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God's One Purpose.

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish (or populate) the earth." Gen. 1:28. This statement expresses God's purpose in the creation of the earth, and placing man upon it, namely,—that it might be populated with a race of beings in the image of God as Adam was.

"The earth hath he given to the children of men." Man was placed on probation and had he remained loyal to his maker until he had fulfilled the command to populate the earth, reproduction would have ceased, probation ended, and the race would have been crowned with immortality. In proof of this notice what the Saviour said to the Sadducees when they were trying to present what seemed to them some impracticable features of the resurrection. "And Jesus answering said unto them, do not ye err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? For when they shall rise from the dead they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels which are in heaven." Mark 12:18-25.

But the man sinned and lost the image of his creator, an holy, upright, character; then the plan of salvation was set in operation through which God would carry out his purpose of populating the earth with holy men.

Now a question; How long would it take to do that? Was it necessary for the reign of sin to continue six thousand years? No. The length of time would be determined by the way the children of men related themselves to the plan of redemption. Suppose all of Adam's sons had been as Abel, and had they so faithfully taught their posterity of the Seed of the women that all had laid hold of the promise; then the number to populate the earth would soon have been produced, there would have been no flood, and the Saviour could have

come.

The majority of men, however, chose to follow their own pernicious ways, and the deluge came and took them all away. Then in order to keep alive and propagate the hope of salvation, God preached to Abraham the gospel. Gal. 3:8. And promised that of him he would make a great nation; Gen. 12: 1-3, purposing through that nation to lighten the earth with his glory. Abraham's posterity went down into Egypt, there increasing into a great multitude; then the Lord took them out of Egypt, and at Sinai, he said to them, "Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant then shall ye be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people . . . and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation." Ex. 19: 5,6. Then the Lord purposed to organize them into a commonwealth through which he would evangelize the world.

As a kingdom must have both laws and a king, from whence were they to get their laws, and who was to be their king? Read Isa. 33:22. "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king." Theirs was to be a kingdom wholly ruled by the Lord and regulated by his laws. "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you." Deut. 4:2. Those laws consisted of the ten commandments, the ceremonial system through which was revealed the plan of salvation, hygienic and sanitary regulations, &c.

Through faithfulness in both keeping and teaching those laws they were to become a missionary people, spreading a knowledge of the true God, and salvation by Jesus Christ, to all other nations. "Behold I have taught you statutes and judgments, . . . that ye should do so in the

land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations which shall hear all these statutes, and say, surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

Again, if that people had been faithful in performing their duties which were given them by God, and the nations had accepted of the offer of salvation, how soon might the work have been done. The Lord designed that they should be what he said his church in the sermon on the mount should be, the light of the world. That this might be, the Lord made provision himself. "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the people of Israel." Deut. 32:8. By placing the nation of Israel in the land of Palestine all nations would come in contact with them, and have an opportunity to learn of God. Then the Lord said he would make them "high above all nations, and all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord."

But instead of being a cloud of light to that people, they became a pillar of darkness by going into idolatry themselves, and again the time was extended to the days of Solomon, when another golden opportunity was presented to the kingdom of Israel to spread a knowledge of his "saving health" among all nations. The Temple was built, and God designed it to be a "house of prayer for all nations." With this thought in mind, listen to a statement from Solomon in his wonderful prayer at the dedication of the Lord's house.

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According to our usual custom we will omit a number of the RECORD during the Texas camp meeting. All copy for next week should be in early.

Arkansas Department.

Items of Interest.

SISTER Manfull has returned from the Sanitarium much improved in health at the time of her return, but at this writing is quite ill and threatened with typhoid fever.

BROTHER C. R. Dasher's little daughter, of Gravette who has been very ill with typhoid fever, is recovering. Sister Clement, of Gentry, is nursing her.

WE would be very glad to have the sisters bring some extra bedding for the ministers' tents, at camp meeting.

As yet only a few of the churches have sent in their credentials for delegates at the Conference. The State Secretary would like to have all sent in by the last of this month.

WE desire to express our thanks to those who have promptly sent in their Sabbath School and church reports; but there are many more to come in yet, before we can intelligently make out our report for the secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference. We sometimes have to defer our report until the middle of the second month in the next quarter, but this time it must be sent in this month. So please help us out, you who have not filled out your reports, by filling them out and sending them in at once.

The Young Peoples' Work.

MORRO,—“For the love of Christ constraineth us.” Aim,—“The Advent Message to all the world in this generation.” Dear readers, you are aware that the Young Peoples' Work is now recognized as a part of the Conference work. A little “Manual” issued by the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, containing many helpful suggestions, has recently been sent out to the leaders in our churches and societies, and we trust it will be carefully read and result in the organization of the young people throughout our Conference. Blanks also have been prepared for reporting each quarter to the state secretary the work done by the local societies, which in turn should be forwarded with the other reports the same as the Sabbath School report, etc.

We quote from “Gospel Workers,” “Take up the work everywhere and anywhere. Do that which is nearest to you, right at your doors, however humble and uncommended it may seem.” “Let those who desire to work for God begin at home, in their own household, in their own neighborhood, among their own friends. Here they will find a favorable missionary field. This home missionary work is a test, revealing their inability or ability for service in a wider field.”

The study for the Young Peoples' Societies from “Great Controversy” is concluded in this week's issue of the *Instructor*. The next study will be on “Christ's Object Lessons.” It will not be a book study as “Great Controversy” has been, but some of the leading nature studies will be selected from the book, and prepared to appear in the *Youths' Instructor*. The workers have made a special effort to prepare these lessons for the young people, and they are very anxious that all should study them just the same as the Sabbath School lessons regularly prepared and used by the Sabbath School. These lessons have been chosen because the committee feels that it is what the young people need; and when all are willing to follow the plans of the General Conference Committee, it will show a oneness of mind such as the Lord can bless. The isolated ones as well as those connected with the churches can study these lessons, thus making a home department of the Young Peoples' Work as well as the Sabbath School work.

Report of Sabbath School Convention.

SABBATH and Sunday, June 11 and 12, were interesting days for our little band at Gentry, Arkansas. The opening session on Sabbath morning was begun by singing that good old hymn, “Safely Through Another Week.” Prayer was offered by Brother Watts, after which the fiftieth Psalm was read, followed by singing “Over the Line.” An address of welcome was given by the superintendent, after which an essay was read by Brother Oppy on, “What Plans Shall We Pursue in Aggressive Work for the Master the Remainder of the Year.” This subject was presented in an able and interesting manner, and many

thoughts brought out are well worthy of our prayerful consideration.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, after which prayer was offered to the Giver of all blessings. Brother James then read an essay on the subject, “Does the Spirit of Sacrifice Characterize Our Work Now as in the Early Days of the Message.” It was decided that it does not. Many interesting things were presented concerning the lives of some of our pioneers. Thought was brought out that the greatest sacrifice of all was made by Jesus when He left His heavenly mansions, came to this earth, and gave His life for us. The reading of this essay was followed by singing “Trust and Obey.”

The Sunday morning session was opened by singing and prayer, after which Sister V. B. Watts read an essay on “The Home, and Its Influence upon the Salvation of Our Children.” Many interesting and instructive things were read about the duty of parents to their children. Parents should be very careful to correct all wrongs done to their children.

Sunday afternoon session opened in the usual manner and was followed by the reading of Isaiah 55. Brother Leslie Hetelle then gave a discourse in which we were exhorted to reach out after the honest hearted wherever they are, and point them to Christ, the One who can take away all sin. After this discourse interesting questions on Sabbath School work were asked and answered. Some of which were, What is the duty of Sabbath School teachers to their classes? How can we get small children interested? How may children get their parents interested, if they do not attend? etc. Brother Watts then read an essay on “Health and Temperance,” as to how we could use it for the advancement of God's cause, after which a declamation on temperance was given. We closed by singing “The Temperance Call.”

The convention was well attended, and a commendable interest was shown in all the proceedings.

MISS GOLDIE McLAUGHLIN,
Secretary of Convention.

If thou art worn and hard beset
With sorrows that thou wouldst forget;
If thou wouldst read a lesson that will keep
Thy heart from fainting, and thy soul from
sleep,

Go to the woods and hills: No tears
Dim the sweet look that Nature wears.
—Longfellow.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

Texas Conference Committee Meeting.

THE first meeting of the Texas Conference Committee met in the Academy chapel at three o'clock P. M. July 11. Elder Nelson in the chair. All the members of the committee were present. An earnest season of prayer was offered for God's guidance in the work of the committee.

It was voted that Brethren T. T. Stevenson, C. N. Woodward, and E. Harris be invited to attend the meetings of the committee. A list of the committees needed to be provided for the camp meeting was presented by Elder Nelson.

The auditing committee was selected as follows,—J. M. Haggard, T. A. King, J. G. Williamson, G. H. Boyd, J. W. Kirkpatrick, J. J. Cochran, C. N. Woodward, and G. W. Winneford. Voted that said committee meet Monday the 25th of July at two o'clock P. M.

Voted that Mrs. W. B. Etchison be requested to cook for the camp meeting.

Voted that W. A. McCutchen be a committee of one to seat the delegates.

Moved and carried that W. F. Mayers attend to lamps and be given his board for same.

Voted that a gasoline arc lamp be purchased not to exceed \$10.00 or \$12.00 in cost.

Voted that Mrs. C. N. Woodward and Mrs. Collier be requested to look after the ministers' tents or rooms.

Voted that J. P. Lorenz and wife take charge of the decorating, assisted by Sisters L. O. Corwin, E. M. Taylor, and Alma French.

Adjourned to eight o'clock A. M. July 12.

SECOND meeting of the Conference Committee convened at the appointed hour. Prayer by Elder Eastman.

Voted that Casey and Mosley be made the official commissaries upon their donation of \$25.00 each.

Moved and carried that W. B. Etchison be steward of the dining hall.

Voted that the committee for pitching the large tents be, H. B. French, Robert French, W. L. Brandon, and J. P. Lorenz.

For small tents, A. W. Jenson, N. V. Willess, J. I. Taylor, and A. M. Woodall.

Locating families and collecting the truth, but it takes time and hard work to get the people to take hold of the message.

Bell ringer, Hiram Hunter.

Locating teams and providing pasture, David Field, Lewis Hewgley, and P. Darnell.

Organist, Mrs. A. Nelson, assisted by Mrs. E. M. Taylor and Mrs. R. M. French.

Chorister, D. U. Hale.

Reception tent committee, Miss Jessie Hunter and Miss Lottie White.

Distributing circulars and cards and advertising meetings, W. W. Eastman with assistants to be chosen.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

THE third meeting of the Committee met at four o'clock—one hour late owing to unavoidable delay.

Moved and supported that W. W. Eastman have charge of the youths' meetings, assisted by Andrew Nelson and E. L. Neff.

Voted that N. V. Willess have charge of the childrens' meetings, assisted by A. M. Woodall, Mrs. W. L. Young, and Mrs. L. O. Corwin.

Voted that W. M. Cubley have charge of the furniture, assisted by Elijah Taylor.

That T. M. Woodruff, S. R. Wentworth, G. A. Lagrone, and George Graham meet trains with teams.

That Willis Atwood and W. A. McCutchen have charge of getting and returning lumber; and that the following brethren be requested to furnish teams and haul,—J. C. Mosley, J. D. Matthews, O. T. Hancock, J. J. Cochran, L. B. Wallen, James Willess, and B. F. Woods.

Trunk Committee, W. A. Chatfield and J. T. Harper.

Voted that Ed. Seat be given the job of hauling garbage at \$1.00 per day.

Voted that E. B. Hopkins and D. U. Hale act as pastoral committee.

That Reuben Wright and Elisha Taylor act as sanitary committee.

Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

N. P. NELSON, *President*.

W. A. McCUTCHEN, *Sec. pro tem.*

Field Reports.

SAN ANTONIO.—Since my last report from here we have been busy giving out the "Family Bible Teacher" and visiting. We cannot tell what the results will be from the use of the readings, but some seem interested, and we hope to see them accept

the truth, but it takes time and hard work to get the people to take hold of the message.

I have also visited Hondo, a place about fifty miles west of here. I found four sisters there keeping the Sabbath, having accepted it almost entirely by reading "Bible Readings." I also found them quite well informed on other points of our faith, especially so, as they do not have the privilege of being with any of our people. They will probably unite with the church in San Antonio in the near future. I left some reading matter with them. I have heard from them since coming back, and they say their father is keeping the Sabbath and that an uncle and aunt are almost convinced.

This is an encouragement for our canvassers. The book had been in the house about twelve years, finally it was studied, and the truth obeyed. We may not see results at once, yet the time may come when the books that have been in the houses will be studied.

We held our quarterly meeting the last Sabbath in June. Most all the members living near enough to attend, were present, and enjoyed the services. One new member was taken into the church this time, and we expect one or two more to unite with us soon. We are of good courage, and praise God for the privilege of having a part in His closing work.

E. L. NEFF.

July 13, 1904.

Texas Camp Meeting.

OUR camp meeting is almost here, and I hope that our brethren and sisters all through the conference are preparing to attend this feast of tabernacles.

"None who come to the meeting should be content to leave it without a deeper religious experience than they had when they came. Our brethren and sisters come to camp meeting hoping to receive the blessing of the Lord; yet it is often the case that they do not know just what to do to make the meeting a benefit to themselves or to others. Many do not realize but that the only object for which they come, is merely to hear preaching. Therefore they do not strive for the blessing of God. They

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Camp Meetings for 1904.

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A large amount of interesting matter is still on hand on account of lack of space. It will all appear next week. We will have no paper for August 1.

A Small Matter.

ONLY this; How much do *you* owe your state tract society? "Only two or three dollars" do you say, or "Only a few cents. That is a mere trifle, not enough to amount to anything. Of course I expect to pay it some time, and if it was a larger sum, I would get the money together and send it in at once; but this little debt is so small that I will just let it go for now."

On the books of the Texas Tract Society there are over forty accounts of five dollars or less, and I fancy I can hear several of these who owe them saying something like the foregoing words. While to these individuals these amounts are indeed

small, they mean considerable to the Society, as they make in all about one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Dear reader, if you could look over the books of one of our tract societies or institutions and see the large number of small accounts past due, each one small and insignificant in itself but amounting to hundreds of dollars in all, you would better realize the need of sending in promptly the money due these offices. Many of our offices that are now struggling under heavy loads could pay off every cent they owe, and have a good working capital if they could only collect the small amounts that are rightfully due them from our brethren and sisters and local societies. Many owe larger sums, some as high as a hundred dollars or more. Of course such should make earnest efforts to get out but I wish to direct this plea to those who owe small amounts.

Brother, sister, if you or the society of which you are treasurer stands in that position, resolve that at the coming camp meeting you will get clear. If we will begin at the bottom to throw off the burden of debt, in a short time the last debt can be thrown off at the top. Try it.

H. T. CURTIS.

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do not from the very beginning of the meeting feel the necessity of confessing their sins and striving for the earnest of the Spirit. They do not know that the success of the meeting depends largely upon themselves, and therefore do not feel the burden of the work."

"We must have the power of God with us in our camp meetings, or we will not be able to prevail against the enemy of souls. Christ says, 'Without me ye can do nothing.'

"Those who gather at camp meetings must be impressed with the fact that the object of our meetings is to attain to a higher Christian experience, to advance in the knowledge of God, to become strengthened with spiritual vigor; and unless we realize this, the meeting will be fruitless to us."

This issue of the RECORD gives the proceedings of the Conference Committee—the plans which have been laid that we may have a successful meeting and experience much of the blessing of the Lord. Let us pray

God earnestly that this meeting may indeed be a feast to our souls.

I am glad that I can say we have the promise of Elders E. W. Farnsworth, I. H. Evans, and H. Shultz. Brother I. A. Ford, from Nashville, will also be with us. What we need most of all, brethren, is that we have an individual experience in the things of God. Come brethren, and bring the spirit of prayer with you.

N. P. NELSON.

Notice.

THE Keene brethren have kindly offered to bring all trunks and baggage to the camp ground free of charge.

A large supply of health foods from College View and Battle Creek has been ordered.

The use of the Academy dining hall has been secured, and meals will be served there twice a day at 20c a meal.

N. P. NELSON.

Notes from the Canvassers.

ON the first of May I left Tenaha, my home, to go forth to spread the blessed truth contained in the special number of the *Watchman*. The dear Lord has given me grace and strength, and every need has been abundantly supplied. My heart is filled with love and gratitude to my Saviour for a small part in His great work. I have been holding Bible readings with a dear lady and daughter, and they seem very much interested. O, how new and grand this precious message is to me. It never grows old. Truly in imparting we receive. The Lord has blessed in selling about 2,200 papers since I began, and no one knows the sweet peace and experiences one has except those who have the experience. I went into a bank and sold a paper to the president. He said, "Do you really believe what you say? O, how refreshing it is to meet one with such simple faith,—a young girl devoting her life to God's work."

My dear brethren and sisters, it is my earnest desire to devote every faculty of my being to His grand work; and, thank the Lord, He condescends to permit me to work with Him. O, to be filled with the Holy Spirit—to be endued with power from on high. That is your privilege and mine.

ISORA WATTS.

Oklahoma Department.**Field Reports.**

MEDFORD, BROCKMAN, AND STAR.—Brother W. H. White and I began a meeting at Medford May 24. On account of the continuous rains it seemed impossible to reach the people so we closed the meeting, June 14. One lady took her stand to keep all the commandments of God; also others who had only been Sabbath-keepers up to the time of the meeting, now express their determination to identify themselves fully with the work of the third angel's message.

From Medford I went to Brockman to finish the work I left there about the middle of May. I held a week's meeting at this place to strengthen the new Sabbath-keepers. The brethren of the Star church came over and held their quarterly meeting July 2, at the Brockman school house. The Spirit of the Lord was with us, and we had a precious season together. Seven new Sabbath-keepers, all adults, were received into the Star church—four by baptism and three on profession of faith. There are other new Sabbath-keepers at Brockman who will come into the church later.

F. H. CONWAY.

Notes from the Canvassers.

As I have been canvassing some for the *Southern Watchman*, I will write a few lines for the encouragement of others. I have put in fourteen hours' work and sold fifty-five papers. I go from house to house and have splendid talks with the people. I believe this paper should be in every house. It is the truth needed to stir every soul, and I hope and pray that many may be saved as the result of reading these papers. I want to do all I can in spreading this message, and it is my earnest prayer that many may enter this work. DAISY BUTKA.

Ovr Camp Meeting.

THE time of our camp meeting is drawing near. Soon we will again be gathered together from far and near, for I hear some of our brethren from far out west and also east are coming to the camp meeting this year. We expect a greater meeting

this year than ever before. We have more reason to attend this meeting than ever before. The coming of the Lord is nearer than ever; more signs have been fulfilled the past year than in any year before.

Dear Brethren and Sisters, we certainly ought to cut loose from this world and come together and seek the Lord together for an outpouring of his Spirit. Are we not living in the time of the latter rain? and has not the Lord repeatedly told us that we should earnestly seek for the latter rain? We all know that Satan is working with greater power than ever, and if we are going to stand against him we must be filled with more power from God. He knows that his time is short. Do we know that our time to get ready and do God's work is also short? If we believe the Bible and study it we surely do know it.

We expect to have good help from the General Conference. We can not tell at this time just who will attend our camp meeting, but you can all rest assured that the help we will get will be satisfactory. Then we have a very pretty place; plenty of shade and good water. But this would all be in vain if the Lord had not promised to be there, but he will be there to meet with us and bless us.

So Brethren, don't stay away from this holy gathering. Come and bring your children and your neighbors if it is possible. Remember that by doing so you may be the means of saving them. And what would you not give to save your children and your friends? They are worth more than all the world. Don't let Satan keep you back from this meeting. He knows that there is a great blessing for you there and he wants to rob you of it. Pray for the success of this meeting.

DINING TENT.

We will have a dining tent where you can get your meals for twenty cents a single meal or six meals for a dollar.

STORE.

In the store we will keep all kinds of groceries, fruits and health foods. We hope that our people will patronize the store as we aim to sell everything just as cheap as the stores in the town, and the small profit will go for the expense of the camp meeting.

BOOK TENT.

We would like to say a word in re-

gard to the book tent. Please get your books and papers between meetings so that those in charge of that work can attend the meetings also. We shall have quite an assortment of books and tracts on hand, but if you should not find what you want, leave your order and it will be sent to you.

G. F. H.

Notice.

WE expect to get the same favors from the rail road companies as last year; that is, one fare for the round trip plus fifty cents. If we should not succeed in this, we expect to get one and one-third fare on the certificate plan. We will let you know as soon as we hear from the different companies; and as the UNION RECORD is the paper to notify you through, we would like for all who have not subscribed for it yet to do so now. It is only fifty cents a year, and you can not afford to be without it. If you read the RECORD, you keep posted concerning the progress of the work in this Union Conference. Then if we have anything to say to you, you can all hear it. I have heard some make this remark: "I can not be without the RECORD." The RECORD has become a good friend to many of its readers, and I am sure you would like it also if you would read it. Why not try it once. Come, brother, send in your name and give it a trial.

G. F. H.

Oklahoma Conference.

THE 11th annual Conference of Oklahoma will convene in connection with the camp meeting at Guthrie August 25 to September 2. The first meeting will be called Friday at 9:00 A. M. We expect to see all the churches represented by their delegates and be there in time to attend the first meeting. Let all the churches elect their delegates one for each church and one for each fifteen members, and send them in to the Conference Secretary, Brother William Voth, so we may have everything in order to do the Lord's work. The officers will be elected for another year, and other important business will be attended to. Let all pray for the success of this work.

G. F. HAFNER, *President.*

