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Death of Elder Uriah Smith

THE following from the Battle Creek Inquirer of the 7th inst will be read with profound sorrow by all of our people:

These brief sentences written in great sorrow, announcing the sad and sudden death of Elder Uriah Smith yesterday afternoon, we are sure will be received with profound regret by our citizens generally, and especially those whose lives have been brought into closer personal touch and association with him.

As was his usual custom he was at about 11:00 o'clock a. m. yesterday on his way to the editorial room of the Review and Herald Publishing Company. He had nearly reached the corner of West Main street and Washington avenue, when he was seized with an apoplectic stroke, from which he sank upon the Tabernacle lawn, from which he was hastily borne by tender and sympathetic hands into the Review and Herald sales department where he was given prompt attention by Dr. Morse, of the Sanitarium medical staff, who was speedily summoned. The suffering man was soon after taken in the city ambulance to his home, 65 University avenue, where he expired at 1:30 o'clock p. m. without having regained consciousness.

While on his way to his office only a few moments prior to the attack he had remarked to friends how well and buoyant he was feeling. Several months ago he experienced a somewhat similar but far less severe attack from which he gradually rallied.

The deceased was born at West Wilton, New Hampshire, on May 2, 1832, and was therefore in the 71st year of his life. He came to Battle Creek in 1855. He has been connected in editorial capacity with the Review and Herald, the Seventh-day Adventist denominational or church paper for over fifty years, and was highly respected by all who enjoyed his personal acquaintance.

He was an interesting and entertaining speaker, a learned and prolific writer, the author of several standard volumes upon the tenets of the denomination. These include "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," "Man's Nature and Destiny," "Marvel of Nations, or the United States in the light of Prophecy," etc.

Though a greatly gifted man he was retiring and unpretentious in manner, ever having a kind word and pleasant smile for all who approached him, making everybody feel at home in his cheerful presence. He was

one of the oldest ministers and wisest counsellors of the denomination.

On June 7, 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet N. Stevens, of Iowa, formerly from Maine, who, together with four sons and one daughter, survives him.

It is expected the funeral will be held at the Tabernacle on Sunday afternoon, the hour not having been announced yet."

An Appeal in Behalf of the Washington D. C. Church.

"ELMSHAVEN," SANITARIUM,
CALIFORNIA.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

I have been pleased to learn, through reading the *Review*, and from letters from Elder J. S. Washburn, that a church building in Washington, D. C., formerly known as the Central Methodist Protestant church, has been purchased by the Second Seventh-day Adventist Church, of this city. A house of worship was greatly needed by our people in the section of the city where this property is situated. The purchase of this church will provide a suitable place in which witness can be borne to the truths we advocate. The building will stand as a memorial for God.

This property must now be paid for. Some payments have already been made, but a large sum must yet be raised to complete the payments. We therefore ask those who have means, to act as the Lord's helping hand by doing something to help to free this church from debt. Every penny given will help. If all will give what they can, the indebtedness will soon be liquidated. We pray that those who can help in this enterprise be constrained to do so by their love for Christ. We regard the purchase of this property as a wise step, and your co-operation in assisting the brethren there to pay for it will bring you into harmony with the beneficent purpose of the gospel.

Let those who have means, use it

wisely. It is a talent lent them by the Lord to be used when called for to advance His cause. In place of spending money for selfish pleasure, let every one deny self and lift the cross. God's blessing will follow.

Do not all of our people desire to share in the privilege of paying for the house of worship in Washington, D. C? If every one of the believers in this country would give something the necessary sum would be raised, and the amount given by them would scarcely be missed. Let us help on our brethren in the National capital; for they are too poor and too few in number to bear the burden alone. Those who share in this missionary enterprise by making gifts large or small, according to their ability, will ever after feel a deeper interest in the Lord's cause in Washington. Those who respond to this call, making gifts to the Lord for the purchase of this church property, will receive rich blessings for so doing.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Note: All gifts should be sent to Elder J. S. Washburn, 1728 Fourteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

MRS. E. G. W.

February 22, 1903.

HAVE you sent in your order for the *General Conference Bulletin* yet? If not, you should do so without delay. It is not yet too late, but in order to get names properly on their mailing list and make sure of getting the *Bulletin* from the first, subscriptions should be sent in at once. You cannot afford to miss a single number of them. Price for the session 50c. Address your tract society.

HAVE you seen the new tracts, recently issued for special distribution? If not, you can get them of the Tract Society, as they have a large stock. They want to sell them, you should have an interest in selling them, and the people need them. Send for a trial lot of them.

Arkansas Department.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER H. Clay Griffin is at his old home in Delaware, and reports a flattering prospect for a good meeting. He visited the Cline church on his way and found them in good faith and courage; but due to the mud and wet weather thought it best to defer the meeting there until he returned, when he expects to hold meetings in an adjoining neighborhood.

ELDER A. E. Field is at his home in Springdale, having returned from his trip in the southern part of the State.

THE Springdale church has been favored with the presence of Elder W. F. Martin, of Washington, for several Sabbaths. February 28 he gave us a practical and instructive discourse from Heb. 10:36-39. There was a good outside attendance, including many of his former classmates and friends. He speaks Sunday night on "The Earth made new, or the Home of the Saved." This will be the last time we shall have the privilege of listening to him as he leaves here for his home in Washington the first of the week. Brother Martin was a former laborer in this State, he having left here about eight years ago. He and Elder J. A. Sommerville labored together raising up eighteen churches through the State.

BROTHER C. W. Cutter, of Hot Springs, reports the following for the week ending February 20: Coming King, 10 orders, 30 exhibitions, 14½ hours, value \$10.50; helps \$9.00. The continued bad weather has rendered it impossible for him to put in full time, but notwithstanding this he is of good courage and desires to press on in the work.

BROTHER J. M. Dickerson stopped in Springdale a few hours last week, on his return to his home in Searvan, from visiting friends in Fort Worth, Texas.

BROTHER James Van Gilder, of Olena, Arkansas, sent in a donation of four dollars to the Tract Society work which was greatly appreciated.

FIELD REPORTS.

LOCKSBURG, DEQUEEN, AND GRA-

Kloss has a little mill, and he has with him three other brethren. It was my privilege to spend four days with them. We had good meetings while there, and we believe that in the near future that company should be organized as they have the material for the officers. It being a new field we believe that a church will grow there. We also spent sometime at DeQueen, at which place there was a church; it had been organized about three years ago, but the members have moved away until all the officers and nearly all the members are gone. We succeeded in reviving the church, took in seven members, and elected a full corps of officers. Next we went to Gravette, where I united Nevada Meeks, of New Hope, in marriage with Brother S. D. Neal, of Gravette. May God bless them in their new life. A. E. FIELD.

NOTICE.

THERE are several absent members of the Springdale church, who have not reported for several years, and as we do not know where these members are at present, we insert this notice asking all absent members to report before the next quarterly meeting. It has been voted to drop the names of all that we do not know their whereabouts. Write Mrs C. A. Allen, Springdale, Arkansas.

A. E. FIELD.

Sabbath School Conventions.

AN INTERESTING Sabbath school convention was held at Rogers, Arkansas, February 14. There are only four persons in this little Sabbath school, and the weather was bad, but they prepared papers on the different subjects, and they reported a good time. Why cannot all our Sabbath schools do likewise? I hope to receive similar reports from other schools. One was held at Springdale the same date, at which the papers prepared, and the discussions which followed, brought out many interesting features of the Sabbath school work. We hope to see all taking a deep interest in this branch of the missionary work.

MRS. A. E. FIELD, State Sec'y.

Faithfulness.

FAITHFULNESS is important,

children, for their characters are more easily changed. While they are growing physically, they should be growing both mentally and spiritually. Life is a bundle of habits, and while God can and will aid us in overcoming any bad trait of character no matter of how long standing, yet He is pleased to have us do right from our youth.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, when the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them." Eccl. 12: 1. This is God's message to the youth now; and all will be blessed by taking heed to it. If the Creator is remembered, His words and works will be studied with delight, and the good news of salvation will spread far and wide, then Jesus will come to take His children home. Christ said, "He that is not with Me scattereth abroad," so it is impossible to live for Christ and still serve self. Satan would rather have his servants profess the name of Christ than otherwise, for then they will do more work for him. "No man liveth unto himself" is as true to-day as when inspiration penned it. Our very acts reflect upon ourselves as well as upon others. We should trust God to keep our thoughts pure. "For as he thinketh in his heart so is he." Proverbs 23: 7. Should vain or evil thoughts enter the mind? It is far better to banish them at once, as we become responsible when we harbor them. Besides it makes their access easier next time, and influence others when formed into words. "If any man offend not in word the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." James 3: 1. How often sharp, vain words are remembered with sorrow. So let us heed the Saviour's admonition, and be careful of our words. I know of children and youth who think if they had some great work to perform they would be faithful, while they are slack and negligent in the common, every-day duties in home and field. We read in Luke 16: 10: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." Faithful men and women, boys and girls are needed, rather the Lord will use them to carry His last message of warning to a dying world. Business men are

faithful employees. They recognize that such have a money value. So my dear friend, whoever you are, and wherever you may be, be true to your Maker, study His Word and works, be faithful in every duty, improve every opportunity; and it will bring you more joy, and good pleasure, besides pleasing your Saviour, and doing good to those about you.

J. C. ANDERSON.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

What a little Book did.

THE FOLLOWING letter from an old canvasser will be of interest to those spreading our literature;

"I want to tell you the results of placing one of our small books in a home. I had occasion to call on a family a few days ago, and found one of the young men busily engaged in reading a copy of 'Gospel Primer,' which he said his mother had bought seven years ago, and had laid it away and had forgotten about it until a few days before I called. He said he was deeply impressed with the doctrine it taught. He remarked that he knew I was an Adventist and must have books on Adventist doctrines, and that he would call in a few days and get one. In about two days he came bringing a neighbor with him, and after quite a lengthy talk with them he wanted a book covering all the Adventist doctrines. I spoke of 'Bible Readings' but I did not have a copy of the book so he took the money from his pocket and paid me in advance to bring him a book the next time I went to Keene. Since then several of the neighbors have been to hear more of our doctrine. To my mind this illustrates how the truth may be sown and forgotten, and afterward spring up and bear fruit to the glory of God."

Books at a Great Sacrifice.

THE Texas Tract Society has on hand a stock of books, in condition about as good as new, which we are very anxious to turn into money, because we need it more than we do the books. During the next thirty or sixty days we will offer the following at greatly reduced prices postpaid:

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TEXAS TRACT SOCIETY,
Keene, Texas.

Experiences in the Canvassing Work.

A BROTHER in western Oregon writes: "I gave a reading to a man and his wife in a garden. The man said it was new to him, but took 'Prophecies of Jesus.' We also gave a reading to a Baptist woman who was too poor to buy, but who said she wanted to know more of the truth, and know where she could borrow 'Great Controversy.' I believe that seed was sown there that will develop into good, ripe grain. After we left her, we traveled over a mountain trail, and saw some very rough country. We traveled from noon until 10:30 A. M. the next day without seeing any one. We slept out that night, and were rained on. The following day we waded the Sinclair river eight times, and went twenty-four hours without anything to eat. The night following was Sabbath, and we found a place to rest until Sunday. We gave a reading to a Seventh-day Baptist woman. Her husband had attended our Sabbath school, and said he was almost a Seventh-day Adventist. We gave another reading where we stayed over night, and in the morning the man told his wife not to make him any coffee. He also told us that he and his wife had talked the matter over, and decided that it would be a good thing if they and their neighbors could come into the truth and keep the Sabbath with us. The neighbor-

hood has a small school-house, and there was a general invitation for one of our ministers to come out and teach them the way. I believe that at least six persons could be brought into the truth."

One of the three brethren composing this company, in about two weeks, and in spite of hardships and difficulties, sold over ninety dollars' worth of books.

The Missionary Apple Tree.

In the rectory garden of Pysford, near Woking, England, there stands what is familiarly known as the missionary apple tree. The tree is a large one and of a good age and has been so named for the reason that for many years past it has been the custom of the rector of the parish to collect the fruit, sell it in the best market and devote the proceeds to the missionary society of the Church of England. Quite a large sum of money has been raised in this way, and the apples which are of the Blenheim orange variety, always find a ready sale at excellent prices among the gentry and farmers of the district.

Animals and Poisons.

CERTAIN substances which are deadly in their effects upon man can be taken by the brute creation with impunity. Horses can take large doses of antimony, dogs of mercury, goats of tobacco, mice of hemlock, and rabbits of belladonna without injury. On the other hand, dogs and cats are much more susceptible to the influence of chloroform than man and are much sooner killed by it. If this invaluable anæsthetic had first been tried upon animals, we should probably have never enjoyed its blessings, as it would have been found to be so fatal that its discoverer would have been afraid to test its effects upon human beings. It is evident, then, that an experiment upon an animal can never be the means of any certain deductions so far as man is concerned.—*Family Doctor.*

ON earth we have nothing to do with success or with results, but only with being true to God, and for God, for it is sincerity and not success which is the sweet savor before God.

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CURRENT ITEMS.

WHILE watching the burning of a new steamer at Montreal, the shed upon which 5,000 people had crowded gave way, and six persons were killed and over one hundred injured, many of them seriously.

THE new U. S. Cruiser, Chattanooga, was successfully launched from the United States shipbuilding yards at Elizabeth, N. J., on March 7th.

THE only living active participant in the trial of President Andrew Johnson, more than a third of a century ago for "high crimes and misdemeanors," is George S. Boutwell, of Massachusetts. All those associated with him have long since passed off the stage of action.

THE rains for the past week have been general in the Ohio, Missouri and Mississippi valleys, and the latest reports are that much damage has resulted along these rivers. Heavy floods are reported all the way from Cincinnati to the gulf. The Cumberland river at Nashville is 40 feet above low water, and the Tennessee river at Chattanooga was 26 feet above low water. The Mississippi above Cairo is rising rapidly, and the weather over the Missouri is threatening, so the end

does not appear to be in sight. Large gangs of men are at work along the levees on the Mississippi, and confidence is still felt that they will withstand any flood that may come.

THE Dallas Terminal Railway, which is really the Cotton Belt system are just completing their new freight and passenger depot in Dallas, and the directors have just voted to expend two million dollars more in improving their terminal facilities.

THE special session of the United States senate was called to order on the 5th. Three new senators were sworn in and took their seats.

Are You Interested?

INTERESTED in what? Why, the distribution of our literature to be sure. The Lord says it is one of the most important works committed to us as a people, and one from which we shall see the greatest fruit in the kingdom of God. Then ought not every one to be very much interested in it? It seems so, but for some reason many are lacking in this interest, if we can judge by their actions. Besides being a very fruitful service it is one of the few which can be made self-sustaining. What then is lacking but consecrated men and women to enter this line, who will enlist to serve in this work until the Lord of the harvest shall indicate otherwise?

Our Union Conference furnishes one of the best fields in the world for the sale of our publications; much of it has never been touched, and is an open field for anything we have. We have evidence that souls are now waiting and longing for what the books contain. Who will take it to them?

Hints to Librarians.

THE ONE upon whom rests the responsibility of directing the tract and missionary work of the church has an important position to fill.

The office of librarian is one of the most important in the church. He is the business manager, and should look after each item of business, and see that each member has some part to act. The life of the church depends upon its labor for others. Each member has a right to look to

the librarian for direction, for counsel, and for plans of labor. No person has any right to accept any position of responsibility unless he accepts at the same time all that belongs to that position. It means not only work for himself, but he is to furnish work for others, and see that that work is done by those for whom it is planned.

One who does not realize the sacredness of the work, and attends to it in a careless, indolent manner, sets a wrong example, and stands in the way of others. A wide-awake, earnest librarian puts life and vitality into the church. A real "go-ahead" sets a good example—one worthy of imitation—and will need to be earnest and prayerful in order to keep work planned for others. Leaders need to go ahead, then others will follow. The activity of the church is generally tested by that of the librarian.

Great care should be exercised in choosing a librarian. The office is not simply a name, but a position in the church of God, to perform duties, to be active in looking after the many interests of the work, and the position should be accepted by one who is a devoted Christian.

When any one is placed as librarian to look after the many interest involved, the responsibilities should be realized; and it is right to magnify an office when God is glorified by so doing.

Many have been placed in positions of responsibility without any training for the work, and it is the duty of the State secretary to keep in close touch with each local society, through the librarian, giving such instruction as will be needed. If librarians would study the situation more carefully, and write often to the State office, answering all letters, it would keep up a more active, aggressive work, and a more lively interest would be seen. A. J. BREED.

"Not one may claim to be perfect. Let not God be dishonored by the proclamation from human lips, declaring, 'I am saved, I am holy. Sanctified lips will never give utterance to such presumptuous words.'"—E. G. White in Signs of the Times, May 23, 1895.

When God gets control of us, he will lead us into wider regions of faith and service than we ever dreamed of.—Living Wards.

Oklahoma Department.

"Object Lessons."

Dear brethren and sisters of the Oklahoma Conference:—

WE would like to call your attention again to the "Parable" work in our conference. You know we are very anxious to pay our debt which we owe the Keene Academy. We were in hopes this could have been done before the next General Conference, but it seems impossible now, except you come right away and pay what you owe. If all the churches would have done as well as some we could be free, and rejoice in bringing the news to the General Conference, that we had paid our share of the school debt. Nothing would please us more. The conference owes about two thousand dollars yet, and most of this is out among the churches. As soon as the churches pay, the conference can pay. Now there are a few churches that have paid and several more just owe from 57 cents to \$7.50. We will report from week to week in the RECORD, those churches that pay up. We hope you will work hard to sell your books, and pay for them, and be done with it. Will those churches that owe just a few dollars send it in at once? I just mention them here: Salem, 57c; Hereford, \$6.25; Waukomis, \$5.86; Dover, \$6.00; Cashion, \$7.50; Hennessey, \$1.25; Miami, \$6.75; Lohoma, \$4.30.

Here are the churches that have paid in full and have a little credit: Seger church, West Cooper church. We hope this list will increase rapidly from now on until every church is free. The Oklahoma City church is hard at work trying to finish their part in a few weeks. Let all the churches follow their example. Will not some of these stronger churches come to the help of the weaker ones? May the Lord put it into the minds of all to help until the whole conference is free. G. F. H.

The Field.

FAULKNER, OKLAHOMA.—I began meeting at Faulkner January 16, in a large dugout. As far as I knew, there were no Sabbath keepers nearer than six miles, and that was my own

home. I commenced with a small interest, which increased until people came for as far as ten miles to night meetings.

Three weeks ago I organized a Sabbath school of twenty-two members, which was fully equipped with lesson books, a club of five "Little Friends," class records, and a club of the "Signs of the Times."

Ten have promised to keep all the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and we expect soon to organize a church here. Two of those who have accepted the truth are school teachers, and the rest are among the best people in the county. The presence of God was felt by all from the first, and I feel to praise Him for His presence, and for what my own heart has felt, and my eyes have seen of His goodness.

I have tried to present all the leading points of our faith, and the truth is thoroughly established here with some living monuments of the saving power of God. The church, which will be organized immediately after the General Conference, will consist of twenty or thirty members.

I will now commence meeting at Winchester, ten miles from Faulkner. My courage never was better and the truth never was dearer than now; and the calls are coming from every direction, "Come and help us." We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that the seed sown here may bring forth fruit in the kingdom of God. To the Lord be all the praise. J. R. BAGBY.

CARNEY, OKLAHOMA.—I believe my last report was made while I was at Norman, Oklahoma. Brother Bonde and I held a three weeks' meeting there in the church which the brethren had built, but which had not been used except for Sabbath school for nearly a year. One sister accepted the message and several more are interested. We hope to see them take their stand soon. Brother Bonde will locate there, having purchased property and began building.

From Norman I was called to the assistance of Brother F. H. Conway at Ida, Oklahoma. I found him in the midst of what would have been a good meeting had it not been so extremely cold and wet. As it was we had to close until the weather became more settled, and the roads dried up some.

Brother Conway then left me, and went to answer an important call at Pawnee, while I began meetings here. The weather continues bad; it rains nearly every day; but as there is a small village here we expect to get some out to hear. The Congregational church has been secured for our meetings, and we hope for some results at this place.

Pray that the third angel's message may impress the people here and, that souls may be saved.

E. L. MAXWELL.

An Important Question.

BOW may I know that I am a child of God? This is a question of great importance, and one which disturbs many a soul, and yet it is one which is not hard to answer, nor is it difficult to understand. We may know that we are children of God from our own personal consciousness and from the plain teachings of the Word of God. Jesus says, "He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life." We look into our own hearts, and see there from personal consciousness, that we believe in Jesus, we are certain of it, we know it better than anything that can take place outside of our personal consciousness. By faith we lay hold on the Word of God. After fulfilling the requirement, what does the Saviour say of an individual?—That he has everlasting life.

John says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, if we love the brethren." We examine ourselves, and if we find that we possess the love for the people of God that is here mentioned then all that remains for us to do is to believe God's Word which says we have passed from death unto life. We seldom doubt what has taken place in our own hearts, but we doubt what Jesus says about the meaning of it. We fear we don't understand Him, but when experience and the Word of God agree it is safe to rest a Sabbath keeper. FANNIE BROCK.

A STATEMENT.

I WISH to say a few words to my brethren and sisters and co-workers in Oklahoma. It was with sad hearts that we left our beautiful home in Oklahoma to come here.

but my husband and little daughter have lung trouble and a change of climate was necessary. We have a good church school here which my two boys, Roy and Milt. are attending. Ella goes to the university. She is preparing for the medical missionary work. I request the prayers of the brethren and sisters that my husband and Effa may be restored to health. Most of you know how I wanted to go to the south, (my native land) and canvass for our precious books, but now the way seems hedged up. Pray that I may be reconciled to the Lord's will, knowing that "He doeth all things well."

ANNA TRUMAN.

German Department.

Christi Gleichnisse.

Liebe Geschwister in Oklahoma:

Ich möchte eure Aufmerksamkeit wiederum auf das Buch „Christi Gleichnisse“ lenken. Wir sind sehr bekümmert die Schuld zu bezahlen, die wir als eine Konferenz noch schulden. Dies hätten wir gerne getan vor der General Konferenz, aber wir können es nicht tun so lange die verschiedenen Gemeinden nicht bezahlen.

Wir sind froh, daß wir doch von etlichen berichten können daß sie bezahlt haben, und eine ziemliche Anzahl hat beinahe bezahlt. Sie sind nur noch wenige Thaler schuldig; und es sollte ganz leicht sein für solche Gemeinden die paar Thaler zusammen zu bringen.

Die Yahoma Gemeinde schuldet nur noch etwas über vier Thaler. Die West Cooper Gemeinde ist frei; dann sind andere von Deutschen die noch etwas mehr schuldig sind. Die Shattuck Gemeinde schuldet noch das meiste als eine Gemeinde. Sie haben aber die größte Anzahl Bücher von den Deutschen und sind meistens ziemlich arm. Sie haben doch den größten Teil bezahlt und sind sehr bemüht das übrige auch zu bezahlen. Aber sind nicht welche unserer Geschwister die helfen wollen? Die Stärkern sollten den Schwachen helfen. Vielleicht sind auch noch solche, die kein Teil genommen haben. Wollen diese nicht mithelfen?

Laßt uns zusammen wirken bis jeder Thaler bezahlt ist, so daß wir mal frei werden in dieser Sache. Lieber Bruder, willst du nicht zusehen, daß die Gemeinde, wo du ein Glied bist, frei wird von dieser Schuld?

Bitte, tue alles, was du kannst und laß nicht nach bis jeder Cent bezahlt ist. Möge der Herr euch alle segnen in diesem Werk, ist mein Gebet.

G. F. S.

KEENE ITEMS.

ELDER C. P. Haskell is contemplating a visit to his home in the North.

ELDER McCutchen spent last Sabbath with the church at Alvord.

MRS. S. A. England, of Welsh, La. is visiting her children and her sister, Mrs. A. C. Jones of this place.

MRS. E. J. Brooks had the misfortune to fall and break her arm last week. She is now at the Sanitarium.

MR. Auten, of Wills Point, Texas, brought his wife to the Sanitarium for treatment last Wednesday.

A good many teams were noticed going to Alvarado the past week for cotton seed meal to be used in making a fertilizer.

HUMPHRIES Brothers' new building is framed and up, but work has been temporarily suspended while waiting for another car of lumber.

HUMPHRIES Brothers have put in a nice stock of drugs, and can fill your prescriptions, or sell you patent medicines at standard prices.

ELDER W. S. Greer is still on the sick list with the "grippe" although not confined to his bed. The weather has not been at all favorable to a rapid recovery from that trouble.

R. G. KELLER turned over the mail route to-day to C. H. King, who has secured the contract for carrying the mail in the future.

THE house formerly occupied by Elder W. S. Greer is being divided and moved to different corners of the lot, to make room for the new store, where the two parts will be repaired and additions made to them for dwelling houses.

A reception was given last night at the home of Mr. Conway in honor of his son Felix Conway and wife and Mr. Arthur Bruner and wife, to which a large number of our citizens were invited. The weather being favorable there was a large attendance, and a very enjoyable time is reported.

WORK on the Sanitarium is progressing finely. All the work on the third floor except painting is done. The well is completed and wind mill in place, and as soon as the pipe is received the water supply will be assured. Those having pledges yet due on this work should hand them to J. D. Mathieus, or T. T. Stevenson.

WITH the return of settled weather our little village will be all activity again, as the interest created by the Fruit and Truck Growers' Association will result in a large acreage of fruits and vegetables being planted.

A MEETING of the directors and officers of the Keene Canning Company was held Sunday night. This being their first meeting much important business was before them. Several offers of a location were considered, and committees appointed to get prices on a building, boiler, machinery, etc. This project will be of vast benefit to the people of Keene and vicinity, and it should be heartily supported by them. There is still some stock to be had. Mr. A. P. Wesley has the list.

Wanted

One or two broom makers; also a man (with family preferred) to work a truck and fruit farm. One who can teach a church school; those who want to do missionary work and help to spread the truth.

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