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We know not half the power of good or ill Our daily lives possess o'er one another: A careless look may help a soul to kill,

Or by one look we may redeem our brother. 'Tis not the great thing that we do or say, But idle words forgot as soon as spoken; The little thoughtless deeds of every day,

Are stumbling blocks on which the weak are broken.—Sel.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington is the represen- were to follow. tative city of the United States; that here as in no other city in the country igan to Washington, D. C. does not the student writes the answers. may be found the whole United States mean simply a change of location. It in a nutshell; also representatives of indicates rather a change of condition. all other great nations of the world, it is at once apparent that it is the ideal dom from the bondage of debt, and a possesses peculiar qualifications and long time to this church would surely city for the headquarters of a work, other institutions located there. which in the near crisis will be the world in rebellion.

against the above statement. New York, makes the location here possible, as it would not be if Wash- over \$100.00 for this fund. ington were a larger city, to directly the government.

reached from Washington, which can-according to their ability, will ever not be said of any other city in the feel a deeper interest in the progress country. In every country in the of the Lord's cause in Washington. known, the city of Washington is ing gifts to the Lord for the purchase ton, D. C. I know this from a so- D. C." journ of ten years and four months in The influence of a foreign country.

Washinton, D. C., is world-wide. It is a city set on a hill.

When all these facts are considered

One thing that it signifies, is a freecenter and head of our work, that it debt, however small, clinging for a attractions not possessed by any other be a harbinger of debt and disaster for

I regret to say that the contribusole champion for religious liberty, tions are decreasing, and at the presfor the commandments of God, the entrate the debt will not be paid till Universal King, as opposed by a January 14, 1904. It was important that it should have been paid by The fact that several cities have a November 1st, just one year from the larger population in no wise militates date on which it was purchased. The When I remember the wonderful refact that Washington is not a crowd- sponse through our field on February ed business city, as are Chicago and 2, I believe this will soon be done. About \$900.00 yet remains to be all the more favorable, for here it is paid, though the Review office has

I quote a few words from a Testireach the leading men who make up mony written February 22: "Those who share in this missionary enter-The North and South can alike be prise by making gifts large or small world where the United States is Those who respond to this call, mak-I speak from experience of this church property, will receive when I say that larger cities of the rich blessings for so doing. All gifts United States are comparatively un-should be sent to J. S. Washburn, known, as compared with Washing- 1728 14th St. N. W., Washington,

In Christ we have life.

"Lessons in New Testament History."

THIS is a new book published in and the wonderful providences that three volumes, by M. E. Kern of have led to the establishing of our Union College, College View, Neheadquarters as a denomination here braska, designed for use in the acain the capital city, it will be at once demic departments of our training apparent that the plan and the call schools, the industrial academies, and for the memorial church was not sim- the higher grades of our church ply the plan and call of men but the schools. The lessons are arranged in direct providence of God. It was a chronological order, following the HEN the fact is considered that fore-runner of the greater things that plan of "Desire of Ages." The written answer method is followed, space The move from Battle Creek, Michbeing left after each question in which

> "Definiteness of assignment of the lesson and constructive effort on the part of the student are pedagogical principles that should be recognized in Bible study as elsewhere. There is an excellent training in the effort to master the thought of the answer, and express it in the most concise language. The careful thought necessary to frame brief, comprehensive answers is also helpful in producing a definiteness of idea which is absolutely essential to thoroughness."

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Department. Arkansas 🛊

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE school in Springdale is progressing finely.

BROTHER W. W. Palmer writes that he is well and of good courage.

BROTHER V. B. Watts is holding a series of meetings at Greenland, Arkansas. Sister Sadie Wilson, of that place, writes that the meetings are well attended, and the interest good.

bear fruit for the Master's use.

he is in bad territory and bad weather, on someone to lead us, to push us to churches and isolated. yet he is not discouraged in the least. keep us at work, we will never more than ever. where we realize our own weakness, to us. realize that we are nothing in ourmercy.

Notice.

Oakland, California. and send in their order at an early certainly will lose the blessing; and if

idea of the size of our State order ing Satan to cheat us out of it, for thus helping them and us both.

The Lord's Vineyard or Salan's Ground.

N article sent in sometime ago A stated that we soon expected a state agent to come to the rescue, but would set down in the house and wait and Labor number of December 23, for him. NEXT week's issue will probably start out in the work while the money church in the United States on Sabgive us the result of the local camp is in circulation. If the state agent bath and Sunday, November 21 and meeting. Thus far we learn that the fails to get around to direct you, go to 22. There will be a sample copy of meeting is not as well represented by work any way. No one can stand for this issue sent to each librarian for the our people as was anticipated, but it us in the day of judgment. "Each purpose of representing the same to is hoped that the seed being sown will one to his master standeth or falleth." the church, securing club lists, etc. No one can fill another's place, or do Descriptive circulars are expected BROTHER Coyle Dasher writes that another person's work. If we depend soon, which will be sent out to the

selves, feeling our total dependance this sleepy lethargy before it is ever- being asked on every hand, "What do on God, and and can then say with lastingly too late. Let us arouse and these things mean?" and "What will the Psalmist "Do thou for me," we cheat old Satau out of some of his be the final outcome?" Never before are then where our heavenly Father clients. It is just as Satan would did we as a people have such a grand would have us, humble instruments have it. He is holding all back from opportunity to present this subject to in His hand to be used to His honor scattering the seeds in the way of the the people with the assurance that It is then that we can printed page.\ He knows the time is they will stop and read. Shall we imlook up with the eye of faith, and short, and he is doing his work well. prove the opportunity? praise the Lord for His goodness and Who are his followers?—All who are simply a question of circulating a claims.

A special number of the Signs done now, not next week, or sometime for other lines of work. problem of Capital and Labor is soon who have felt a burden for the work, Brother George A. King: eration in giving this number a wide remember that this is the Lord's vine- work. I have been working for sevbeen sent to the churches and isolated. truth, for there are many souls hun- these large Eastern cities. direct from the publishing house in reached through the printed page. If the future the Signs or some other We trust that the Lord raises up others to do the paper will have to play an important all are planning to do aggressive work, work that He has called us to do, we part in our work here."

date; so we can give the house some we do, it will be because we are allowthis is the Lord's vineyard, and not Satan's ground.

A Timely Work.

E WOULD like to call your attention to the special number at the same time we hoped that none of the Signs. It is to be the Capital Seemingly that is what but will be issued early in November. many have been doing since last July. It is understood that missionary con-It is time to break that record and ventions are to be held in every

This number will contain twenty-He believes there must be a lesson in amount to very much in this life; and four pages, beautifully illustrated it for him for he feels his weakness our chances for eternal life will be with original engravings, designed to It has been well rather slim. We may just get there tell the story as full as possible, thus said that our importunities are God's and that be all, but there will not be appealing to the eye as will as to the opportunities, for in Him is our many stars in our crowns. The well mind. Never before in the history of strength; and when we are brought done faithful servant cannot be said our world was there so much agitation over the subject of Capital and God grant that all may awake from Labor as now. And the questions are listening to him and yielding to his large number of papers, but of getting the truth before the people. The It is a solemn fact that the time is Signs of the Times is our pioneer short, and what must be done must be missionary paper. It opens the way devoted to the consideration of the next month. Friends, those of you the following from a letter from The problem is one of and resolved numberless times to take the time has come when we can work the signs of the times, and deserves it up, and still plead excuse for fur- faster with the message by using the special consideration, therefore the ther delay, remember please that it is Signs as a pioneer for the book work publishers invite your hearty co-op- just as Satan would have it; but also as well as for the Bible and ministerial At this writing special yard, and if we fail, He will raise up eral years on the difficult problem of circulars descriptive of the same have others to carry the messengers of reaching the people with books in A sample copy of this issue will be gering and thirsting for the words of sold many thousands of dollars' worth sent to the librarians (or church life in Arkansas, those whom preach- of books, and have done a good work, clerks where there are no librarian) ers can never reach, who only will be but I think it is clear now that for

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An Open Letter.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:-

If you are taking the RECORD, you are aware that Brother Cubley and myself have been holding a series of meetings at this place. Our success has not been large, but a few honest souls have come out on the Lord's side, and others are deeply interested. The opposition is great, the prejudice is strong, and it seems imperative that we have a house of our own in which to worship. We have secured a suitable bit of ground, and expect to build a small house 24x40 with a 12 foot wall. have contributed and will contribute'a sum equal to a month's wages, and have set myself to the task of raising \$100.00 additional. If you are not in possession of a few dollars that you can give us, will you not please get some of our good books, and go out among your neighbors, and canvass from one to five days, and give us your profits? Please write me a letter by next mail, and let me know how much you are going to help us. would prefer to raise all the money needed to complete the house from our own district; but knowing that our people are poor in purse and few in number, I shall hope to get help from our brethren in other parts of the State. N. J. ETHEREDGE.

Buffalo Gap, Texas, Oct. 30, 1903.

FIELD REPORTS.

Douglass, Nacogdoches Co.-The good work is still progressing in this part of the field. Since my last ference. Besides the churches there report I have had some most excellent are many isolated Sabbath-keepers. meetings. Sunday, October 18, we piney woods, and after a discourse I of your needs and desires. Especially buried twelve dear souls in baptism. would we like to hear from every isoand I hope for others in the near fu- go to work to create one. the work for which we thank His among the people. holy name.

request of my congregation I conseut-darkness and put on the armor of the RECORD yet?

close of my series of meetings. The district to be faithful in tithe paying time appointed for the discussion was and in keeping all of God's commandsix sessions of two hours each. and the truth triumphed most won- Lord. This can be done if we will all derfully. The people are more inter- consecrate ourselves to God. ested than ever. I believe there will the discussion.

short rest, expecting to return and cause as we once were. for the work in east Texas.

J. N. SOMMERVILLE.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.—At the late dried up. camp meeting the State was divided

merville, Hood, Parker, Wise and fifteen churches could buy two. Montague counties as border counties on the west.

ties on the south.

runs north to the Red river, including the brethren on this subject, but sim-Rains, Hunt, Hopkins and Lamar needs. We believe they will respond. counties on the east. The northern boundary is the Red river.

teen churches, or about half the con- hear from you. Address me at Keene.

I would be glad to hear from every repaired to a beautiful lake in the church elder in the district. Tell us This is part of the fruits of my efforts lated family. Have you an interest of six weeks. Since then three more in your neighborhood? If so, let me have offered themselves for baptism, hear from you; and if you have not, This can ture. The dear Lord is with us in be done by scattering our literature Every family ought to be the means in God's hand Soon after I began meetings at the of giving the truth to the people in above named place, a Campbellite sent the community in which they live. me a challenge to discuss the Sabbath O, that we may arouse and wake out and Lord's day questions. By the of slumber! Shake off the powers of

ed to meet him, so he came at the light. I appeal to every one in the He ments. Let every church try to win only, remained with me through the some family to the truth, and every first proposition (three sessions.) He Sabbath-keeper try to win some to the left me without any excuse and never truth; and may this be the year when returned, and so the meeting closed, many souls will be gathered in for the

O, for a revival of the old-time misbe some souls gathered as a result of sionary spirit! I am afraid we as a people have lost that spirit we once I am now on my way home for a had. We are not as zealous for God's We have push the work as never before. Pray grown cold and indifferent, and some are robbing God in tithes and offerings. As the result the curse of God is resting upon us, and our souls are

We need in this district at least two into four districts known as the West-gospel tents; we haven't a decent tent ern, Eastern, Southern and Central in the district. We bought one new We will now give the boundary one this year, but we let the Southern counties of the Central District. It district have it. The superintendent begins on the west line of Montague of that district tells me that they excounty, on the Red river and runs pect to buy another one in the spring. south to Travis, including Travis, I feel that if they can do that with Williamson, Coryell, Bosque, Som- only four churches, surely we with

West Texas last year with only two churches bought and paid for a tent. From Travis the line runs northeast East Texas did the same. I believe to Anderson county, including Travis, the brethren in the Central distict are Milam, Robertson, Freestone, Lime just as liberal as they are in the west stone and Anderson as border coun or east, and they love the message as well and want to see it go. I don't From Anderson county the line feel that it is necessary for me to urge Anderson, Van Zandt, Henderson, ply to call their attention to our

If there is any one who reads these lines that feels that they want to help In this district there are about fif- us buy a tent, we would be glad to

T. W. FIELD.

Missionary Convention.

ELDERS and leaders should begin now to plan for the Missionary Convention to be held in all the churches of this country on the 21st and 22nd. These can be made seasons of great interest to our churches, and profitable, but it will take some thought and preparation. These meetings should be the beginning of the winter campaign with our literature. Readings upon each subject to be discussed will be furnished the church officers.

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NOTES.

Union College, at College View, Wesley in charge. Nebraska, has an enrollment of 225 at the present time, and an excellent class of students too.

BROTHER J. W. Kirkpatrick and family arrived in Keene last night.

ELDER N. P. Nelson returned from Arkansas last Thursday, and reports a small but good camp meeting at Newport.

ELDER W. A. McCutchen spent last Sabbath with the Dallas church. He states that the brethren there have a rare opportunity to purchase a little church building well suited to their needs at a bargain, and they are making great efforts to raise the means.

Mrs. Nelson and members of last coming later. A fine class of students year's class was enjoyed by nearly are here now, and with the able and every one in Keene. The programme consecrated corps of instructors that was well rendered and seemed to be has been secured, good work may be appreciated by the audience.

BROTHER Rhodes, with whom most of our citizens were acquainted, died last Sabbath morning, after an illness of only four days.

long time in southern Texas, moving We hope all will respond to this good here about a year ago. He leaves a work, and improve this golden opporwidow and one child, with other tunity of sowing the seeds of truth. friends to mourn his loss.

London. They were compelled to leave the Gold Coast on account of sickness, - \$.50 and their friends are pleased to see and sisters, clerks and librarians, as them back at home again.

ELDER Eastman's eldest daughter, Grace, has been very sick for a number of days, but is better now.

BROTHER J. F. Bahler and corps of Signs workers are in Keene for a few day's rest, after an extended campaign with the paper. They report excellent success selling the Signs.

ELDER N. P. Nelson is quite seriously sick with la grippe. He is still attending to his work and hopes to be up in a few days.

Both the Academy and church school boards met last Saturday night to lay plans for their respective departments.

the first day.

THE public school opens to-day with Professor John Taylor and Miss

The Academy Opening.

O DOUBT the friends of the Keene Academy will be anxiously awaiting some announcement concerning the opening, as all know more or less of the period of uncertainty through which it has been passing the past summer. The school opened on the date appointed, last Wednesday morning, and we are glad to be able to announce that the attendance was all that could have been expected. Some have come in since that time and the enrollment at present is something over fifty. Word has been received THE Musicale given last night by from a good many others that they are expected this year.

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The retail price of this double The funeral ser- number will be five cents a copy. It to the purpose of God, as the staff vices were held Sabbath evening at 5 will be furnished in quanties of one which he held in his hand was to his Brother Rhodes was about hundred or more at three and one-half own will."

63 years of age, and had lived for a cents each, less than that four cents. We have been asked to place our ELDER D. U. Hale and family ar- order in as soon as possible with the rived in Keene this morning from publishing house; but in order to do so intelligently, we would appreciate some expression from our brethren to somewhere near the number they can use. We hope to hear from you at an early date.

SEVERAL letters of inquiry have come to us as to whether the book. "Living Temple," was to be used on the same plan as "Object Lessons." That was the understanding, and the proceeds were to be used in the sanitarium work. However we learn that no effort is being made to push this book as some question the advisiability of so doing, it having been examined by some who thought it contained unsound principles. This question is being further considered at the council in session at Washington, and a testi-THE church school opened last mony was published in the Review of Wednesday with an attendance of 43 October 22. Let all get the paper and carefully read it for themselves.

Sowing and Reaping.

N THE laws of God in nature, effect follows cause with follows cause with unerring certainty. The reaping will testify as to what the sowing has been. slothful worker is condemned by his works. The harvest bears witness against him. So in spiritual things; the faithfulness of every worker is measured by the results of his work. The character of his work, whether diligent or slothful, is revealed by the It is thus that destiny for harvest. eternity is decided. Every seed sown produces a harvest of its kind. So it is in human life. We all need to sow the seeds of compassion, sympathy, and love, for we shall reap what we Every characteristic of selfishness, self-love, self-esteem, every act of self-indulgence, will bring forth a like harvest. He who lives for self sowing to the flesh, of the flesh he will reap corruption.—Christ's Object Lessons.

"Moses was as thoroughly yielded

Oklahoma & Department.

AMONG THE CANVASSERS.

NEWBORN SCOTT .- "I have had good success in the work the past week, and the Lord is blessing me very much for which I thank Him. The people are hungry for the truth report, and will be glad to hear of still desired to unite with God's remin this country. I have taken \$22.50 other conventions being held. We nant people, we would gladly receive worth of orders for "Great Contro- hope that all our schools will have her into the church. I hope the versy," and sold \$8.50 cents worth of a Home Department, for the ones who brethren of this church will plan to "helps," the past week. This is very cannot attend the Sabbath School, have a church school by another year. good as I only worked three days, it Some of the schools have taken up having rained Monday and Friday; this work, and we trust that all who but I am of good courage for I am in have absent members in their schools the Lord's work. It is the Lord's will find this a means of increasing will to try every one of His children, the interests of their Sabbath School. and I want to be one of them so I will The lessons we are studying from home on account of death having have to be tried. This is a large ter- week to week are just what each one taken away one of his children. He itory in which to work, and the needs, and especielly so when we real- is now expected at the office, as the people are calling for Brother Stoops ize that God's Word is to fit us to conference committee is to be called and I to come to where they live and soon enter into the promised inherit- together to have a short council at this ple would go to work. It would be a who obey it? grand experience for them. The Lord the work."

Roy Stoops."I have been out canvassing this week, and have taken \$11.00 worth of orders. I know the Lord has been with me, and I hope the books placed in the homes of the people will bring some souls to a knowledge of the truth. Oh, that there were more canvassers, young men who would consecrate themselves to the work of the Lord! Oh, brethren, you don't know how anxious the people are to get their books. They tell me that they can hardly wait until the time for my delivery to get their book. Young people, you who can leave, come and help carry this message to the world. There are people who are perishing without hearing of a sooncoming Saviour. Pray for me and the work here. Let us work harder than May God bless the canever before. vassing work."

The Sabbath School Department.

Sabbath School convention, held at ual condition I would like to see them. thought for at the time."

Putnam, which the Sabbath School work was church at quarterly meeting. A lady to take up the Home Department to keep the Sabbath, wished to unite work. Having such a good time, the with the church; but as she had not school voted to hold another conven- investigated all points of the truth, I

The people are eager for ance. Shall we not seek to obtain a time. these precious pages of truth, and I more thorough knowledge of the do wish that more of our young peo- Word of God, which is life to those for the other members of the confer-

would be well pleased to see the peo- rents and children a thorough and of next week. ple more ready to carry this message systematic study of the Word of God. Dear brethren and so let us improve our opportunities; ing; but as he has just reached the sisters, think of these things for the and if we are so situated that we are important part of his meetings at end is near. May the Lord open up unable to attend the regular weekly the way for more canvassers to enter Sabbath School, let us adopt the Home morning, not waiting to attend the Department plan, and become members of the school nearest us, or members of the State Home Department. thus having a little Sabbath School in our home each week to study the Word of God. I will be glad to correspond with all those who desire to learn more in regard to this work.

MRS. A. E. FIELD. . 606 W. 9th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

THE FIELD.

PERRY AND STAR.—My last report reached to September 30. Since that time five earnest souls have begun to think others at this place will soon be living the truth. The brethren of ber 2.

Star church October 10. Some of the not a real and saving thing." brethren and sisters of this church

Sunday, October 11, in One young man was added to the The School decided at this place, who has recently begun tion the third Sunday in November. told her to wait awhile, and carefully WE are glad to receive this good study the message; and then if she

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER Haffner was recently called

ELDER Field is in the city waiting ence committee to arrive. He expects THE Sabbath School affords to pa- to return to his field of labor the first

> ELDER Sorenson came in last even-Vinco, he returned to that place this council of the committee.

> BROTHER James Butka has been sick for several weeks. We are glad to hear that he is improving in health and hope that he may be able to take up his work again soon.

ELDER Mc Reynolds called at the office last week while passing through

"WHEN the great Napoleon visited his old school at Brienne, he addressed these words only to the assembled boys: 'Boys, remember that every hour wasted at school means a chance of misfortune in later life.""

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"When we make an entire conseare growing nicely in the Christian cration to God, we find in after years SISTER Syp reports an interesting life, while others are not in the spirit- it was a great deal bigger than we

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