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The International Publishing Association

has now entered upon its active work of sounding the Third Angel's Message among the foreign nationalities in this country. Orders are coming in quite freely for our tracts, and papers, and some for our larger books. Letters of inquiry as to the extent of our work are also being received, and in answer I will say that besides the issuing of our papers, *Christlicher Hausfreund* ('German weekly); *Der Deutsche Arbeiter* (German Monthly); *Evangeliets Sendebud* (Danish-Norwegian weekly); and *Sions Vaktare* (Swedish weekly);—we have a great variety of books, pamphlets, and tracts. We trust within a few weeks to be able to get out an up-to-date catalogue, which is greatly needed. In the meanwhile, let us not for a moment be idle. Let us not wait to be a foreign missionary, till we are called by the Foreign Mission Board. No, most of us are surrounded by even more foreigners now than we are doing justice to by our present way of working. Let none of us get the idea that now as the International Publishing Association has been organized, that they will exclusively look after the foreign work, and the rest of us are left to push the English. No, that comes far short of meeting the mind of God. While the International Publishing Association will see that there is plenty of up-to-date printed matter prepared, and that our people will know where to get it, yet it will take our united efforts to accomplish the work.

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T. C. JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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GREAT opportunities,

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are before the workers here. I believe that every one who reads this article is deeply interested in the prosperity of the work in Washington. But very few can come to this city personally; and we earnestly hope that those who come to work will first have a definite understanding with those in charge of the work. W. T. Bland, secretary of the school board, J. R. Scott, secretary of the sanitarium board, and A. P. Needham, business manager, are the brethren who have a special oversight of this department. No building is as yet in progress. Plans are being laid, and we are hoping that a good amount of money will be sent in before a

FOUNDATION—STONE

has been laid or a nail driven. We have often been told that our people much prefer to pay for our institutions before they are built, rather than after. We believe it is so. You who read this article have the privilege of proving this to be true.

Very few will come in person, but all can send that which represents

their love and sympathy for the work, and their faith in this move. You can send the representative of your strength, your energy, that which stands for your very heart; your treasure, the "sinews of war."

We are waiting for a gift of one thousand dollars, with which to start the list of donations. We shall not wait in vain. Send all gifts to W. T. Bland, 222 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

The sun is sinking in the west, but I see that its last beams are shining brightly on the beautiful Capitol building. O, brother, the sun of mercy, of divine opportunity, is setting forever on millions of souls, yea, truly, on all the world, but its last rays are shining brightly, tenderly, mournfully on all the beautiful, empty plans and works of men; and for those who know the truth these last moments of daylight, are moments of destiny. This is our opportunity. It may come to us no more forever.

O hasten; for soon the night cometh when no man can work, when no man can give. NOW.

J. S. WASHBURN,
Financial Secretary.

The One Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund.

WE have received this week from a brother in Nebraska a donation of \$1,000 toward the building fund of the Sanitarium, Training School, and General Conference Offices in Washington. We believe that this will be the fore-runner of many donations of the same and still larger amounts. A list of the donations to this fund will be published in the next *Review*. A constant stream of smaller donations is flowing in daily. We are deeply grateful to see the means coming in before the buildings are erected. We are sure this is God's way, and that His Spirit is at work pleading this cause with our brethren who have

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Arkansas Department.

Items of Interest.

WHEN this paper reaches its readers, Elder J. A. Sommerville will have commenced a series of meetings in Gravette, as he shipped a tent there to-day for that purpose.

BROTHER V.-B. Watts reports that nine are keeping the Sabbath as the result of his labors not far from Gentry, and thinks that more will follow. He also states that he has a strong call to go from there to Logan, and is planning to hold meetings there as soon as he closes where he is.

BRETHREN Griffin and Bender are enroute for Piney or somewhere in that locality.

WE hope the day is not far distant when the Arkansas conference will be able to support some Bible workers, for we have many urgent appeals for them from the cities.

IN a recent letter from Little Rock we learn that they had a good quarterly meeting, five being added to the church, making eight the past quarter; and several more will unite soon. They also have a good Sabbath School.

GOOD reports as the one from Little Rock, shows that there is some aggressive missionary work being done by its members; in other words the church is alive, and as a result souls are being brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. This work is not the result of preaching, or a conference Bible worker, but quiet, house-to-house work by some of its members. Are there not others who can profit by this example, and follow out in the same line? The Lord is calling upon each one of us to be missionaries.

Let Us Work.

AS A result of scattering literature and other missionary work done by the Gravette church, an urgent call for a minister has come in. We find in this a lesson that all churches and companies could well profit by. Spend your spare moments in scattering the seeds of truth, creating an interest that calls for more, occasioning a call for the minister to hold a series of meetings and bind off

the work. Thus souls are brought to a saving knowledge of the truth, or in the words of the Scriptures, "Many are added to the Lord," thus building up new companies, adding to the older ones, and their souls in the meantime being watered. The companies and churches instead of disbanding, and calling for a preacher to come and re-organize them and settle some little foolish difficulties, will be alive, growing daily in grace and in the admonition and fear of the Lord. Those who have long been in the way should appeal for help only from the Lord, not from the preachers.

Let us arouse to the needs of the hour, and to our privileges and duties at this time, and get the truth before the people. We have the printed page on every phase of the truth in tracts, books, and papers. May we seek to so relate ourselves to our God that He will arouse each one of us, and give each one of us the needed discretion and wisdom for the work.

We are beginning to realize to a large extent that what was once accomplished with comparative ease, now requires much greater effort. This is a sign to us of the approaching end. Difficulties will multiply instead of lessen, but the Lord has promised to be with us even till the end of the world. Let us seek to have a greater burden for the salvation of souls, take the Lord at His word, and improve every opportunity however small, for life is made up of the little things.

Notices.

A FEW of the faithful ones have sent in their reports, for which we are truly grateful. If many others could see the importance of the blanks being filled out and sent in promptly, (if they could be in the office at the close of the quarter for a few days, we think they would) they would surely awake to the responsibility and do the required work at the proper time. I am not scolding or finding fault, but must confess that I do get a little exasperated some times, especially when the General Conference Secretary has to write for my report, which I am daily expecting she will. At present I am simply waiting on the delinquency of others. Now my dear friends, if the reports were not essential, certainly they would not be sent

out. Please report promptly.

WE hope soon to report items of interest from the Sabbath School conventions as programmes have been sent to several of the schools.

Field Reports.

PINEY.—I last reported from Afton, Indian Territory. April 4, Brother Baker drove us from Afton to Grove, a distance of about sixteen miles, at which place we took the train for Gravette, Arkansas. Here we had a meeting of the Conference Committee and laid plans for the summer's work.

As I had a few days before Elder Griffin was ready to start for this place, I went with Brother Watts to where he is holding meetings in the country near Gentry. I praise the Lord for what is being done there. The harvest seems ripe, and the Lord is surely working by His Spirit to to gather souls at that place and prepare them for His coming. The people certainly are interested. May the Lord give His servant in that place wisdom that a good work may be done. Several have taken their stand and others will. Yesterday, April 12, Brother Griffin and myself came to this place. We will report later how the work goes here.

U. BENDER.

Institute at Afton, Indian Territory.

OUR institute here closed April 4. We only had a small attendance, but those who were there will all canvass. As we studied the precious promises brought out from God's holy word by our Bible teacher, Brother Bender, our hearts were melted, and in each one was kindled a desire to give these precious truths to others.

The lines the Lord has laid down for our guidance in this branch of the work were carefully studied, and we believed they will be closely followed. All expressed themselves as greatly benefited by the stay at the institute, and with the Lord's guidance are determined to give good work the coming season. We feel as if with a few, good work can be done, and a start made that will be added to from time to time till we have a good corps of workers here in Arkansas.

W. L. MANFULL.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

Field Reports.

HUTCHINS.—No doubt the readers of the RECORD would be pleased to hear of the progress of the work here in this part of the Lord's great moral vineyard, and so I will send in a short report.

I have labored about five weeks at this place, holding meetings every night with a fair attendance and a good interest. I came here three weeks before Conference and started the meeting, and have now been here two weeks since our Conference at Keene. Since coming back we have studied the subjects of tithing, Spirit of Prophecy, temperance, and other Bible truths for this time.

The brethren here have taken great interest in the meetings and have faithfully attended them all, which has been a great help to the work. The Lord has blessed the efforts put forth, and last Sabbath, April 2, I had the privilege of baptizing five precious souls into Christ. One of these was a sister who had become dissatisfied with her former baptism in the Christian church. The other four on profession of faith and baptism were heartily received into the church. A brother who had been baptized by another denomination was upon profession of faith taken into the church by vote.

There are yet others whom we hope will in the near future take their stand with us under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel and march on with God's people to certain victory.

Our public meetings closed last Sunday night, April 3, with as good an attendance as at most any other time during our course of meeting.

As the church had had no business meeting since its organization last summer, a business meeting was held Monday night at 8: P. M., and all the members were present except those who had moved away to other states. A full set of officers was chosen for the present year. The good Spirit of the Lord was present, and we had a profitable season, and all are rejoicing in the Lord. May the Lord bless the Hutchins church, and the seed of truth that has been sown, to the salvation of souls for whom Christ suffered the cruel death on the cross.

In a week or two, I expect to join Elder T. W. Field in a tent effort. We do not yet know just where we will locate, as there are so many calls, and we would be glad to fill them all, but of course this can not be done.

"Finally brethren, pray for us that the the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified even as it is with you." ANDREW NELSON.

Hutchins, April 4, 1904.

Notes from the Canvassers.

I WILL state now in regard to the work I have been engaged in regularly for the past five weeks. I have been holding meetings a part of the time and glad to say that four have begun to observe the Sabbath, and others are interested, and I hope will decide soon to obey. I can see that the people are anxious to hear the message, and many will soon decide to obey. May God help all to work more faithfully and hasten the coming of the Lord. I have also put in nearly three weeks canvassing; the Lord has blessed; and as a result I have taken fifty-two orders for "Home Hand Book" in the library style to be delivered about the 15th of September. I have also sold some pamphlets and "Gospel Primers." This is the time to push this line of work, as the crops are very fine, and the farmers are of good courage. May God impress many of his people to go out into the work, and He will abundantly bless everyone who will enlist. Who will not now say, "Here am I, Oh Lord, send me." May the Lord still bless all who will hold up the truth for these closing hours.

O. GLASS.

Dallas Church School.

ONCE more I deem it my duty to make a partial report of my work here in Dallas. Dallas is one of most important cities in this large state of Texas. It leads in the wholesale business and is also becoming a great manufacturing town. It is noted for its many churches, and some very fine ones too. Among the many churches is the Seventh-day Adventists', with which I have been connected for the last few months. We have a real neat little church, located near the city park, between the Ervay and Akard street car lines.

Since the Conference I returned to

Dallas and resumed my work, only with added burdens and responsibilities. My school had been running for four months, and I thought we might close it on my return, but finding such a strong desire on the part of the students and patrons that we taught another month. So our little school term was five months long, with an enrollment of thirteen. I consider that we have had a very successful time with no trouble worth mentioning. I have had the co-operation of my patrons. Although many times during the term it seemed as though, looking at it from a financial standpoint, we would be compelled to close, but as many of the patriarchs of old we continued walking by faith. I can see results that give me encouragement. I believe in every city where it is possible schools should be started if nothing more than mission schools. The people of the cities are becoming more and more discouraged with the city schools and are seeking private instruction for their children. Now, I want to tell you, my brethren, that the world is not asleep to these openings. Here in the city quite an effort is being made for the kindergarten work. There are a number of these schools where forms, ceremonies, and a lot of stuff besides the gospel of Jesus Christ is taught. I attended one of the leading kindergarten schools here in the city this week. A more suitable place for the work could hardly be found, with children and four teachers. The teachers seemed honest, conscientious, and devoted to their work. But honestly I listened very closely and did not see or hear anything to point those dear little lambs to the Saviour.

Now do not understand me to say that everything they received was wrong, but listen, we have a message for the children, and they must have it. To illustrate what I mean I will give you a simple little story: Once the sun and wind began to quarrel over their power, and finally decided to make the test on a man going up a hill, etc. You remember very well the story. Well this story was told as though the sun and wind were actually talking, and that it was a true story, and thus left it without bringing out or impressing a lesson on their little minds. So my dear friends, why do we want to tell false stories to the children with no lesson

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ONCE more we would request our friends not to send postage stamps in payment for subscriptions. We now have several dollars worth on hand, more than we shall use for some time, and we are not able financially to extend subscriptions for stamps upon which we cannot realize anything to help us.

WE are much pleased with the way reports and other matter is offered. After our paper is up for this week we still have enough on our hooks to fill nearly all the department pages. We are thankful for this interest and hope it may continue. But ought not all our people in this Union Conference to have the benefit of these reports and encouraging articles? It seems so, and we hope all our laborers will see that every family in the places where they visit have the paper each week. Nice lists are coming in, but we shall not be satisfied until all have it.

WE are glad to welcome to our exchange list the *North Carolina Messenger*, published at Eufola, N. C. Ten years ago when the writer first became connected with that field there were only a few Sabbath-keepers in

it. Now there is a well-equipped little conference doing good work. We all rejoice in the progress of the work throughout the southern field.

Keene Notes.

ELDERS N. P. Nelson and D. U. Hale went to Northeast Texas last Thursday. Elder Hale takes charge of that district and Elder Nelson will remain over two Sabbaths with him.

BROTHER H. A. Scantlin has returned from Coalgate, I. T. and is visiting his family in this place.

ELDER C. P. Haskell made a trip to South Texas last week in the interest of the Sanitarium, and spent the Sabbath with the Houston church. He reports a very enjoyable time.

ELDER W. W. Eastman brings a good report of his trip to Fort Worth, where he spent last Sabbath with the church at that place.

ELDERS T. W. Field and Andrew Nelson spent last Sabbath with the old Corsicana church, which they expected to partially re-organize at that time. They will spend this week searching for a location for tent meetings and will likely be with the Edgewood church next Sabbath.

THE Literary Society rendered one of the best programmes of the season last Saturday night. Papers were presented by many of the members giving the history and authors of old and familiar hymns, after which most of the hymns were sung.

Miss Lottibel Green left for her home at Hagerman, New Mexico last night.

MR. John Peabody, who has been attending the Academy, left for his home in Louisiana last Tuesday.

SEVERAL of our young people attended the Cochran-Huffstetter wedding in Dallas last Thursday night.

MRS A. G. Bodwell went to Dallas last Thursday morning to visit friends.

MRS Buck, known to many here as Miss Dolly Hestand, died last Wednesday night and was laid to rest Thursday afternoon. She had been sick for a long time.

VELMA Field, daughter of Brother David Field, has been very sick the past week with congestion of the lungs, but is better today.

THE Keene church is preparing to hold a Sabbath School convention on May 7th. An interesting programme is now being prepared, and our brethren and sisters from neighboring churches are invited to come in and enjoy it with us. Papers upon different subjects will be read and discussed, and it is expected that a profitable time will be had.

The One Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund.

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means in large or small amounts.

We will gladly send to each one who sends a donation to the work to the General Conference Treasurer, a thirty-two page illustrated leaflet describing the situation and the present need; also blank subscription lists, authorizing any who desire to secure funds for these enterprises.

J. S. WASHBURN.

Dallas Church School.

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in it for them? I say it is a shame that their little minds are filled up with such stuff that they do not understand. Oh! how nice it would be if they could instead listen to some of the nice, pure Bible stories that would teach them the goodness of God and his protecting care over them. As I see the children of this city running at large my soul goes out after them, and many times I exclaim to myself, "What can I do for them?"

Sunday afternoon we have a children's meeting for the outside children as well as our own. Our attendance has never been large, yet we have a very interesting little congregation. I believe, if I mistake not, that only one of our children were present last Sunday; all the others were outside children. I talked to them about an hour and a quarter, and I never had a more attentive congregation, and when I stopped the request was heard, "Give us some more." I suppose some are wondering how we held their attention so completely. First, we had a real true Bible story to tell; second, the Lord gave us strength, and impressed the story as we told it. All through the story where we thought it best, we stopped and made a personal application. Brother if you want to lead your children to the Lord, tell them these good Bible stories and make a personal application of the lesson to them. A. M. WOODALL.

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Oklahoma Department.**The Canvassing Work.**

SINCE our good institute many have gone into the canvassing work, and I am already getting good reports. I am still very busy starting new canvassers. Since the institute I have visited Guthrie, Perkins and Enid; I spent some time at Enid as there were several to start from there. I spent some time helping them to get started, and then went to Woodward, and started three from there. I then went to Mt. Zion where I found four new ones who will soon start out. On account of dry weather most of the canvassers will work in the eastern part of Oklahoma. One brother, a new canvasser, took \$75.00 worth of orders in four days. A sister took \$15.00 worth in four and one half hours. I have three sisters here to start and then I will make a trip among the canvassers out east. Don't forget to pray for this most important work, for God ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books. This is the very work the Lord desires this people to do at this time. "All who consecrate themselves to this work are helping to give the last message to the world. We cannot estimate too highly this work, for if it were not for the efforts of the canvassers many would never hear the warning."—*Manual for Canvassers.*

Field Reports.

ALLMON.—I commenced a series of meetings at Allmon, Oklahoma, January 17, 1904, which lasted four weeks. There was a good attendance all the way through the meetings. Eight precious souls promised to keep the commandments of the Lord.

From Allmon I went to a school house four miles north and held a series of meetings, with a good attendance every night. There were two took their stand for the truth, while many others are deeply interested and may take their stand for the truth later on.

I have had many rich experiences from the Lord since I have been in the work, but I realize that I need the prayers of God's people, so brethren

and sisters, pray for me and the work.

J. B. HAMPTON.

GYP AND TEXMO.—Since coming from the Conference at Keene, Texas, I have visited the Gyp church holding five meetings with them with good interest.

I then came to Texmo and commenced meetings in a school house, where there were no Sabbath-keepers in the country. After four weeks of hard labor the Lord has given us eight souls for our hire. March 30 Elders Haffner and Hickman passed by and stopped over night with us, which we appreciated very much. I now leave this little company for a few days. I took two yearly subscriptions for the *Review*, two for the *Signs* and one for the *Southern Watchman*, and sold some books and tracts. I surely feel to praise God for his presence and help.

The holiness people undertook to run us out by claiming they had an appointment ahead of mine, and tried to stop the meetings, but the people arose and said, "Brother Bagby, give out an appointment at my house." One after another did this until none were left, and then they said, "All right, you can have the hall," so we continued our meetings, with a good interest to the close. The homes of the people are open to our workers, and they all say, "When you come back bring your satchel to my house and stay with us." It is a common expression, "I am not afraid of any one on the Sabbath question." We expect to see others added to this company soon. I know this will be if they are faithful. Pray for the work here, that not only may God keep those that have started but that others may step out. To the Lord be all the praise.

J. R. BAGBY.

GYP AND ANTELOPE.—I spent Sabbath and Sunday, March 26 and 27, with the Gyp church. The Lord came near and blessed. The quarterly meeting was held and most of the members took part. The brethren are calling for a meeting at Butler, and we hope that Brother Hickman or Brother Bagby will come and hold a series of meetings.

From that place I joined Brother Hickman going further west, to Antelope, where we have several families of our people. We passed by the

place where Brother Bagby is holding a meeting. We found that he has quite a good interest, and has hopes of raising up a company.

At Antelope we found a nice company of Sabbath-keepers. Elder Stevens, of Iowa, lives out there. He is one of our pioneer ministers, but his health was failing and so he settled down on a farm. We have made a start in the organization of a church at this place. About twenty gave in their names and showed their willingness to join the church, but as most of them belonged to some church in the North, we did not go any farther until they could get their letters from those churches. It is expected that by the time of the next quarterly meeting all will have their letters, so that the organization can be completed at that time and officers elected. The brethren were all glad to get acquainted with us, and we surely enjoyed our visit with them, and were glad to welcome them among us. Elder Hickman remained there to hold some meetings with the outside people. We hope and pray that some new ones will accept the truth.

G. F. H.

Notes from the Canvassers.

WHEN we arrived at Paul's Valley, Indian Territory, we found Brother Garner waiting for us to begin canvassing. We all began work on March 29. We find a class of people who are way back on all lines. When we look at this people, we see darkness has covered the earth, and gross darkness, the people. O, we ask for wisdom from on high that we may do or say something to enlighten them of the soon-coming storm. We hear its muttering sounds in the near future, not far in the distance. Truly these people need the precious truths contained in the books we are taking to their homes. Surely the angels have gone before to open up the way. Our courage is good in the Lord, and we are determined to press the battle to the end. Remember the canvassers in your prayers. We have some very diverse circumstances here to contend with, but the Lord says His grace is sufficient for us.

A. R. AND L. E. HILL.

THE people I have met this week seem earnest and eager to know the truth. Some said it did not seem

worth their time to attend church, as the sermons were really only lectures. Those who ordered the book did so because they wished to understand the prophecies for this time,

HANNAH J. BAKER.

We are on our way to Hunter, Oklahoma to our canvassing field. The Lord has promised, if we are faithful, He will be with us even unto the end. We know if the work is not done in times of peace we, or some one will have to do it in times of trouble. So how important it is that we scatter the seed of truth to those in darkness.

NELLIE COX.

NELLIE SOUTHARD.

It seems as though we ought to arise and shine, as I go from place to place and see the people in sin and darkness. Oh, how my heart reaches out for them. If we could realize the times we are living in, we could not do too much for our Saviour. The Lord has blessed me so far, and I give Him all the praise. My desire is to push onward to advance His soon-coming. I feel as though I can not do enough for my Master. The work is rapidly opening before us. Let us hasten and bring it to a close.

J. T. MILLER.

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J. J. Jobe,	Chandler	G C	29	88	2	5 25	2	75	
W. S. Roy,	Perkins	B R	13	26	5	13 00			
Jacob Brisker,	Lexington	G C	16	14	6	18 00	1	75	
Delillah Bricker,	Lexington	G C	19	24	5	13 75	1	10	
William Bricker,	Lexington	G C	30	61	9	24 50		25	
J. T. Miller,	Okmulgee		26	47	25	68 75	4	00	
Total, 11			232	385	107	295 75	15	84	
†Texas.									
*O. Glass,	Denton Co	H H B			52	286 00			
R. L. Fowler,	Hooston	C K	9	20	10	10 00			
Total, 2			9	20	62	296 00			
*Three weeks.			†Week ending April 16.						