung hielt, und dies einzige Wort erwarb mir ihre günstige Meinung — sie hätte mich dieser niedrigen Schmeichelei wegen verachten sollen. Wie leicht hätte ich einen Gegenstand zu einem Gespräche mit ihr finden können, das ihr auf irgend eine Weise interessant gewesen wäre. Und es war meine Pflicht, darauf zu denken und ihr nicht einen ganzen Mittag hindurch die Tür der Konversation zu verschließen.

Jene elende Schmeichelei hingegen war eine unwürdige Art, den ersten Fehler zu verbessern.

2) Wem es darum zu tun ist, dauerhafte Achtung sich zu erwerben; wem daran liegt, daß seine Unterhaltung Niemand anstößig, keinem zur Last werde, der wärze nicht ohne Unterlaß seine Gespräche mit Lästerungen, Spott, Medisance, [Schmähsucht] und gewöhne sich nicht an den auszeichnenden Ton von Verißflage [Verispottung]. Das kann wohl einige Mal und bei einer gewissen Klasse von Menschen auch öfter gefallen; aber man flieht und verachtet doch in der Folge den Mann, der immer auf anderer Leute Kosten oder auf Kosten der Wahrheit die Gesellschaft vergnügen will, und man hat Recht dazu; denn der gefühlvolle, verständige Mensch muß Nachsicht haben mit den Schwächen Anderer; er weiß, welchen großen Schaden oft ein einziges, wenngleich nicht böse gemeintes Wörtchen anrichten kann; auch sehnt er sich nach gründlicherer und nützlicherer Unterhaltung; ihn eckelt vor leerer Verißflage. Gar zu leicht aber gewöhnt man sich in der sogenannten großen Welt diesen elenden Ton an; man kann nicht genug davor warnen.

Uebrigens aber möchte ich auch nicht gerne alle Satire [Spottmacherei] für unerlaubt erklären, noch läugnen, daß manche Tugenden und Unzweckmäßigkeiten im weniger vertrauten Umgange am besten durch eine feine, nicht beleidigende nicht zu deutlich auf einzelne Personen anspielende Verißflage bekämpft werden können. Endlich bin ich auch weit entfernt, zu fordern, man solle Alles loben und alle offenbaren Fehler entschuldigen, vielmehr habe ich nie den Leuten getraut, die so merklich affektieren, Alles mit dem Mantel der christlichen Liebe bedecken zu wollen. Sie sind mehrtheils Heuchler, wollen durch das Gute, das sie von den Leuten reden, das Böse vergessen machen, das sie ihnen zuzufügen, oder sie suchen dadurch zu erlangen, daß man eben so nachsichtig gegen ihre Gebrechen sei.

3) Erzähle nicht leicht Anekdoten, besonders nie solche, die irgend Jemand in ein nachteiliges Licht setzen, auf bloßes Hören sagen nach. Sehr oft sind sie gar nicht auf Wahrheit gegründet, oder schon durch so viel Hände gegangen, daß sie wenigstens vergrößert, verstimmt worden, und dadurch eine wesentlich andre Gestalt bekommen haben. Vielfältig kann man dadurch unschuldigen guten Leuten ernstlich Schaden, und noch öfter sich selber großen Verdruß zuziehen.

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Current News Items.

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in the Midway group; the next stop will be at the Island of Guam, in the Ladron Islands; the last stop will be at Manila. The cost of the cable will be \$20,000,000, and it will be under the control of the United States, and as far as possible operated by Americans.

HON. Thomas B. Reed, Speaker of the fifty-fifth congress, died at Washington City yesterday. He was just past 63 years old and for many years had been a leading figure in the Republican party. He had represented his native State, Maine, for many years in Congress, from which he resigned in 1898. The funeral will take place next Tuesday in Portland, Maine.

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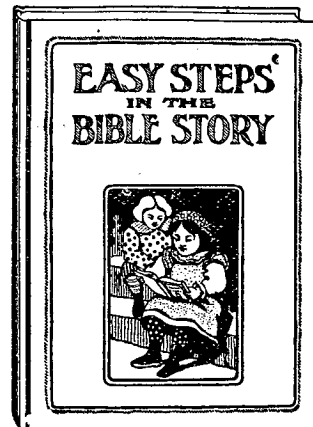
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