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TEACHERS WANTED.

FROM different sources, I learn that there are not enough teachers to supply the church schools of the Southwestern Union conference.

This means that in the past the Keene Academy has not been able to train sufficient teachers for the church schools. And this has been because there has been a failure to keep a sufficient number of our young people in school long enough to prepare them as church school teachers. Shall it be so in the future? It will be, unless we put forth much more earnest efforts than in the past. For next year we will not only have to supply this year's deficiency, but new companies of believers will be calling for teachers, too.

The companies that fail to get teachers this year may know individuals who could teach another year if they could be at the Keene Academy the coming year, and attend the summer school during the next vacation. Some of these parties may have the means but not realize the importance of preparing for the work. Some earnest words of counsel may lead them to become teachers.

There may be others who have the desire to attend, but are not able to do so. Such could be helped and then return the money when they teach. These remarks apply only to those whose age and education will enable them to prepare in a short time for teaching, and thus meet the present emergency.

In addition to these there should be a large number of younger persons taking the teachers' course in the Academy. Experience is teaching our people that boys and girls with little education make very poor teachers. Each year there will be a greater demand for mature persons who have been thoroughly trained for teaching.

Many of these younger persons will

need help and encouragement as well as the older ones. And while it may not be so simple a matter to help those who cannot go into the work in a year or two and return the money, yet a careful consideration of such cases will disclose some plan that will prepare them for the Master's service.

Two sentences from the Testimony quoted last week are to the point: "Many should fit themselves up as teachers, that others may be trained and disciplined for the great work of the future. The church should take in the situation, and by their influence and means seek to bring about this much-desired end."

C. B. HUGHES.

An Interesting Experience.

AN ACCOUNT of an interesting experience reached us recently from one of our larger churches, which we consider worth passing on. When the plan for collecting the missionary offerings weekly by means of the little envelope, was being inaugurated, this church did not adopt it. But as the matter was continually agitated, they saw that they must either give the suggestion a trial, or place themselves upon record as opposed to it. The church officers decided to try it. The church became interested, and took hold with a will. The first Sabbath that the envelopes were used, 84 were returned, and the next Sabbath 169. In the two Sabbaths more than an average of ten cents per individual was donated, for the offerings amounted to over forty-five dollars, and the elder wrote that by far the larger part of that amount would never have been given for missions, had not the envelopes been used.

Others are having similar experiences. The Lord in His loving kindness has committed to us a great work—not that He needs us to save the world, but that we need to work that our own salvation may be assured.

A weekly remembrance of the needs of the field seems a small matter, yet if every Seventh-day Adventist will take hold with a determination to support this work in the regions beyond, the needs of our present force of laborers will be supplied, new recruits can be placed at the front, and we can quickly surround the old earth with the last message of mercy. Shall we do it?

MISSION BOARD.

Our Inland Chinese Mission.

MANY will remember Brother E. Pilquist's appeal for help from the province of Honan, China; and the openings he mentioned for consecrated laborers to unite with him in service for the Master in that hitherto almost unentered land.

All will rejoice to know that God has chosen six earnest, consecrated young people, four doctors and two nurses, to answer this call. Two of the doctors are ordained ministers, and all six go into the field definitely called of the Lord to spend and be spent in giving the last message of mercy to China's millions, using their medical skill as an auxiliary in the far greater work of preaching the Third Angel's Message.

The party consisted of Drs. A. C. and Bertha L. Salmon, H. W. and Maud T. Miller, and the Misses Carrie Erickson and Charlotte Simpson. They sailed from Vancouver, October 5, on the "Empress of India." They expect to reach their destination, Sin Jaug Cheo, Honan, in about six weeks.

Remember these dear young people in prayer, both while enroute and after they reach their field of labor. With our prayers and with our offerings we may enter into their labors and share with them in the glorious work of giving the everlasting gospel to that benighted people.

See Capital and Labor Signs last page.

Arkansas Department.

THE FIELD.

GENTRY.—Although two reports have been sent in from this place, the interest has been and is such that did the workers and readers of the RECORD know of it, they would rejoice with us. Therefore we send in this report. Since the beginning, August 7, a good interest has been manifested. Although Brother Watts labored alone the first thirteen days except the aid given him by home talent, the interest increased daily. On the night of August 20 Elder J. A. Sommerville came, remaining with us, except two or three days spent at Springdale, until September 9, after which we were left alone again. And right here let me say much good has been accomplished by carrying out the instruction of the Lord given in Volume VII, pages 18-24. On Sunday, September 27, four more willing souls were buried in baptism, and connected with the church, the services closing that night with the largest attendance of any during the meeting. Although the dragon spirit was manifested, by which some were kept from stepping out and obeying, yet many more are laboring under conviction; and hopes are entertained that sooner or later they will yield all for the blessed Master and join with the fifteen others who have recently accepted the truth. Steps are now being taken to build a church house in Gentry, where our work can be carried on more successfully than it could otherwise.

The tent was taken down yesterday, the 7th, and shipped to Greenland, Arkansas, where Brother Watts will soon be giving the blessed message to the people of that place. Let us pray for the work and workers.

D. S. JAMES, Local Elder.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BROTHER P. C. Oliver, an elderly brother, who is not in very good health, has started out in the colporteur work, canvassing for "Prophecies of Jesus."

LETTERS have been received the past week from brethren scattered through the State, who feel that they have a burden to enter the canvassing work and are making preparations to start out at once. All such letters are

gladly received and promptly answered. Still there is room for more. The harvest is white and the laborers are few. "Our church members are to arise and shine." "Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep and make every effort to reach the people where they are." "We have no time to be idle or discouraged." "The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places."

BROTHER V. B. Watts has closed his labors at Gentry, and is enroute for Stanton, Arkansas, where he has been called to hold a series of meetings.

WE soon expect Brother Manfull, of the Territory, and former state agent of Iowa, with us to take charge of the field work and look after its interests. We surely give him a hearty welcome, and wish him God-speed.

WE would appreciate the favor if the Sabbath Schools, churches, and also the librarians could be prompt in sending in their reports. Blanks were sent out several weeks ago by the Secretary, and she is anxiously waiting for their return, thus enabling her to be prompt in sending in her reports.

Tithe Report

FOR QUARTER	ENDING	SEPTEMBER
	30, 1903.	
Isolated		\$ 76.30
Springdale		48.75
Little Rock		60.97
Siloam Springs		12.50
Ava		5.00
Sallisaw		4.50
Texarkana		11.61
Gravette		12.00
Total		\$ 231.63

Some of the churches are later than usual in reporting, therefore they will be reported later.

ARKANSAS TRACT SOCIETY,
Treasurer.

How We Can Preach.

A COLORED brother from the southern part of the State sent in his tithe for the first time, as a result of attending the camp meeting at Van Buren the past summer. He said he was greatly blessed by being present at the meeting, and felt it a privilege to be able to pay tithe.

If we would only arouse to our privileges on this line, there would not be a dearth of laborers, or lack of funds to keep those already in the field at work. So when we selfishly appropriate that which does not belong to us—the tithe—we are not only "robbing God;" but we are retarding the progress of the work and the spread of the gospel truths. The Lord in His providence and goodness has given us the truth for what?—To hide away in some dark corner?—No; but He says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Methinks I can hear some one say, "I'm no preacher;" but we must remember there are many ways of preaching. The first is by our lives, which often speaks louder than we think for; and if our words and lives do not harmonize, our preaching will become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. The second way is by our means. We are not our own, we are bought with a price, an infinite price. God's Word teaches us plainly that one-tenth of our income, let it be large or small, belongs to Him, and is to be used for the maintenance of the ministers of the Word of God. It also teaches that free will offerings are to be given to cover other expenses connected with His worship. "These are the only divinely ordained methods for the financial support of the gospel." Shall we follow God's plan? So when we withhold our means, we are not heeding the divine command to "preach the gospel to every creature."

The third way of preaching the gospel is sowing the seeds of truth in scattering the printed pages of truth. These three methods of preaching the gospel are not talents especially bestowed on a few, but are God-given talents possessed by all, to be cultivated and used according to the sphere in which we are providentially placed, with an eye single to His service. Therefore will not we be responsible if we are not putting forth our best efforts to live up to all the light God has given? Let us carefully ponder these things, let us awake to our God-given opportunities, and individually and unitedly seek to raise the standard of the work in this needy field, for there are many, many souls in darkness, hungering for the Bread of life, for whom God holds us responsible.

F. E. H.

→ Texas Department. ←

THE FIELD.

MERCHISON, HENDERSON COUNTY.
 —September 17, I went to the above named place to hold meetings, and to-day, October 19, I returned home. I gave in all thirty-five discourses, made twenty-five family visits, sold five Bibles, one "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation," three "Johnson's Text Books," and about three hundred pages of tracts, and I left two new Sabbath-keepers, one old one who had never heard but a few discourses years ago well informed on all points of present truth, and one man who only heard the last four discourses is deeply stirred and reading. I had several calls from neighboring school houses, and hope soon to return or see some one else go there.

A. W. JENSON.

WACO.—I was with the two companies of Sabbath-keepers in Waco last Sabbath and Sunday. I found that both of these companies, white and colored, during our absence of four weeks, had been meeting together each Sabbath in Sabbath School. The white brethren and sisters hold their Sabbath School in west Waco in Brother J. M. Maize's dwelling house, 416 S. 13th St. The colored people hold theirs in east Waco in the school house on Taylor St. just outside the city limit. Each of these companies will continue to meet in the future as usual, and they earnestly desire that when any of our ministering brethren come to Waco, to visit their schools. Brother Maize, who has recently accepted the truth, is now the appointed leader of those in West Waco, and can show any one where to find the colored school. Those in the west portion of the city meet at 10 o'clock A. M., while those in the eastern portion meet at 2:30 P. M. I spoke to each company on the Sabbath, and also once to each on Sunday, leaving them of good courage. We were made to rejoice very much with our colored company, because of a prominent colored brother, who had recently begun obeying the truth. He will be a great help and strength to their company, having come to a knowledge of the truth through the efforts of Brother Johnston, one of our colored brethren. These two companies ear-

nestly desire the prayers of all of God's people. J. M. HUGULEY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

—OF—

TEXAS TRACT SOCIETY,
 SIX MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Value of merchandise,	\$2,711.73
Value of property,	755.35
Expense inventory,	16.15
Health Foods inventory,	17.41
Due from Societies, etc.,	3,480.08
Bills Receivable,	624.98
Cash on hand,	915.53
	<u>\$8,521.23</u>

LIABILITIES.

Due Pub. houses,	\$2,752.41
Due Keene Acad. Relief,	37.40
Due on C. O. L.,	687.20
Due on Miss'y Acre F'd	27.75
Due Orphans' Home,	18.80
Due Missionary Off'gs,	213.14
Due Societies and Ind.,	239.94
Present worth,	4,544.59
	<u>\$8,521.23</u>

LOSSES AND GAINS.

LOSSES.

On Property account,	\$167.75
" Expense,	701.03
" Freight,	98.15
" Wages,	200.00
" Periodicals,	12.48
" Repudiated accounts,	179.80
" Uncollectable "	350.24
	<u>\$1,709.35</u>

GAINS.

On Merchandise,	\$687.22
" Health Foods,	2.12
" Rent,	5.75
" Discount,	3.38
" Donations,	7.00
Net Loss,	1,003.88
	<u>\$1,709.35</u>

SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Property,	\$748.40
Merchandise,	2,279.84
Expense inventory,	38.65
Health Foods,	4.72
Bills Receivable,	724.98
Accounts,	2,976.85
Cash on hand,	391.63
	<u>\$7,165.07</u>

LIABILITIES.

Due Individuals, etc.,	\$139.63
Due Pub. houses,	1,129.24
Due Mission Board,	33.82
Due General Con.,	26.50
Due "Parables,"	17.75
Due Notes Payable,	1,000.00
Present Worth,	4,818.13
	<u>\$7,165.07</u>

LOSSES AND GAINS.

LOSSES.

Expense,	\$77.82
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Old accounts,	36.99
Freight,	9.26
Discount,	2.50
Net Gain,	274.04
	<u>\$400.61</u>

GAINS.

Property,	\$18.05
Merchandise,	370.26
Periodicals,	3.58
Rent,	7.50
Health Foods,	.97
Interest,	.25
	<u>\$400.61</u>

E. HARRIS, Sec'y and Treas.

To the Texas Conference:—

The checking of the various books, such as receipt, invoice, and bill books, connected with your Tract Society accounts, has been done by Brother C. N. Woodward. I have checked over trial balance, inventory, and financial statement. If the various accounts payable to your Society are paid, the statement of finances is correct according to my best knowledge.

Your Secretary and Treasurer has certainly done excellent work. His books are well kept, and the business has been done in an efficient manner.

This report is for the time closing June 30, 1903.

Yours truly,

H. H. HALL, Auditor.

September 23, 1903.

IN Texas 136 counties have total prohibition, 62 have partial prohibition, and 46 have unrestricted saloons. In Tennessee out of 96 counties whisky can be sold legally in only 12. In Kentucky 47 counties have total prohibition, 54 have partial prohibition, and 18 have unrestricted sale of liquor. In Arkansas 44 counties have total prohibition, 2 counties have partial prohibition, while 29 have unrestricted sale. In Mississippi 65 out of 75 counties have prohibition, and out of 200 legislators, all but 12 have declared their approval of a referendum for State prohibition—that is allowing the people to vote on the proposition. In Georgia 103 out of 137 counties have prohibition.

Noting this growth of temperance sentiment in the South, the Washington Post says: "In the South the better class of citizens, always in the majority, make a special effort to prevent the sale of liquor to the negroes and in districts where excessive drink-

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of March 3, 1879.**OUR DEPARTMENTS.**

WE REFER to the departments in our paper. When the RECORD was started, each conference was given one page, which was to be considered their own, to be filled with whatever matter they wished to supply. Provision was made for more space occasionally if needed, but the page was to be theirs anyway. It has sometimes happened that sufficient matter has not been supplied to fill the page, and, in that case we have filled it with other selections rather than leave it blank. However, we wish our friends to know, and especially the brethren in Oklahoma, that if other matter than that which pertains to their department, appears in it, it is because enough was not received to fill their page. So much has been said about one conference having more space in the paper than another that we cannot refrain from saying that if such is sometimes the case it is probable that the conference having the most space occupied takes the most interest in the paper, and in letting the people know what is being done in their borders. Certainly it is that no partiality is shown.

We have often invited contributions, and do so still. We would be glad to receive short, pointed articles on points of our faith; they must be short, though, as we have not space for long articles. We are living in a time when "intensity is taking possession of every earthly element," and to even get the attention of our own people, what we have to say must be boiled down, so that it can be easily grasped.

QUITE a number of subscriptions are expiring with this issue, and it is hoped they will be renewed promptly. Notices are being sent out to all in arrears with an earnest request for them to renew, and we should get a large number of renewals. Those who do not renew at once will have to be dropped, as we shall take that as an indication that they do not want the paper longer.

EMMANUEL Missionary College, at Berrien Springs, Michigan, will begin their work for next year on next Wednesday, the 21st.

ALL our people should read the articles from Sister White in the last two *Reviews*. As definite a message is being given to this people to "go forward" as was given to Israel at the Red Sea, but how many are not hearing the command. Many do not have access to the *Review*, through which these messages are coming to us; others are engrossed in their business and do not take time to heed it. Very soon they will find that the Israel of to-day, who have been watching for the command, have moved on, and are too far in advance for them to catch up. How sad will be their awakening.

A RECENT letter from Brother J. H. Watson reports progress in our Nyassa, British East Central Africa, Mission. When he wrote, there were forty students enrolled in the school with the prospect of more. We have the promise of some illustrated articles for the *Review* from Brother Watson in the near future.

A Question.*To the Record.**Dear Brethren:—*

Yesterday while setting forth the tithing system to some beginners, an older, and to all

appearances a good and prosperous Seventh-day Adventist took the position that if a man received \$1.50 a day as wages and paid 50 cents for his board, his income was only \$1.00 and his tithe 10 cents; also that if a poor farmer at the beginning of the year had \$100.00 with which he bought his year's supply of food, and at the end of the year his crop only netted him \$100.00, he has no income and therefore no tithe to pay. We agreed to abide by your decision, so please state through the RECORD whether this brother's position is correct or not.

A. W. JENSON.

[Answer to above will appear in our issue next week.—*Ed.*]

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ing is almost invariably followed by an outbreak of lawlessness. The report furnishes abundant evidence that the South is meeting another problem, as difficult of solution as the race question with effective intelligence."—*Nashville American.*

LOCAL ITEMS.

PROFESSOR C. B. Hughes has returned from his trip among the Oklahoma churches, and reports a number of students coming from there.

MR. J. S. Stokes, our railroad agent, has been called by sickness to his old home at Greenville, Texas.

ELDER N. P. Nelson and his son, Andrew Nelson, are attending the local camp meeting at Newport, Arkansas.

ONLY a little over one week until the Keene Academy opens. Already students are beginning to come in, and the prospect seems good, in spite of arrangements being late, for a good school this year.

DR. Miller, formerly of Peoria, Texas, is visiting friends in this place. Miss Ethel Stevenson will return to California with him this week.

ELDER A. W. Jenson returned last night from Henderson county, where he has been holding meetings for the past month. He reports some success.

ELDER E. B. Hopkins is in town, packing his goods to remove to his field of labor in northeast Texas.

MRS. M. E. Daniel, of Poetry, Texas, has been visiting friends here the past week.

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