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S. W. J. College

Professor and Mrs. McComb, Katy Bell May, Olive Wilson and C. K. Hensley went to Dallas Monday evening to hear the Heifetz concert.

Lauretta Gyger moved into the school home last Wednesday. Her parents have gone to Waxahachie to engage in the cookie business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coffman, former students of S. W. J. C. now living at Eastland, Texas, were visitors in Keene Sabbath and Sunday, February 24 and 25.

The program at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath consisted of a series of talks on education by Professor Isaac, Elder Straw, Professor Gaede and Elder Kelley. Special music was furnished by a double quartet of male voices.

Morall AcMoody spent February 26 in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Ross were visitors in Keene last week end.

Those who passed through Keene on their way to the convention at Dallas are; Mr. and Mrs. Corwin, Mr. Black, Elder G. A. Lagrone, Miss Etta Hewgley, C. U. Taylor, Elder Stewart and Miss De Salme.

Mrs. Hanhardt and daughter, Annabell, went to Dallas last week where they were joined by Mr. Hanhardt.

Miss Olson, Brent Zachary and John Gepford motored to Fort Worth Tuesday evening to attend the concert by Jascha Heifetz.

Harold Jones, an eye witness of the Herrin massacre last summer told the civil government students about the tragedy, in class Friday.

William Fisher returned to his home in Slick, Okla., February 28. On account of his severe illness last week he will not be able to resume his school work.

Mrs. J. N. Wilson, from Tennessee, is spending a few days in Keene for the

purpose of disposing of her property.

Mr. Clouse spent Sabbath and Sunday in Dalworth visiting relatives.

The meeting of the colporteur band last Wednesday was the most encouraging one held as yet this year.

Former students, Eleanor Nelson, Dovie and Thomas Gyger, spent a few hours in Keene Sabbath, returning to Sherman in the afternoon.

A food demonstration was given in the auditorium Saturday night under the supervision of Mrs. Barnes, the Domestic Science teacher. A cake and corn muffins were made as part of the program and several talks on dietetics given.

The first six weeks of the second semester is up and the time for examinations has come again.

Mr. William Griffin of Houston, a former student, is visiting his brothers, Albert and Roy, this week.

Professor Isaac and Elder Straw spent several days last week attending the workers' meeting. Mr. Belz and Professor Conard had charge of Professor Isaac's classes and Mrs. Yates those of Elder Straw.

A new radio has been installed in Mrs. Moran's office in North Hall.

H. L. Wilcox has entered upon his new work as broom salesman making the third one for the Keene broom shop.

The second meeting of the senior classes was held Thursday during the chapel period.

On account of the workers' meeting in Dallas, the conference and Tract Society offices have been closed since February 26. They will be opened again after March 4.

Some of the ministerial students of the college are now working with the Cleburne church. Needless to say they are enjoying their work and at the same time are obtaining practical experience.

WHY STUDY SPANISH

An exercise in one of the Spanish classes recently was the writing of the reasons, by each one in the class, for studying Spanish. The following paragraphs are taken from these papers:—

I like the Spanish language and the study of it. Though not altogether easy at times, to study it is pleasant as well as profitable,—profitable in many ways. For those who wish to prepare for work along medical lines where a speaking knowledge of some foreign language is necessary Spanish is readily adaptable.

Then, there are so many Spanish-speaking people in this southland of ours, and no matter what line of work one may be engaged in he must come in contact with them. But the thing that makes this language appeal most to me is the fact that such a great field of Spanish-speaking people lies so very near to our doors. These people must be warned and we cannot do it without a knowledge of their language. So why not while getting ready otherwise to help them also be attaining a definite knowledge of their language?

Beulah Crane.

I have decided that my life shall be of some service to this old feeble world, and as the Spanish language is a live one and as only a few miles south of us the Spanish-speaking people are numbered by the millions, presenting promising possibilities to the consecrated evangelist, I am delving into the both pleasant and interesting study of the beautiful Spanish language.

A. C. Griffin.

I enjoy studying Spanish for the beauty to be found in it.

I think every Southerner, especially Texans, should have some knowledge

of the Spanish language, for we have Spanish speaking countries neighboring ours. Even in our own towns and cities there are many of these people, and in order to work among them and help them as we should we should know the Spanish language.

In the medical profession which I expect to follow when I get M. D. degree, I believe that the study of Spanish will be a help to me, as my work will take me among all classes and kinds of people.
 Juanita Cooke.

The Spanish language is the most popular modern language used except English. It is also said to be the most beautiful language spoken.

The study of language is recognized as being one of the best trainings for the developing of the mind.

Spanish is a very useful language since there are so many Spanish speaking people in our own country to whom we can present the wonderful truths of our message. Mexico, which is so close to our own country, is inhabited by people who speak that language, therefore we need not go across the ocean in order to labor for lost souls, if we know the Spanish language.

Because of this and other reasons I am studying this language.

Brent Zachary.

The true secret of my desire to learn Spanish is that I plan to do missionary work among the Spanish-speaking people when my education is finished. And now I can use it during vacation.

Eva Mae Adair.

The study of foreign language is one of the greatest aids to style and expression in English.

Spanish stands foremost among foreign tongues in large sections of the States, especially in the South. Not only commercial opportunities are opened, but the way made possible to hear the last message to millions in our own land.

An increasing recognition of the value of Spanish by schools throughout the land has placed Spanish on a par or even above Latin in some cases as a necessary preparation for certain lines of study.

Such reasons make it desirable to know more of the Spanish tongue.

C. T. Lickey.

Why do I study Spanish? This is a queer question to be asked of a student

of Southwestern Junior College. The very name of the college almost answer the question.

We have been told that our college is the gateway to the Latin-American Mission fields. This being true it is very natural that a student attending this college would learn the Spanish language which is spoken in practical ly every Latin field.

Having once learned the Spanish language it is easy to understand the languages of Latin formation.

It has always been my desire to be a missionary and if God sees fit to use me in any place I want to be ready to respond. That is why I am taking Spanish III this year.

Katherine Wilson.

First, because I like it. The beauty of the language. its musical blending its poetical rhythm, are fascinating in this harmonious charm.

Second, there is wonderful mental development in the study of any foreign language.

My third reason, is that I am looking forward to the time when I hope to work among the people most of whom use the Spanish language.

Mrs. Roy Cole.

One young man in the third year class is studying Spanish for the following three reasons, viz:

Spanish is a living language, spoken by hundreds of thousands of Spanish speaking people who must be told the message which is the hope of S. D. A. He believes that in school is a good place to begin your future work in the mission field which is the language.

Roy Cole.

This business of saving souls extends to every nationality and includes every spoken language. It is, therefore, my duty to learn something that will help me as much as possible in this business and of course language is required in school work. I have endeavored to choose which would be of the most use to me.

The fact that the medical schools are requiring medical students to have a current language in preference to Latin shows that the previous belief that Latin is indispensable is losing ground.

Of all the foreign languages taught in schools in this country Spanish is the most extensively used. Spanish comes next to English in the commercial world, also the broadness and variety

of Spanish literature gives it an added prestige.

Considering this institution a recruiting office for Spanish workers, the fact this country is filled with Spanish-speaking people, a Spanish field at our back door and the thoroughness of the course given here, why shouldn't we study Spanish?

R. F. Cook.

IT'S EASY

It's easy when the path is smooth,
Easy to do the right;
But when all things are out of joint
And everything goes wrong,
And as we move along life's way
The road gets rough and long,
That's when we lose the fight,
It's not so easy then.

It's easy when the people smile,
Easy to be nice;
But when we see their sour looks
And all their faces long,
And also hear them criticize
The things that we've done wrong,
We get as cold as ice,
It's not so easy then.

It's easy when the folks are kind,
Easy to keep cool;
But when some fellow "bawls you out"

And lets his tongue go wild,
And tells you that you know no more

Than some five-year-old child.
That's when you play the fool;
It's not so easy then.

It's easy to be sweet to wife,
Easy if she is too;
But if she seems a little cool—
Looks sour and displeased,
Or if she scolds and frets around
Until her temper's eased.
That surely makes men blue;
It's not so easy then.

It's easy, people, to step aside,
Easy for us all;
But if we watch as well as pray
Along the path of life,
And struggle hard against the tide
Of sin's great wave of strife,
We then may never fall;
It's not so easy then.

It's easy for all to lend a hand,
Easy for everyone;
And if we try to help some soul
This heavy burden bear,
And give a cheerful word and look
To him that's in despair,
His victory will be won;
Let's make it easy, then.

C. M. McDONALD.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

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President - Elder J. F. Wright
Sec.-Treas. - R. L. Atcheson

ELDERS DANIELLS AND THOMPSON VISIT KEENE

Keene was favored Sunday by a visit from Elders A. G. Daniells and G. B. Thompson. Elder Thompson spoke to the Keene church members at 11:00 a. m., and Elder Daniells addressed the students in the chapel at the same hour. In the afternoon Elder Daniells spoke to the united companies at the church. The college shops and offices were closed for both meetings.

Their stay was brief but much appreciated; all who heard them were benefited by their message. Revival, reformation, and thorough preparation for Christ's soon-coming were the notes sounded in all three services.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City Okla.
Box 1077

President - Elder E. R. Potter
Sec.-Treas. - Lowell Estes

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

Book and Bible House - Lowell Estes
Field Missionary, C. N. Young; Home Missionary, Carl Riffel; Educational, Letha Taylor; Missionary Volunteer, Frank Moran.
Sabbath School, Carrie Lukens.

COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCES

When I first started out canvassing, I only had a few minutes in the evening. I was feeling very badly about it and was walking very fast when someone stopped me and said, "Are you not the lady who is selling books? Do you handle Bibles?" I told her I could sell Bibles. I did not have my Bible catalogue with me, but she said when I got the Bibles to phone her and she would come in and see them. I was not thinking of getting any more orders that day, but it seemed the Lord helped me out.

Mrs. Eva Maddy.

I came to a little house and canvassed a lady; she was real nice and seemed to be interested in my book and she said she would like to have one but I would have to see her husband who was work-

ing in the field. I looked out of the window and saw several men standing out in the road with a team and wagon, and asked her if her husband was one of those men and she pointed him out to me. I went out and started to tell him about my work but he cursed at me and told me to take my car and get out of there as fast as I could. I told him it was a public highway, and I wouldn't take orders from him. I also stated that I always tried to treat men in a christian way whether they treated me that way or not. Then proceeded to show my book to the other two men who were standing there, and just handed this man one of my books to look over while I was talking to the other fellows. I told them about the love of Christ, his coming again. I got an order from both of those men and then noticed that the first man had tears in his eyes, but I didn't ask him for an order' but he spoke up and said, "Mr, put me down for a copy of that book." When I went to deliver he treated me so nice, and couldn't hardly wait until he got his book.

W. S. Syphers.

Just a short time ago while on my last delivery, I had left a copy of "Steps" with a lady to read until I delivered her book. She said she wanted the book for her son. She was pleased to get the "Steps" I loaned her and when I came to deliver the book she was so glad to get it and told me that she enjoyed the book I loaned her so much that she had loaned it to a cripple girl, and this girl enjoyed it so much that she wanted to keep it, and so the lady sold it to her and had the money for me. She said she didn't think I would care as the lady wanted the book so badly. And I told her I was glad she did. This shows what "Steps to Christ" will do for us when delivering.

Mrs. Lizzie Schilt.

I was south of Keifer and was working along and learned about the gasoline plant off the road. I worked on, and when I got there, did not find any house, and did not see anyone I could talk with. Finally I had to go up a hill. I saw the houses back half a mile in the woods, but as it was late decided to let them go until later. The next day I went back to those houses. I canvassed a man who happened to be the foreman. He was lying on the bed sick and just returned from the hospital. I took his order. I learned in the conversation that the day before when I missed those houses, he was

not at home, and had come back after I got by. If I had seen those houses and had gone over there, I would have missed him. I consider the Lord hid those houses from me so I would not go there. This shows that the Lord plans definitely for our work.

R. D. Whitney.

HEARD AT THE UNION REVIVAL MEETING

The twenty-six workers from the Oklahoma Conference now attending the special revival meeting are among the sixty or more workers from the union conference who are enjoying this first meeting of its kind ever held in this union.

The keynote of this week's series of meetings was given in the first meeting: "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work."

God is blessing us all as Elder A. G. Daniells and Elder G. B. Thompson are leading out in a study on this "most urgent of all our needs"

E. R. Potter.

This is the most spiritual meeting I have ever attended. The spirit of seeking the Lord and confession has taken hold of our hearts. We have entered into the time of the latter rain.

Carl E. Riffel.

As we sit through these sessions which are bringing to us such practical instruction, our thoughts go out to the people at home in a wish that they too could be here. Our desire is that the spiritual help we receive may speak out in our lives and give us a wider sympathy for those who, like ourselves, are struggling to reach the Homeland.

Helen Woods.

It is my happy privilege to be present at the workers' meeting in Dallas, where we are having wonderful meetings and excellent instruction. My desire is to be an empty vessel that I may be filled with the Spirit of God for acceptable service.

Carrie Lukens.

It is certainly a great privilege and blessing to be here at these good spiritual meetings. My own soul has been stirred by these studies.

I feel the need of a closer walk with God and by his help, I expect to be an overcomer and put away everything

that will hinder my work in his cause.
C. N. Young.

We looked forward to this meeting with much pleasure and have not been disappointed. We have received much of the blessing of God.

G. P. Loy.

Dallas is a great city. I enjoy the large church building and the fine mottoes on the walls and so forth. The sacred air is very noticeable. The holy atmosphere is so penetrating among the workers. I am sad to know that we have no colored minister in Dallas, and virtually no church among the colored people of many thousands. I feel like Esther 8:6.

W. S. North.

I am thankful for the spiritual blessings I am enjoying and for the spirit of harmony in our midst. The Lord is blessing and causing victories to be won. That we must not make a Saviour of our activities but mediate, pray and study to keep in touch with God is the theme that has been emphasized.

Sadie Baker.

Somehow this meeting from the very first has been to me the fulness of my need. Surely the Lord by his Spirit is moving his people. The spirit of true revival and a real reformation is present at this meeting, and I desire to get such a hold of that spirit that it may characterize my work on my return home.

D. F. Sturgeon.

The Southwestern Union workers' meeting is the best I have ever yet attended. I have been thoroughly convinced in this meeting that the statement from the Lord's servant is true that we must no longer remain upon the enchanted ground. We are fast approaching the close of our probation and every soul should enquire, "How do I stand before God?"

H. J. Miller.

This meeting in Dallas is the beginning of a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation in the Southwestern Union Conference.

C. D. Hein.

While the flu has hindered our meetings in Muskogee some, yet our Sunday night meetings are well attended and some are taking their stand for the truth. Our work at Stigler is also encouraging. Brother Gregory writes

me that the church has leased ten acres of ground to be worked for a church school the coming year. In one of my visits to Stigler some time ago, Brother Gregory and I visited a neighbor who is interested. Brother Gregory sold him a Patriarchs and Prophets and I took his order for Daniel and Revelation, Desire of Ages, Acts of the Apostles, Great Controversy and Prophets and Kings.

C. E. GRANT.

ANOTHER COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE

We will have another institute at Muskogee from May 2 to May 10 for those who did not have the opportunity of attending the last one.

Plan now to attend. Please write me at once if you wish to come and get experience that will help to make you a successful colporteur. Why not have another institute equal to the one we have just closed at Okiahoma City? It all depends on YOU.

C. N. YOUNG,
Box 1077, Oklahoma City.

A CORRECTION

In the issue of February 20 a reference was made to the medical missionary training class being conducted in Oklahoma City but in some way the impression was given that this class is under the direction of Miss Helen Woods. While Miss Woods is conducting the Bible training class, the medical missionary training class is conducted by Miss Sadie Baker, an exceptionally well trained nurse.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY

Since our Religious Liberty Day, February 3, falls on the same date of our union conference workers' meeting when the majority of our workers are in Dallas, we have not stressed the matter of holding this important service on that date.

We would urge that no church neglect holding such a service and taking an offering to help the conference to send the Liberty Magazine to each of our congressmen, representatives, leading attorneys and leading editors. Let some individuals give five or ten dollars and many one dollar each, and all should pay for one or more subscriptions at twenty-five cents each.

We have a list of names of thirteen hundred or more of these leading citizens of Oklahoma who should receive the Liberty Magazine in this critical time in the interest of Religious Liberty.

E. R. POTTER.

REVIVAL AND REFORMATION HOW SIGNIFICANT

I thank God with all my heart that a revival and reformation is at hand. We have known for years that it would come and we are sure that it will sweep through our ranks like fire in the stubble—my life is devoted to this work—may it reach every church and individual during 1923. What will next campmeeting be with the reformation on?

J. H. N. Tindall.

God is richly blessing us in the Dallas worker's meetings. The Holy Spirit is touching our hearts and preparing for a greater work in soul-winning. Truly the time is here for a deep searching of our hearts, and a greater consecration of ourselves for service. God is giving us definite victories over sin. May the same sweet spirit take possession of our churches and cause them to gain a deeper experience in preparing for the final closing work of the message is my prayer.

A. C. Long.

I am glad that the Lord knows my heart, and can save me from sin and free me from all selfishness. The message given at this meeting is what I need. God helping me by his grace, I shall profit by these things. It is the best meeting I have ever attended. I want to be a blessing to others and a real soul-winner from now till Jesus comes.

E. B. Hopkins.

I thank God for reproofs and instructions which have come to me in these meetings. I have longed for complete victory in my life that my ministry may have the power of God to save men and I have come to these meetings with that definite aim.

I want to stand in my lot with God's people in this hour of peril

C. M. McDonald.

SITUATION WANTED: S. D. A. girl wants stenographic work. Can furnish good reference. Maggie Neal, care of S. D. Neal, Cherokee City, Ark.

S. P. A. NEWS NOTES
NASHVILLE

From the increasing number of subscriptions that have been received of late for The Watchman Magazine, it is evident that the new combination plan is getting into action.

The sales of the Home Office Book Department for January were more than three times as much as they were for January, 1922. We trust this may be interpreted as an indication of what will take place throughout the year.

It seems a bit quiet about the publishing house since the close of the series of meetings which extended over seventeen days. However, everyone is busy preparing for the rush of book and Watchman orders that are expected as a result of the aggressive plans voted by the home missionary and bookmen's conventions.

Brother R. F. Woods, circulation manager of the The Watchman Magazine, left Nashville the first of last week for Washington, D. C., to attend the home missionary and bookmen's conventions for Review and Herald territory.

Mrs. J. S. Moore, our cafeteria cook, is enjoying a few days rest after her arduous labors in supplying the needs of the inner man during the conventions and other meetings. Mrs. Arthur Hall is in charge of the cafeteria during Sister Moore's absence.

The Bookmen's convention closed at noon, February 4, and at the night service, bound mimeograph copies of the minutes were placed in the hands of the delegates. This was due to the strenuous efforts of the secretaries and the stenographers who assisted them.

The one thing to say about the Watchman is that today is the day to subscribe for it. By the year, \$1.50. Three for the price of two, \$3.00. Four or more to one or separate addresses, 90 cents.

Read the Watchman Magazine and be abreast of the times.

Walk a little--talk a little--with the Watchman Magazine. You will be happily surprised how easily you can earn big profits. The March number is a wonderful seller. Order your

magazine from your tract society today. They are going fast.

Every issue of the Watchman Magazine has been oversold since last November. Many issues have required two and three editions to supply the demand. There is a reason. Read it, sell it, and get your friends and fellow-citizens interested in the truth.

The Watchman Magazine comprises writings of some of our foremost thinkers. These are articles that lift--inspiration, science, and common sense in simple dynamic English, for men, women, and children who aspire to the life triumphant. It is a true pathfinder to honest hearts. Circulate it intensively in your vicinity. Send it by the year to friends and relatives. Clubs of four or more to one or separate addresses, 90 cents each. Order through your tract society today.

A PERSONAL REQUEST

The Watchman Magazine is greatly extending its soul-winning influence by sending monthly to over a thousand newspapers an interest-stimulating write-up of a leading article in each current issue. These advance notices have thus far been utilized by some of the newspapers in eight states, including Texas. When you find one in a local newspaper of the Southwestern Union, will you not send a marked copy of the paper to the editor of the Watchman Magazine, Nashville, Tennessee? He will be most grateful for this co-operation.

DON'T MISS IT

The subject of immigration is of unique importance to Seventh-day Adventists. There are many books on the question that you might read and still be less informed than when you have read the article "Making the Melting Pot Melt," by Elder P. E. Broderson in the March two-color number of the Signs of the Times. You may know in a general way what the Seventh-day Adventists are doing for the many foreigners in this country, but probably have only a slight conception as compared with what this article and its photographs of student groups, workers and churches will give you. This is a great story, written primarily for those unacquainted with our work, but of as great interest to those whose hearts are bound up in it. Do not miss

it. If you do not have it send to the Signs of the Times, Mountain View, California for this number. Enclose 5 cents in coin or stamps.

There are books aplenty for boys and girls, and good ones, too, but when it comes to price we know of none that equal "Hurue, a Boy of the South Seas," or "Up and Down the Andes on a Burrow," or "At Home with the Hakkas in South China," twenty-five cents, the price per copy, is so low as to enable our boys and girls to secure all of them, even if they have to earn the money. These books are highly entertaining and instructive, telling as they do in story form, of customs in foreign countries, and experiences of our missionaries some of which are quite funny to American boys and girls.

Some ministers fail to hold the attention of their audiences, some teachers lose the attention of their pupils, and orders for our books, amounting to thousands of dollars, have been lost by colporteurs, on account of incorrect English, poor enunciation, and unattractive voices. A pleasing personality is a great asset to a worker for God. No one thing contributes more to such a personality than a well trained voice. A little effort only, and the observance of a few rules, such as laid down in Elder Starr's limp leather edition of "The use of the voice," will help you attain more power by this now much neglected means. We have a supply at the tract society. Price 75 cents.

A recently published article from Elder E. H. Wilcox, director of the Lake Titicaca Mission field, states that during the latter part of 1922 he made a round of the mission schools in that territory, riding on horse and mule back, visiting sixty different schools. That was a regular old time circuit-riders task. The thrilling story of the origin of the work in that field is told in Brother Stahl's book, "In the land of the Incas." Perhaps you read this book when first published, but have forgotten the details. If so, and you haven't the book, secure a copy from your tract society. The price is \$1.00. If you have never read it, we're sorry for you. It is one of our standard mission books.

Do not let all the clear, starry nights of winter and early spring slip by with-

out becoming more familiar with the heavenly bodies which can be discerned so clearly this time of year. A most helpful guide will be found in the book "In Starland." This little book of 250 pages is full of explicit and plainly stated facts for both the student in school and the layman sitting by his cozy fire at home. You can learn more truth about the great universe of God for \$1.25, the price of "In Starland," than from any other book on astronomy. This book would be a valuable addition to your book shelf.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 17 - 24.

For years the custom has prevailed among our schools of having a Week of Prayer in the Spring. During this week special effort was put forth to quicken the religious life of the students. Many of our youth in training have thus been greatly benefitted and helped to a more complete sense of their privileges and duties as Christians.

Naturally, among our workers, the question has arisen, "Why not extend the influence of this work to all our churches?"

The answer is found in the endeavor which is being made to bring a spiritual revival to all our youth in this special week, March 17-24. It is fitting that this week should be at the same time as in the schools. As a result of this attempt to assist our young people we trust that a large number of them may become converted, and that great blessing will come to the entire membership of the churches.

To assist in the work of the week a special extra of the March Church Officers' Gazette will contain suggestive material to be used in carrying out the program. This will prove especially helpful in the churches to which no laborer can be assigned.

Last year in one of our small churches having no laborer the members gathered together in prayer and soul-winning effort. One member, a young girl with worldly associates, was apparently growing careless and indifferent. However, she endeavored to bring one of her worldly associates to the meeting. Through her prayers and effort her friend joined her in the truth, and her own heart glowed with the warmth of a new experience.

H. T. ELLIOT.

PAPERS WANTED: Mrs. Ida De

Caristo, of Brownel, Texas, would like copies of any of our papers and tracts to use in missionary work. Send fully prepaid to above address.

DID ANYONE TELL YOU ABOUT IT?

To make sure that you know, I will tell you. If you are a parent, we are especially anxious that you be informed.

To be a lawyer, one studies law; to be a doctor, he studies medicine; to be a teacher, he studies the art of teaching; to be a preacher, he studies theology; but to be a father, he just doesn't study anything.

To be sure, being a father or a mother is acknowledged to be one of the most difficult undertakings, and one in which perhaps more people fail than in any other; but somehow people can't see the importance of preparing for it. A lawyer might make a failure of his practice, a merchant might not succeed, and the result of these failures pertain to things temporal only; but when a father (or a mother) fails, the result reaches beyond the things of this life.

Friends, can't we all see the importance of real preparation for this most important duty of fathering and mothering? If we do, shall we not spend a dollar or two, and some time in study?

The Parents' Reading Course has been planned as a real help to parents. The old Vol. 2 of the Testimonies is full of instruction to parents in dealing with children of all ages. Bound with Vol. 1 into one book, in cloth the price is \$2.25; in red leather it is \$3.25. Then there is S. D. Gordan's good book "Quiet Talks on Home Ideals." That is the other one in this year's course; and he surely makes a picture of a perfect home,—the kind of home all Christians should have. This book sells for \$1.25. The price of the two books together is \$3.00. This of course, means the cloth binding of Testimonies. Order through your Tract Society.

The educational superintendent of Central California has already sent in a list of one hundred and nine names of persons who have signed for the course.

The Home Commission, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., wants the name and address of each person taking the course.

FLORA H. WILLIAMS.

53 NEW TRACTS

Different from former series. Newly written, with up-to-date setting, embodying the latest approved thought of our successful evangelists and Bible instructors. All issued at the same time, with the idea of giving proper balance to the whole series, not over-stressing any point, but adequately covering all the great fundamentals of our faith.

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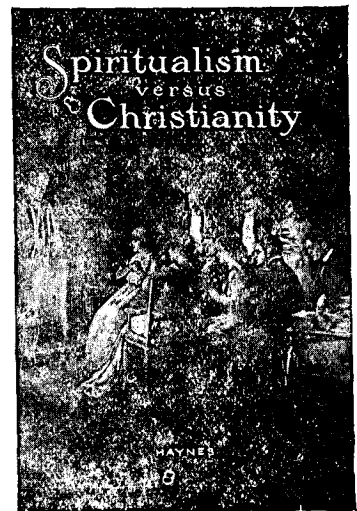
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Kala, Southern Shan States, Burma
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It is almost a year now since we landed in Burma. In a short time we will be taking the first year examination in language. I would take it now, but as I would have to make another trip to Rangoon the first of March anyway for a committee meeting, I am postponing the examination until that time. In the meantime I am studying on the second year work. We try to economize in our traveling expenses, for we know they must be paid with money that is the price of many sacrifices in the Homeland.

It will be our happy privilege to be in practical work at least part of the time this year, and while we prefer the practical work to the routine of language study, yet we hope to put in half time if possible this year continuing with this grind, in order to pass the second year examination as soon as possible, and be able to reach the people in their own tongue.

We have a Burman employed to talk with us daily for practice. I have told him in Burmese the stories of Creation, the Flood, Jacob, Joseph, David, Dan-

iel, the Hebrews, etc. He tells Burmese stories of how the good spirits (called nats) have saved the lines, and brought prosperity and fame to those who were faithful in worshiping them. He seems to think his stories are just as good or better than mine. They are perfectly satisfied with their own religion, and of course, very hard to reach. We hope these stories may be made effective by our lives and by the Holy Spirit, and cause some of them to see that there is a difference between them and their myths.

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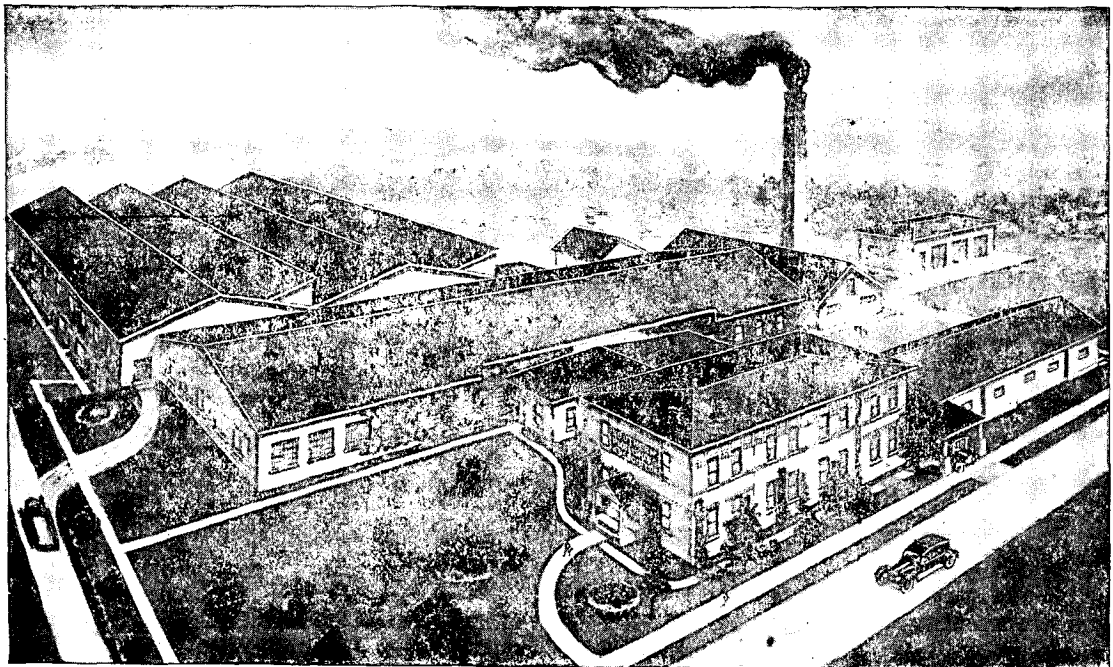
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