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New Occasions.

New occasions teach new duties;
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward,
Who would keep abreast of Truth;
Lo, before us gleam her camp fires!
We ourselves must pilgrims be,
Launch our Mayflower and steer boldly
Through the desperate winter sea,
Nor attempt the Future's portal,
With the Past's blood-rusted key.

Is the Master Calling You?

ANOTHER HOLIDAY season is past, and a new year has come to us. What record shall be made in the books of heaven, of your work and mine, during 1903? The answer to this question must be made by each one individually.

In view of the nearness of Christ's coming—in this generation—in view of the great truths which God has revealed to us, in view of the great, sinful world, in view of the ignorance of these precious truths by some who even profess Christ, in view of the impending judgment, shall we not arise and go about our "Father's business?"

If Christ Himself should visit you and ask you if you could not do this work or that for him; if you could not take a message from Him to such person, or in His stead go to relieve suffering or want in such a home, do you not think you would gladly comply?

But does He not visit you by His spirit again and again and say, "My brother, my sister, will you not go and do this for me?" "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Many opportunities are open before us to work for the Master in this new year. Shall we not improve them?

The first one of the new tracts prepared by the General Conference Committee is now ready. It is entitled, "We would See Jesus," and

treats on the Second Advent. This and the others to follow ought to be scattered like the leaves of the autumn. This is one kind of work the Master is calling on us now to do for Him.

Then there is the work with our pioneer periodicals, *The Signs* and *The Sentinel*. One or the other of these is adapted to all classes—laboring men, business men, professional men.

Many have felt disappointed because *The Sentinel* was made monthly, as it was too large and too expensive for the individual and church missionary society's use.

Now it is a weekly again, and every church ought to have a club to circulate among business men and professional men—those who are leaders in public thought and holders of opinion.

There is also a work which someone ought to take up in every church, and that is, the securing of subscriptions from all our people for the *Review*. Every Seventh-day Adventist should have it regularly. Where individuals are too poor to pay for it, a fund should be raised by other members to pay for the paper for such persons.

The circulation of our larger publication by our regular canvassers is another important work, and hundreds of new ones should be enlisted. Some have sold books during the holidays, intending to take up some other work after the first of January. But does the Master relieve us so easily and so quickly from His work? Are there not many, many souls yet to be warned in your vicinity and is not the need as great in January as in December?

A recent communication from Sister White says, "The canvassing work is to be revived and carried forward with increasing success." Thank the Lord for these encouraging words. In the same communication are these words,

"Let no one think that he is at liberty to fold his hands and do nothing. That anyone can be saved in indolence and inactivity is an utter impossibility." Should not these words stir our hearts and cause us to take up work of some kind for the Master?

To-day the Master is calling to those for whom he gave His life, asking them "Who will go and carry my message of love and salvation to a dying world?" Who will respond to His call and enlist? Those who do this will find that the "love of Christ will touch and transform them, making them willing for His sake to do and dare.—S. N. Curtiss with Pacific Press.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE DAILY BULLETIN.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to issue a Daily Bulletin during the thirty-fifth session of the General Conference, to be held in Oakland, California, March 27 to April 13, 1903. A larger staff of editors and assistants will be engaged in the preparation of the paper, by which we hope to make it even better than it has ever been in the past. It will contain complete statistical and general reports from our various conferences and mission fields, information regarding our organizations and institutions, as well as full stenographic reports of all Conference proceedings, and of the Bible studies. The "Bulletin" should be carefully studied by all our people who desire full information with reference to our work in all parts of the world, as brought out in the Conference. The subscription price is fifty cents for the session. All orders should be sent to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, Oakland, California, and at an early date, to insure the receipt of every number from the first. Orders may be sent through any State Tract Society.

A. G. DANIELLS.

Arkansas Department.

The Field.

BROTHER J. M. Dickerson, our State agent, has retired from that line of work at present, and has returned to his home at Searvan, with a view of selling his farm and locating near the railroad. Then he intends to canvass.

We read from the pen of Sister White that, "the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence."

"The effort to circulate Christ's Object Lessons has demonstrated what can be done in the canvassing work. This effort is to be a never-to-be-forgotten lesson on how to canvass in the prayerful, trustful way that will bring success. Many more of our larger books might have been sold if church members had been awake to the importance of the truths these books contain, and had realized their responsibility to circulate them. In selling Object Lessons many have learned how to sell larger books. They have obtained an experience which has prepared them to enter the canvassing field. The larger books, Patriarchs and Prophets, Great Controversy, and Desire of Ages should be sold everywhere. These books contain the truth for this time,—truth that is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world. Nothing is to hinder their sale." May we all awake to our God-given opportunities ere it is too late. Let us advance with the message, and work while the day lasts, for soon the night cometh when no man can work.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER E. L. Pickney, one of our old canvassers, feels a burden for the work, and expects soon to enter the canvassing field. A brother, formerly a baptist, is interested in this work and is going out with him. We heartily welcome them to the work, and hope that many may be burdened to follow their example.

We learned recently that Brother J. W. Murphy, of Gentry, who contemplated taking up the work, has moved to Afton, I. T.

ELDER V. B. Watts, of Little Rock, has been visiting at Siloam Springs with a view of building on his place and locating there.

BROTHER U. Bender, who has labored very successfully in this state, has been spending the winter thus far at his home in Nebraska, but expects soon to return to Little Rock with his wife, and take Brother Watts' place in the work there.

ELDER A. E. Field spent sabbath with the church at Jenny Lind, on his way to the southern part of the state, to look after the work there.

ELDER H. Clay Griffin was in Viola through the larger part of November, in the interest of the work there, and reports no visible results as there was much prejudice with other denominations, etc. He visited Black Rock, Fairview, and Powhatan during the week of prayer, remaining at Fairview over quarterly meeting. He says he never attended a better quarterly meeting in all his life; the spirit of the Lord was present, and where there had been some differences confessions were made, and they all felt that it was good to be there. It will be remembered that this is the place where Brother Griffin organized a Sabbath school last fall. They are planning to build a church house, and expect to organize a church soon. Brother Griffin expects to start soon for Delaware, Logan county, and he requests the prayers of all that the Lord may guide him in the meeting there. Delaware is a small town with a population of about fifty.

Obituary.

DIED at Bradford, Arkansas, January 1st, 1903, James Edward Green, aged 71 years. The deceased was born in Seneca county, Ohio. He was an old father in Israel, keeping the Sabbath of the Lord for a quarter of a century. A wife and six children survive him. He was laid to rest with the full assurance that he will come up in the first resurrection. The services were conducted in the M. E. church of Bradford, Sunday, January 4th, where a congregation of over three hundred people were gathered to pay their respects to him they loved. His life was a testimony for the truth of God. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13.

V. B. WATTS,

New Tracts.

We have a large supply of the new tract, "We would see Jesus", the first of the series of four especially adapted for missionary work, which has been brought to our notice through the *Review and Herald* for the past few weeks. The publication of the other three has been delayed by the fire, but it is the plan to have them issued in rotation, therefore no one need wait for them before beginning work. Bible Students' Library No. 173, price 1 cent.

We have also the pamphlet by Elder G. G. Rupert entitled, "Gathering of Israel into their own land." It is a book of 200 pages, and can well be called "multum-in-parvo, (much in little.) It is inexpensive—25 cents a copy—within the reach of all. It commences with the captivity of Israel, and brings out the true Israelite, the message to gather Israel out of every country, touches on the fulfillment of the prophecies, showing up the present condition of this world from a Bible stand point; covers the Millennium, and the final return of true Israel to the promised land.

Please send in your orders for the above to the Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Ark.

How it Came About.

IMUST tell you how I obtained an order for "Desire of Ages." While selling "Object Lessons," I called on a man and told him my business; but he said he was too busy to give any time, and did not think he wanted any book. But as I proceeded to show up the book, he began to take an interest in it, and soon put his hand in his pocket, took out the money, and paid for a book.

A few days later his son, who was here from the East, came to me and said he had been reading the book to his folks evenings, and thought it was one of the best books he ever read, and wanted one to send to his wife's people in one of the Eastern States. In reading "Object Lessons" he had gained so much confidence in the author that he gave me an order for "Desire of Ages." So the sale of one book to one who *did not want to buy it* brought sale for two more. **

Are you taking the UNION RECORD

✦ Texas Department. ✦

Was It a Dream?

THE clock had just sounded the half hour strike between two and three in the morning. I was in a good warm bed, and was in that condition neither awake nor asleep. I either dreamed, or imagined that I was in a mid-winter quarterly meeting. The weather was cold, and the attendance small. A few faithful souls had sent in their written reports and letters to be read. The majority of the church failed to report.

But our elder was there. He never fails to attend. He always tries to comfort our hearts.

In my dream I saw him rise and heard him read Acts 20:28. Then he spoke of God's great love for the church and the great price He paid for it, and how He wanted the elders to feed the flock. He read another scripture which says that the elders ought to "be ensamples to the flock."

Our elder seemed to feel his responsibility, but I thought, "you are all right old man,—you are sure of a crown." After the talk the church went into conference. Almost every item of business brought out some remarks about short crops, poor people, failure of plans and debts unpaid.

When the time came to collect the tithes some of the brethren confessed with tears in their eyes they had done wrong—had used the Lord's money, and were not able to repay it.

Some had been pressed to pay their debts, and some had been compelled to pay unjust accounts. Very few had any tithes and offerings.

Suddenly in my dream our place of meeting seemed to be transformed into a place of indescribable beauty and grandeur, and, lo! not a member of our little company absent. One thing that attracted my attention was a peculiar instrument which I was told was God's scales. I was also told we had all been brought there to be weighed—not our bodies, but our characters. I was told that in a very little time we would all know whether we were going to have the robes and crowns and harps that our song books tell about, and whether we were going to have a mansion in the New Earth, or be cast into outer darkness.

Without delay the church roll was produced; but instead of the roll be-

ing called alphabetically, some of the poorest and most obscure members were called first, and a person clothed in white said to them, "Step on the scales and be weighed," and with a voice of great firmness and sweetness began to say, "She hath done what she could." "He has been faithful." "Come up higher", etc.

After a little while one of our well-to-do brethren was called. He was a man that all the business men trust. He is a genial good fellow in his home. He is a staunch Sabbath-keeper, and is always ready and able to give the scripture for his faith and practice. But to my astonishment the weigher said, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting." The poor man in distress and alarm cried out, "What is the matter with me? The reply was, "Thou art a covetous man. You love money too well. Covetousness is idolatry." To my great distress a majority of my church were rejected as unworthy of eternal life. They were pronounced robbers, and the third chapter of Malachi was produced and read.

Last of all I saw our good old elder coming forward to be weighed. To my surprise he was weeping and his face as pale as death. He seemed to anticipate that he was going to be held accountable for the downfall of so many of the church. In that dreadful hour it was said to him, "You have been straight on baptism for many years. Your views were correct on the other ordinances, and your voice was often heard in their defense. Your fidelity as a Sabbath keeper has never been questioned. You took pride in paying your tithes. But you failed to instruct those committed to your care in the matter of tithes and offerings. You were afraid some of them would get angry if you told them their duty. You were afraid they would class you with the popular preachers who preach for money. You failed to teach your people that they themselves belong to the Lord. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. That the Earth is the Lord's. Ps 24:1. That all the cattle are the Lord's, Ps. 50:10 and that all the silver and gold belongs to God. Haggai 2:8. You failed to emphasize the fact that God requires one tenth of the produce of the field, and of the flocks, to feed his faithful ministers while preaching the 'everlasting gospel' to the world. Had you been

faithful in this particular your church would have experienced the blessings promised in Malachi 3:10, and many souls would have been saved that are not saved."

Then I awoke and thanked God that it was only a dream, and resolved that, by his grace, it shall never be realized by this dreamer, for I am myself also,

AN ELDER.

FIELD REPORTS.

CLIFTON.—As I have not written to the paper since coming to this state, a short report may be appreciated. I can say I am enjoying the work. Although I started to canvass at a time when, as I understand, the most of the canvassers close up their work for a time, I have had good success. I am aware there are other times in the season when canvassing goes better, but I see no need of stopping just because the orders do not come in by the wholesale. My delivery was excellent; I delivered more than I had orders for.

I found the people very pleasant and sociable. Here in the town I sold to all classes, preachers, merchants, bankers, and saloon-keepers.

During the holidays and this rainy weather we have been doing personal work. Last Sunday we organized an anti-cigarette movement here. The state evangelist of the Christian church residing here has promised to aid us all he can. He was present and gave a good talk to the boys.

One of the doctors was there and asked permission to speak next Sunday. He was at the M. E. church in the forenoon when I was there and spoke about the work we wanted to start. He said, "I did not intend to come here, but I could not rest at home; I felt that it was a good cause and I must come."

One evening a gentleman came to our house about nine o'clock in the evening, and said, "I came down to read a chapter to you out of a book I have here. I was reading it at home and it was so good I thought I could not keep it to myself." It was the Life of Christ, by Sister White. He does not know yet that it is an Adventist book. He came down again last evening, and loaned us the book. God is working on many hearts here, and we must have help next summer. We hope to have a tent then.

JENS JENSON.

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PREPARE FOR WORK.

O. J. CORWIN.

FRRIENDS, what are you doing now

To help along the cause?
Learning all you can, just how
To teach God's holy laws?

Study hard and keep in mind
Thy Master's perfect rule;
He will help you make the kind
To teach a Christian school.

Bend to suit the circumstance,
Prepare yourself, my friend,
He will help you to advance,
And save you in the end.

Pray and work for His dear sake,
For teachers and for schools;
Friends, if we do not awake,
We'll see the loss of souls.

What a very sad, sad thought
That we are all so slow—
We have most our Lord forgot;
To harvest let us go.

Turn your eyes, my Christian friend,
All around from left to right;
Any where, dear working band,
The harvest field is white.

If you teach, or if you preach,
Do all to suit the Lord.
If you sell the printed page,
Be trusting in His word.

If these talents you do lack,
Oh! you, I know, have one.
Please improve—don't turn your back—
Stick to the work began.

Trust in his Almighty power,
Take step by step with him;
He will make you to endure
'I through battles thick and thin.

When the battles all are o'er,
'I heir work is in the past,
There'll be joy forever more,
We'll all go home at last.

What to Read.

If you are down with the blues,
read the twenty-seventh Psalm.

If you are all out of sorts, read the
twelfth chapter of Hebre.v.s.

If people pelt you with hard words,
read the fifteenth chapter of John.

If you don't know where to look
for the month's rent, read the thirty-
seventh Psalm.

If there is a chilly sensation about
the heart, read the third chapter of
Revelation.

If you are getting discouraged
about your work, read Psalm 106 and
Galatians 6: 7, 8

If you find yourself losing confi-
dence in men, read the thirteenth
chapter of first Corinthians.

If the stovepipe has fallen down
and the cook gone off in a pet, put
up the pipe and wash your hands,
and then read the third chapter of
James.—*Selected.*

BLESSINGS WORTH SEEKING.

BLESSED are the homesick, for
they shall come at last to the
Father's house.

Blessed is the man who never had
"a bee in his bonnet," for he will es-
cape many a sting.

Blessed is the man who attends to
his own business, for he will seldom
be perplexed with the cares of his
neighbors, nor be crushed under the
weight of the government.

Blessed is the man who has no
"axes to grind," for he will never be
called on to turn the grindstone for
others.

Blessed is the man that stays at
home, for he will always be a wel-
come visitor at the house of his
neighbors.

Blessed is the man that always fills
his seat at church, for he will never
starve his soul by an attempt to cheat
his Maker.

Blessed is the man that never goes
in debt, for he will never have his

coat pulled into shreds by the tugs of
his creditors.

Blessed is the man that always has
his plate right side up when it is go-
ing to rain, for he catches the bene-
fit of every shower.

Blessed is the man that knows how
to hold his tongue, for he will never
have to run himself out of breath to
overtake unguarded words.

Blessed is the man who has no
hobbies, for he will never grieve over
the stupidity of a world that he can-
not convert to his views.

Blessed is the man whose religious
thoughts never advance beyond the
limits of God's thoughts, for he will
never make shipwreck of his faith.

Blessed is the man that has a mind
of his own, for he will never squan-
der his time in asking everybody he
meets when and where to go to mill.

Blessed is the man that never has
any crotchets, for he will always con-
sider when he is inclined to try his
head against a stump; whether the
stump may not be harder than his
head.

Blessed are ye when men shall per-
secute you and say all manner of evil
against you falsely, for my sake.

Blessed is the man that never over-
crops himself, for he will always have
something to sell or give to the poor.

Blessed is the man who can say
"yes" and "no" at the right time,
and stick to them, for he will always
have a clear track before him.

WORDS OF THE WISE.

ONE POUND of wisdom is worth
a ton of knowledge.

How much better is the love that
is ready to die than the zeal that is
ready to kill.

There is a small chance of truth at
the goal where there is not a child-
like humility at the starting post.

One who is contented with what he
has done, will never become famous
for what he will do. He has lain
down to die.

Whosoever would be sustained by
the hand of God, let him constantly
lean upon it; whosoever would be de-
fended by it, let him patiently repose
himself under it.

"Better to set ten men to work
than to do ten men's work," is the
wise motto of Mr. Moody, and might

well be of every pastor as he seeks to make his boys and girls as well as men and women "fellow-workers with the truth."

Faith is desire. Never in the history of the world has it been or can it be that a longing toward Christ shall be a longing thrown back unsatisfied upon itself. You have but to trust and you possess. We open the door for the entrance of Christ by the simple act of faith, and blessed be His holy name, he can squeeze himself through a very little crack, and he does not require that the gates be flung wide open in order that, with some of His blessings, He may come in.

What a "Gospel Primer" did.

IN 1896 I sold a "Gospel Primer" to a family in Guilford county, N. C. With my family I spent last night with them in Salisbury.

"In a short while after we got that book," the mother said, "our preacher came to see us, and said we should hide that book, and not allow the children to see it."

"For what reason?" the mother asked. "Is it not a good book?"

"Yes," he said, "but those advertisements in the back of the book will cause them to want more books, and the books advertised there are dangerous, and will lead your children astray."

"So I hid that book five years ago," the mother continued, "and just got it out three weeks ago."

"Yes," said the seventeen-year-old son, for whom the book was bought, "I would have been an Adventist all this time if I could have read my book."

"Well," the father said, "we have the 'Primer' yet, and nearly everything advertised in it, and we are all Seventh-day Adventists, and I am getting ready to take my family into the country, where we can be free from the city evils."

We had a pleasant visit indeed, and our hearts rejoiced to see this dear family of six in perfect harmony turning their faces heavenward.

Praise the Lord for the "Gospel Primer," and the privilege of taking it to the homes of the people, and for all the other books containing the message.

W. L. KILLEN.

A Further Announcement

CONCERNING THE TRACT CAMPAIGN.

UNDOUBTEDLY, all our brethren have read from week to week the announcements and notices in the *Review and Herald* concerning a tract campaign during the coming winter.

The tracts are now ready. God has blessed the efforts of his servants to place the vital truths for this time vividly before the people in these simple, inexpensive tracts; and now only one thing is needed. We need sixty-thousand people in the United States to circulate at least one hundred of these tracts each. Some will be able to circulate more. One brother has expressed a determination to put in motion agencies which will scatter one hundred thousand. A few can do a great work like this, many can circulate a large number, and everyone can circulate a few.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

It has been decided by the officers of the General Conference to recommend that these tracts be scattered one at a time in their natural order. First, "We would see Jesus;" second, "The Signs of the Times;" third, "The Gospel Remedy for the Present-day Isms: Spiritualism, Hypnotism, Christian Scientism, and Higher Criticism;" fourth, "What do These Things Mean?" This suggestion need not interfere with any other arrangements or methods which may be already organized, or which may be better suited to local conditions; but we think that the tracts are likely to accomplish more good if our brethren will order a good quantity of the first and carry it to the people, and then order the second, and so on until the four are distributed. In next week's *Review* the first tract will appear in full. Do not fail to read it. It will surely revive your own soul, and stir up within you a great desire to carry it to others. All of these are 16 page tracts. Price one cent each.

May God bless you all in this effort and we pray that the "old-time" spirit in tract distribution may be revived and multiplied.

E. R. PALMER.

THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD, only 50 cents a year.

EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE FUND.

THERE IS in the United States an army of workers paid from government funds, which far exceeds in number the standing army of this country. I refer to the public school teachers of the land. The militia may be needed for public defense, but the welfare of the nation rests more heavily upon the teachers than upon its soldiers. Our country is what the schools make it. There is no more conscientious class of workers than our teachers. To them the truths of the third angel's message should be made known. Many from the ranks of this army will be attracted to this truth, and will become earnest workers in carrying the last message to the world. Those who have been trained as teachers, if converted to the truth, will continue their work for the children. God will aid them in the preparation of an army of missionaries.

From the Educational Literature Fund we must draw for the publication of tracts, pamphlets and leaflets, which will carry the truths of Christian education to these teachers. Who will help by donating to this fund? The following call made by a church school teacher in West Superior, Wisconsin, shows that such a fund is needed. He writes: "Kindly send me fifty copies of the *March Advocate*. I ought to have at least five hundred copies for this territory, but my income is limited. This is a cardinal point in the United States. If there is any one who can pay for more *Advocates* than I have ordered, I shall be glad to see that they are placed in the hands of teachers. Five hundred would be none too many for us."

Five hundred in one city! Thousands of copies should be sent into the South. Some of our Western States, where the Sabbath keepers are scattered, find it impossible to place this copy of the *Advocate* in the hands of all secular teachers.

Hundreds of copies must be sent out from the *Advocate* office. The Educational Literature Fund must supply the means. What can you do to help forward this work? Sums of any size will be acceptable. Make checks or money orders payable to the *Advocate*, or to

E. A. SUTHERLAND,
Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Oklahoma Department.**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

ELDER Shultz passed through Oklahoma City last night, the 19th of this month, on his way to Hobart. He stopped at the office and gave us some words of encouragement. He seemed to be full of courage in the Master's work.

SISTER Chase, from Mountain Park, is stopping in this City. She brings good reports from her neighborhood. There is quite an interest there and she has come to see if a minister cannot be sent there to hold meetings. Elder Haffner has written to Dr. Sommerville about it and asked him to go there. One young man has already commenced keeping the Sabbath, and the whole community seems to be stirred up over it.

CALLS are coming in more and more from the new country. Now is the time to enter that field.

Papers Wanted.

MRS. L. Sizelove, Hastings, Oklahoma, wishes clean copies of any of our denominational papers for missionary work.

NOTICE.

WE will call your attention again to the "Monitor of Health" and make you another proposition. We have waited almost a year, and tried hard to get our people in Oklahoma to take one of these books and pay one dollar for it; that is each member was asked to take one book and pay a dollar for it and let this means help to raise a tent fund, but we have only succeeded in selling four hundred of them and have about six hundred on hand yet. Now we want to get some money out of these books so we will give you forty per cent reduction on them now. You pay the Tract Society sixty cents and the books will be delivered to your place free of charge. We want to ask all our people now to help in selling these books. Let the canvassers also assist in disposing of them. Now brethren will you not each one send in sixty cents for a book, or order as many as you wish and sell them? Why are we so slow in helping the work along? The Conference

needed the tents; you know that, so we wanted to make it easy for you and offered you that book for sale, the object of which was to raise the money for tents, and now we have waited a long while until it seems impossible to sell them for one dollar, so we will offer the book for sixty cents. So please let everyone that has not done so yet, order at once. Come brother; come sister, and help us out in this work.

G. F. HAFFNER.

An Appeal.

AS OUR church in Perry is nearing completion, and we have not sufficient money to clear it of debt and seat it, we thought it would not be out of place to ask each Seventh-day Adventist in the Oklahoma conference to donate twenty-five cents to help us out. If any do not feel like giving that much give less and it will be thankfully received. We must raise some money at once. Send all money to D. L. Wagner, Perry, Oklahoma, as he is the treasurer of the building committee also elder of the Perry church.

MRS. F. H. McCLAIN,
Perry, Oklahoma, January 24, 1903.

Who Will Work for the Master?

WHILE the call for workers comes from every side and direction, yet seemingly, the canvassing work has less consecrated laborers than any other branch of the work, yet the call comes to us that where there is one canvasser there ought to be one hundred, while in the ministerial work there should be only twenty where there is one. There is a reason why there are more brethren who want to enter the ministry than the canvassing work. Is it because the minister has the conference to look to for his support, while the humble canvasser must look directly to the Lord for his success and support? Each one may answer this question for himself. But surely the brother or sister who goes out trusting the Lord and taking Him at His word will receive great blessing.

Many who do not see the good that may come from this line of work become discouraged for there is not so much visible fruit as a result

of it, yet our books and other literature do the work quietly, but effectively. In the judgment many a soul will come up saved as a result of reading quietly in his room the precious pages of truth placed there by some faithful canvasser.

The canvassers' institute, which is to begin in a short time, is the place where instruction and preparation may be obtained to fit us for our next seasons' work. The summer is the best time to work, and now, before that time comes, we should make thorough preparation so a faithful summer's work can be put in. A few of Oklahoma's best workers have gone or been sent to other countries, some, even across the ocean, among them I am one who will go. Who in Oklahoma will be faithful now and take up this line of work, step in, and fill up the ranks, and hold up the standard in the places of those who go to the front? JOHN HARZMAN.

What a Tract Did.

IN 1785 Dr. Coke gave a tract to a family in Virginia. The family numbered fourteen, and that tract was the instrumentality used in the conversion of the whole family.

A tract distributor, passing through a sparsely settled country district in Canada, gave away many tracts. One of them, entitled "Repent or Perish," was found floating in the Frazer River. A man saw it, took it out, dried it, read it, and by it was converted to God.

A preacher invited a man to attend meeting. The man refused, but he consented to take a tract. A few weeks afterward that same man stood up in meeting and confessed that that tract had led him to Jesus.

During the secession war of America a chaplain was passing through a hospital, and he left in an empty bed a tract which was a copy of the hymn "Will You Go?" The soldier came to his bed, picked it up and read the title, and dropped it. A second time he picked it up and read:—

"We are traveling home to the heaven above; Will you go?"

and then threw it down again. Soon afterward he picked it up again and read it through. Then, after deliberating over the matter in his quiet

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German Department.

Bekanntmachung.

Wir möchten hiermit bekannt machen daß wir das Buch "Monitor of Health", für 60 Zents anbieten wollen anstatt einen Dollar. Die Ursache dafür ist das Verlangen, die Bücher los zu werden, denn hier im Haus bringen sie uns keinen Nutzen. Wir haben noch sechs hundert vorrätig. Haben ungefähr so viel verkauft wie sie uns gekostet haben, und was wir jetzt bekommen ist Reingewinn, und soll für das Anschaffen von Büchern verwandt werden. Wir erwarten, daß da mehrere sein werden, die hinaus gehen und die Bücher verkaufen. Das Buch soll einen Dollar kosten, so wenn Ihr 60 Zents dafür bezahlt, dann habt Ihr noch vierzig für Euch. Doch wenn da solche sind, die den ganzen Dollar bezahlen wollen, so wird er dankbar angenommen. Es lasse jede Gemeinde ihr Teil bestellen. Jedes Glied sollte ein Buch verkaufen. Manche haben es schon getan und haben ihren Dollar bezahlt, und wir hoffen es wird ihnen nicht leid sein, daß sie es getan haben, denn indem sie etwas mehr reichlich gesät haben, wollen wir hoffen, daß sie auch desto reichlicher ernten werden.

Kommt, Geschwister, und helft uns in diesem Werk. Sendet sechzig Zents und wir schicken Euch ohne Verzug ein Buch an eure Adresse. Bestellt sofort.

G. F. S.

Von dem Umgange unter Eltern, Kindern und Blutsfreunden.

Das erste und natürlichste Band unter den Menschen nächst der Vereinigung zwischen Mann und Weib ist von jeher das Band unter Eltern und Kindern gewesen.

Da es viel Menschen gibt, die ihre Verwandten lieben und Sinn für häusliche Freuden und für das Familienband haben, so will ich hier einige Bemerkungen über den Umgang unter Blutsfreunden liefern.

Es gibt Eltern, die, umhergetrieben in einem beständigen Wirbel von Zerstreuungen, ihre Kinder kaum ein paar Stunden das Tages sehen, ihren Vergnügungen nachrennen und indeß Mietlingen die Bildung ihrer Söhne und Töchter überlassen, oder wenn diese schon erwachsen sind, mit ihnen auf einem so fremden, höflichen Fuße leben als wenn sie ihnen gar nicht angehörten. Wie unnatürlich

und unverantwortlich dies Verfahren sei, in gefährlichen Krankheiten, oder bei den das bedarf wohl keines Beweises. Es gibt kleinen schmutzigen Arbeiten zugebracht, aber andre Eltern, die von ihren Kindern wie sie sich in den schönsten Jahren ihres Lebens so manches Vergnügen versagt hat, um für die Erhaltung und Pflege des kleinen hilflosen Geschöpfes zu sorgen, das vielleicht ohne diese Sorgfalt nicht mehr da sein würde. Die Kinder ver-
gessen, wie viel schöne Stunden sie ihren Eltern durch ihr betäubendes Geschrei verdorben, wie viel schlaflose Nächte sie dem sorgsamen Vater gemacht haben, der alle Kräfte aufbot, für seine Familie zu arbeiten, sich manche Bequemlichkeit entziehen, vor manchem Schurken sich krümmen mußte, um Unterhalt für die Seinigen zu erringen. Gutgeartete Gemüthe werden indessen nie so sehr das Gefühl der Dankbarkeit ersticken, daß sie meiner Ermahnungen bedürften, und für niedere Seelen schreibe ich nicht. Nur erinnere ich, daß wenn auch Kinder Ursache hätten, sich der Schwachheiten oder gar der Laster ihrer Eltern zu schämen, sie doch weiser und besser handeln, wenn sie die Fehler derselben soviel als möglich zu verdecken suchen und im äußern Umgange nie die Ehrerbietung aus den Augen setzen, die sie ihnen in so manchem Betrachte schuldig sind. Segen des Himmels und Achtung aller gutgesinnten Menschen sind der sichere Preis der Sorgfalt, welche die Söhne und Töchter auf die Pflicht, Erhaltung und edle Behandlung ihrer Eltern verwenden. Traurig ist die Lage für ein Kind, wenn es durch die Uneinigkeit, in welcher seine Eltern leben, oder sonst in die Verlegenheit gerät, Partei für oder gegen Vater oder Mutter nehmen zu sollen. Vernünftige Eltern werden es aber immer vermeiden, ihre Kinder in solche unglückliche Zwistigkeiten zu verwickeln, und gute Kinder werden dabei mit derjenigen Vorsichtigkeit zu Werke gehen, die Rechtschaffenheit und Klugheit gebieten.

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hours, he finally wrote on it, "By the grace of God I will go," and signed his name. Some months later he was killed in battle in Virginia, but he was saved by that tract.

It is often the case that a man who will not enter a church or listen to the preaching of the gospel, will read, when alone, a tract or a paper which may be more effectual for his salvation than a sermon.

There are many cases where a tract has been the instrumentality which has restored from despair a precious soul. Passing through Switzerland,

Es ist in unsern Tagen nichts seltnes, Kinder zu sehen, die ihre Eltern vernachlässigen oder unedel behandeln. Die ersten Bande unter den Menschen werden immer locher; die Jünglinge finden ihre Väter nicht weise, nicht unterhaltend, nicht aufgeklärt genug. Das Mädchen hat Langeseweil bei der alten Mutter und vergißt, wie manche langweilige Stunde diese bei seiner Wiege, bei Wartung desselben

a tract distributor presented a tract to a man in a town notorious for gambling. On his return, some days later, he met the man, who exclaimed, "I thank you for saving my soul and body." He then explained that on that day when he received the tract, he had lost heavily in gambling, and was contemplating suicide but the tract arrested his attention, and led him to Christ.

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Keene Locals.

—ELDER D. U. Hale and family left last Wednesday for Africa. They will be six weeks on the journey. May the Lord prosper them, and bring them safely to their destination.

—ELDER E. B. Hopkins started last Sunday morning for eastern Texas with some stock to be put on pasture.

—ELDER W. A. McCutchen spent last Sabbath with the Peoria church.

—THE effort to raise \$1,000.00 with which to equip the Keene Sanitarium has been successful, the last dollar having been subscribed at a meeting held last Saturday night. It has been decided to provide a permanent water supply of their own, and the other improvements will be pushed to completion as fast as possible.

—ELDER W. S. Greer made a trip to New Mexico recently, and since his return a number of others are planning to go there and take up land. Brother Greer's report was quite flattering—for those who have considerable ready money—not for poor people.

—THE people of Keene have organized a "Fruit and Truck Growers' Association," and propose to enter systematically and extensively into the raising of fruits and vegetables. Several meetings have been held, and another is appointed for tomorrow night, when they expect to meet representatives of the railroad and express companies, to make arrangements for shipping the crops, and also to learn the best markets, best crops, etc.

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FROM A NEW STANDPOINT

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