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Supplication.

BY W. R. PATTERSON.

Hold Thou my hand, O Mighty one,
For dangers e're beset my way,
As toiling onward day by day
I strive to do Thy will alone;
Give strength to meet my daily task,
Grant this my chiefest want, I ask.

How long the days, how full of care,
As toiling up life's rugged road
The weary feet, the heavy load,
Seem more than human strength can bear;
I cry for strength to guide me on
Until the toils of life are done.

When vexing cares my faith assail
And shadows dark obstruct the way,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace I pray,
And in Thy strength I shall prevail;
O help me in the trying hour,
And I will own Thy saving power.

When sorrow's waves sweep o'er the soul,
As tempests fret the lashing sea,
My soul in anguish cries to Thee,
God of storms, back the billows roll
And calm again the ocean wild,
And save Thy helpless, trusting child.

In all that falleth to my lot
A loving hand in all I'd see:
The little sparrow's life to Thee
Is not unnoticed or forgot,
Faith grasps the outstretch'd hand,
Nor waits to know or understand.
Keene, Texas.

Privileges of Son-ship.

NO. 4.

As stated in our last study, the child of God is surrounded by every possible means of help necessary to success. "The Spirit helpeth our infirmities." What is calculated to make us so sure of success as having the representative of the Father and the Son abide with us? He (the Spirit) will help us in praying. "The Spirit maketh intercessions for us with groanings."

We have not only the co-operation of the Father and Son through the eternal Spirit, but each child of God is graciously provided with an angel,

whose delight it is to minister to his needs, and to guard and protect him in times of distress and danger. See Heb. 1:14; also Matt. 18:10. These Heavenly messengers of mercy, who excell in strength, and who stand ready to respond to the commands of their leader, (See Psalms 103:20,) are said to encamp round about them that fear and honor God.

I call attention to a few Bible illustrations of this. In times of greatest trials, when earthly friends are but few, and unprepared to render the assistance necessary, then is God's opportunity—then those who excell in strength, come speedily to our rescue.

Take for an illustration the case of Daniel, who, for his faithful and unyielding trust and fidelity to God, was cast into a den of fierce and blood-thirsty animals, that he might be destroyed. Here again was God's opportunity. Daniel's guardian angel, one of those beings whose mission it is to minister to God's children, made manifest his excellent strength by locking the lion's mouth.

Study again the case of the Apostle Peter, who for the simple charge of preaching Christ, was bound in a cruel and shameful dungeon, to await a trial the following day, in which his life was involved; being bound, and to all human appearances his escape was impossible. Here again we have an illustration of the fact that God is not limited when it comes to means with which to carry on His work. The angel appears, and releases Peter, sets him free and sends him forth on his heaven-appointed mission.

Thus we may see how mindful God is of our needs, if we are really His. His resources are unbounded. His love is far-reaching. His promises are never-failing.

All these glorious and heaven-bought privileges come to us through Sonship, and we are not to be lightly

esteemed. And we will search for more.

W. M. CUBLEY.

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Special Notice.

THE Keene Academy Calendar for 1904-5 will soon be ready for distribution. Let all those who are interested in the Academy send for a copy. There doubtless are many consecrated young men and women throughout the Union Conference who ought to be interested in the Academy, who are not. We specially ask our brethren and sisters to seek out such persons. Strive to interest them in God's work. Send their names to us.

The success of our school depends upon the number of workers we prepare for a place in the closing work. But we cannot make workers out of unconverted young people. In order for our school to be a success, the great majority of those who come to us ought to be converted young people. We earnestly ask our people not to forget this request, but to begin at once to seek out devoted young people who ought to attend the Academy. We hope to secure a large number of names as a result of this notice.

C. B. HUGHES.

The Southern Publishing Association reports the sales of Family Bible Teacher for May as 400,000 copies, or over one and a half million pages. This is certainly a good month's record for a new publication. We also learn that about 2,500 copies are now being used each day at the St. Louis Exposition. The introduction slip just prepared enables anyone to do efficient work with these lessons. For full particulars address your State Tract Society.

Camp meeting will soon be here. Are you planning to attend?

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Camp Meetings for 1904.

Texas, Keene. July 27, to August 7.
Arkansas, Russellville August 11-23.
Oklahoma, Guthrie Aug. 25 to Sept. 4.

By a typographical error this issue is dated the 12th instead of the 13th.

WE have been much encouraged by receiving quite a number of donations toward our new press, and with them some appreciative letters, telling us of the interest our brethren and sisters have in our work here. We are thankful for both the letters and the donations. Our list is still open and we hope others will feel it in their hearts to give us a little help.

LETTERS have been sent this week to all who are in arrears with the RECORD, and to those whose time will soon be out. It is hoped that a prompt response may be had to these notices, and that everyone will renew. Surely no one will miss the reports and news of the work, which every issue at this time of the year contains. It will be necessary, however, for us to drop the names of all who do not renew at once, as we shall have to

take that as an indication that they do not care for it longer.

An Important Change.

AT the meeting of the General Conference Publishing Committee, held in Omaha last March, the Southern Publishing Association introduced a request for more territory in which to dispose of their publications. It was considered at that time but no definite action taken. They wished to have the Southwestern Union Conference annexed to their book territory, but since our committee had never been consulted, no action was taken then.

At the meeting of the Lake Union Conference, which was held last month at Berrien Springs, Mich., the Southern Publishing Association renewed their request. The *Southern Watchman*, of last week, states that at that meeting the General Conference Committee granted it, and recommended that the Southwestern Union Conference be added to the territory of the Southern Publishing Association.

All that now remains is for the Southwestern Union Conference committee to take action concerning the matter, which will probably be done at the camp meetings. If it is favorable to their plan the Southern Publishing Association propose to establish a branch office at some favorable point in the Union Conference, and arrange to give us all the facilities they can, to enable the sale of our publications to be pushed with vigor.

There are several points in favor of this plan, the principal one being that of having a branch office located in our own territory, where a full stock of all our publications can be found. Come out to the camp meetings and learn all about it. C. N. W.

Keene Notes.

A TELEGRAM received last Friday announced the death by drowning on that day of Mrs. Walter Coffman and child, at Hannibal, Mo. Mrs. Coffman was the daughter of Mr. Joe Taylor, and was well known here.

ELDER N. P. Nelson went to Clyde, Texas, last Friday where he was to meet and counsel with the laborers of Western Texas.

PROF. H. T. Curtis is in Oklahoma

for a few days on business.

ELDER T. W. Field left Sunday morning for Mineola, where his company have moved their tent. Little interest could be aroused at Lone Oak.

MRS. Elijah Taylor and Mrs. Oscar Warren leave tonight on a visit to old friends and relatives in Tennessee and Kentucky.

A CHANGE of time took effect on the M. K. & T. Ry. yesterday. Only two trains were affected on this line; the one formerly arriving at 8:55 a. m. now arrives five minutes earlier, and the evening train formerly arriving at 6:20 now reaches here at 5:25.

THE Wells-Fargo & Co's. Express office, which has done business here for over a year, will be closed after the 15th inst. The company thinks the patronage given was not sufficient to warrant them in maintaining an office here. The American Express will still do business at the depot.

PROFESSOR and Mrs. Hughes accompanied their aunt, Sister Mallory, to Lewisville, Texas this morning. They expect to return tomorrow.

A LARGE crowd was out both Monday and Tuesday of last week to witness the closing exercises of the Academy, which were of much interest.

PROF. John Taylor and wife have gone to Denton to attend the summer normal for six weeks.

An Experience.

THE following is a sister's experience while selling the *Watchman*. She says, "While canvassing a business street, I saw the sign of a faith healer, so thought I would go up and sell him one of my papers. When I got up stairs, I saw a young lady sitting in a private room so showed her my paper. She bought one and, told me she was once a W. C. T. U. worker, but had become discouraged, and quit reading her Bible or praying. She seemed in despair. I talked and prayed with her, and when I started to leave, she thanked me so heartily for taking so much interest in her. She wished there were more girls in such work. She promised to study the truth, and I went on, thanking God for an humble part in His great work."

There are many such experiences for the people of God if they would but avail themselves of the opportunity of working with Him.

W. W. E.

Oklahoma Department.**A Sabbath School Convention**

SISTER Laura Field was with the Cement church Sabbath, May 21, and we held our Sabbath School convention. The brethren here are scattered, and the hour for our meeting is eleven o'clock, therefore we took our dinners with us. After Sabbath School we spread it on the table and enjoyed a bountiful repast.

After dinner we held our convention. The programme consisted of prayer, songs, recitations, and papers written on various questions of Sabbath School work. The subjects were then freely discussed, and many were the good thoughts presented. We talked of ways by which our school could be improved, among which was a more thorough study of the Sabbath School lesson. The thought was made forcible that the lessons contain vitally important truths for this time, and deserve our most careful and prayerful attention.

We also organized a young people's society of twelve members, and are determined to spread the truth abroad in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. We departed for our different homes late in the afternoon, feeling that the Lord had blessed the efforts put forth, and a new era had opened to the Cement church. MARY E. BAXTER.

Field Reports.

WILBURTON, INDIAN TERRITORY.—June the second I went to the above place to spend a few days with that church, expecting to leave after the Sabbath for the Iowa camp meeting; but the great rain we had made it impossible to do so. Many bridges were washed out, and for two days no train passed through Wilburton. It was almost impossible to hear from the next town as the wire was down. We were surely locked up. As I could not leave, we had a few meetings, and the Lord came in and blessed. Some difficulties were straightened up. In one meeting we looked up the church record, went over the list of names, and I found they had quite a long one, I think fifty-three. I was surprised to see such a long list of names, and only a few present, but as we went through, we found the reason why there was

such a difference in the number present and the list. Several had given up the truth and some moved away, so they disfellowshipped some, and others were dropped because no one knew where they were. One was baptized.

I think there is more than one church in that condition, and it would be well for each church to go over its record and straighten it up so we may have a true showing in our Conference. If we have fifteen hundred members on our church books, and only perhaps twelve hundred live members, we are not keeping a true record. Let each church attend to this and find out how many members you really have whom you can count on, and send in your report at the close of this quarter. We do not wish to misrepresent the membership of our Conference at our next camp meeting.

G. F. H.

CHICKASHA, I. T.—We came here Monday, May 30. The following day we started out to find a place to pitch our tent, but it was rather hard to secure a suitable place, though the Lord finally provided a place for us to pitch the tent. We intended to hold our first meeting Thursday eve, June 2, but a heavy rain and storm hindered us. We had the same experience on Friday evening. The evening after the Sabbath we had our first meeting, but we were very sorry to see so few in attendance. Thus far we have not had very much encouragement. It seems as if there is no interest among the people. We have been to their homes and invited them and have also extended a hearty welcome to them through the daily paper, but a very few have attended the meetings thus far.

There seems to be something else that attracts the people's attention at present. The Baptists are holding a big revival meeting in this city now, and this seems to interfere with our meetings. Anything but the truth will draw the people of this place. We will now go from home to home and hold Bible readings with those who are interested in the truth. We believe that a tent meeting later in the season would have been more profitable than at present. Brethren, pray for the work at this place that the honest in heart may come out and stand for the truth.

U. B. DAKE.

BERNARD VOTH.

Notices.

WE have quite a supply of Bagster's Bibles on hand of No. 8701. Without thumb index, postpaid \$1.95, and with thumb index, \$2.30. We can fill orders from this office promptly.

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THE *Union College Messenger* for June 15, will be a double number (64 pages) with cover in two colors, containing a report of the Young People's Convention of the Central Union Conference, held in College View, May 31 to June 5.

As this is the first convention of this kind to be held in this Union Conference, and as very efficient workers were present and took an active part in the meetings, this report will be of great interest to all. The price of this number is 10 cents postpaid.

When answering either of the above notices, address

OKLAHOMA TRACT SOCIETY.

Obituary.

WHILE crossing a ford on the Chickasha river one mile north of Milan, Kansas, Sunday evening Brother J. J. Hanley, wife, and five children were turned over in a wagon. Sister Hanley, two little girls, and a little boy were drowned. Brother Hanley and his eldest, a seven-year-old boy, got out after drifting a quarter of a mile down stream. The second eldest was saved by drifting down about one-half mile in the wagon box and landing on an island, from which he was rescued by men swimming to him at day break the next morning. This child was found at ten o'clock the night before, but they could not get to him on account of deep water, swift currents, and darkness of night. Sister Hanley and three babes had not been found when this report was given May 9. Brother Hanley and family had been visiting, and this occurred on their way home.

The great Comforter alone can comfort the heart-broken father. Words cannot express the sorrow which can come in one hour's time. Who knows what one day will bring forth? May we all stand in readiness that whatsoever is our lot we may be prepared for the Judgment.

MATTIE A. PRICE.

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A Recommendation.

Keene, Texas, May 19, 1904.

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L. T. Heaton,	Chickasha	G C	37	48	29	90 50	4	50	
P. S. Henry,	Shawnee	P P	20	26	3	11 25	1	50	
Jesse Sylvester,	Muskogee	D & R	3	7	1	2 25	4	50	
Mrs. M. Johnson,	Earlsboro	D & R	32	15	38	66 00			
C. T. Grubbs,	Tiawah	B R	28	43	15	35 25	6	40	
R. W. Sufficool,	Wayanoka	H M	17	41		21 25			
J. B. McConell,	Foyil	B.R	14	14	6	15 52	1	75	
*J. T. Miller,	Muskogee	D & R	49	84	38	99 50	9	50	
W. L. Cooper,	Paul's Valley	B R	30	38	23	59 00	5	50	
Mattie Braley,	Chickasha	G C	36	37	15	42 75	3	25	
Total, 16			338	442	211	559 50	54	30	
Texas.									
E. F. Seat,	Johnson Co	G C	30	53	14	33 00	1	25	
O. Glass,	Denton Co	H H B			6	33 00	5	50	
Artie Taylor,	Erath Co	D A	37	48	13	45 50			
Lydia Springstead,	Ereth Co	D R	42	47	9	21 75	6	50	
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W. F. Mayers,	Johnson Co	G C	28	54	8	18 75	3	75	
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J. T. Harper,	Weatherford	P P							20 00
C. T. Burroughs,	Montgomery	M N	38	41	23	31 75	2	15	
J. A. Foster	Montgomery	G C	38	44	18	43 25	4	00	
Total, Agents, 12			311	389	139	325 00	35	90	20 00
†Arkansas.									
W. L. Manful,		B R	35	68	11	22 00	3	35	
E. L. Pickney,		B R	31	41	27	52 25	4	00	
Total, 2			66	109	38	74 25	7	55	

*Two weeks.

†For week ending May 27.