

THE FIELD MESSENGER.

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST John 4: 35.

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FROM JERUSALEM

We have just recently received a good letter from our esteemed brother J. A. Behar, who was called to Jerusalem, to establish the Lord's work there, where thousands of Jews are returning at this time. Strict orders are given and being carried out not to permit more than twelve thousand Jews per week entering, as accommodations for their care and comfort cannot be provided fast enough.

Great things are promised for Jerusalem and the Lord's chosen people in the last days, and from there as the headquarters of our work in Palestine, we wish to press the message into all parts of the land, and re-establish our old churches, which have so long been desolated, and hold the fort till Jesus comes.

Brother Behar has a manuscript at the office which has commenced its appearance in the Bible Advocate. He conducts regular services every Sabbath day, in a hall, now rented for that purpose, in the Holy City, and while the number of attendants is yet small, we know it will soon increase one hundred fold.

Just as soon as the Lord will open the way, and with his help, we expect to re-establish the Church of God at Corinth. 1 Cor. 1: 1, and in all the regions of Judea. 1 Thess. 2: 14. And have them organized as is mentioned in 1 Tim. 3: 1-5, with harmony and union set forth in 1 Cor. 11: 16. Let us all pray for the restoration of Zion, and the establishing again of the apostolic churches, for the salvation of poor lost souls, before it is forever too late. Truly, the Lord is building up Zion, and the promise is, that when he builds up Zion, he will appear in his glory. Psalms 102: 16.

YOUNG MEN FOR THE MINISTRY

The following young men are aspiring to, and preparing themselves for the gospel ministry, and need the encouragement of the brethren. Brother V. P. Raymond of Stanberry,

Robert Barnes, and Joe Cozad of Stidham, Okla., Ted Flo of Omaha, Nebr., Melville Gilstrap of Eufala, Okla., Horace Munro, of Stanberry, and Ed Severson of Atoka, Okla. Brother Severson has already been recognized by the Nebraska state Conference with License. Young men are first granted license, by the state associations, before being ordained and granted credentials by the General Conference.

ANOTHER STATE ORGANIZED

Cities and Towns to Evangelize

The brethren living within the state of Oklahoma, have recently decided to take upon themselves the great responsibility of carrying the third angel's message to every city, town, and community within the state. They well knew this would be an impossibility without the brethren uniting together, and systematically, going at this great task as one man. In system, unity and order, there is strength, and this is one of the fundamental laws of our great universe, laid down by the Creator, himself at creation. Knowing this great truth, and for furtherance of the gospel message, our Oklahoma brethren have united themselves together in one body for active service to God.

The tithes and offerings of this field will be paid to Sister Alice Baum, whose address is Fairview, Okla, and with it the expenses of ministers and bible workers will be met, who will carry forth the truths the Church of God so much loves in that state.

There is a grave responsibility resting upon every true child of God, living within the bounds of that state, as there is on every other, living on earth, but the urgent needs of everyone in Oklahoma paying their tithes, and giving offerings into the ministerial fund, is plainly visible by a knowledge of the vast territory in

the state where the truths of our time have not been sent.

There are in the state of Oklahoma the following large cities, where the Lord expects us to carry this message. Ponca City, with ten thousand five hundred people; McAlester, with nineteen thousand, Lawton, with seven thousand five hundred, Chickasha, sixteen thousand, Drumwright, twelve thousand, El Reno, seven thousand eight hundred, Guthrie, twelve thousand, Muskogee, forty seven thousand, Wagoner, four thousand, Oklahoma City, ninety seven thousand, Ada, four thousand, Altus four thousand, Bartlesville, six thousand, Hugo four thousand five hundred, Durant five thousand, Enid twenty one thousand, Nowata seven thousand, Okmulgee seventeen thousand five hundred, Picher fifteen thousand, Sapulpa thirteen thousand six hundred, Shawnee nineteen thousand, Tulsa seventy eight thousand, Vinita four thousand, Ardmore ten thousand.

Cities With Over Two Thousand Population.

Magnum three thousand six hundred, Miama two thousand nine hundred, Norman three thousand seven hundred, Paul's Valley two thousand six hundred, Pawhuska two thousand seven hundred, Pawnee two thousand one hundred, Peary three thousand one hundred, Purcell two thousand seven hundred, Sali Saw two thousand four hundred, Stillwater three thousand four hundred, Sulphur three thousand six hundred, Tahlequah two thousand nine hundred, Waurick two thousand nine hundred, Weatherford two thousand, one hundred, Wilberton two thousand two hundred, Woodward two thousand seven hundred, Wynne Wood two thousand two, Alva two thousand six hundred, Anadarko three thousand four hundred, Blackwell three thousand two hundred, Colgat three thousand two hundred, Clinton two thousand seven hundred, Duncan two thousand four hundred, Frederick three thousand, Harts Horn two thousand nine hundred, Hobert three

thousand eight hundred, Kerbs two thousand eight hundred, and Kingfisher two thousand five hundred.

Urgent calls have already been received from some of these towns where it is said, the Sabbath truth, with other kindred subjects has never been preached.

FROM THE FIELD

We have had to go to press with this issue of the paper before many of the reports from the ministers have come in, as they have been accustomed to reporting in time for the Advocate of the second issue for the month. But as we desired to get this paper out to the brethren before the regular monthly missionary meetings, held at most all of our organized churches, and to those living in isolated regions before this time, it is a little premature to contain all the good news from the fields of labor for January. Next month, we hope that the reports of success will be sent in earlier.

Elder L. L. Pressler has been laboring at Indianola, Oklahoma and while we have heard very favorable reports indirectly, we have not yet heard directly of his success, but we are sure that he has very good news, when we hear. He is devoting all of his time to the ministry.

Elder M. W. Unzicker with his wife are conducting a series of meetings at Pierce, Oklahoma, with very favorable prospects. They finished a meeting at Tatum, Texas, before commencing at Pierce, where they raised up a nice sized company of believers, and organized a good Sabbath School. Brother and Sister Unzicker are well liked wherever they go, and are performing, with the help of the Lord, very commendable service to Him. The brethren at Stidham, told us, while there, that they were stayers. They stay in one place until a company is raised up, and they are doing fine work.

Elder J. C. Bartlett is at Salem, Oklahoma, or was the last word we had from him. Brother and Sister Bartlett always go together in their work, and while they are old, yet they are remarkably strong physically, and alive, and awake in the Master's service. Brother Bartlett is not slow and tedious in his speech, as some are when well along in years, but unuasally active and vigorous for a man of his age. He is constantly raising up companies of obedient servants of God in different localities of Oklahoma.

Elder L. I. Rodgers, one of our young ministers, only ordained to the ministry at last Camp Meeting, is at Keystone Oklahoma battling for the right. He has been engaged there for over two months, and has a number very much interested, with only one convert. He has been bothered in the delivery of the mes-

sage by a Campbellite minister, who has given several appointments and spoken against the truth, especially the Sabbath. Brother Irl is holding the fort, and we expect soon to see the demons of darkness flee back to the regions from whence they came. The truth will always triumph.

Elder J. A. Riggs of Stanberry is now out in the work making some calls on isolated brethren. Brother Riggs is a very spiritual man, of the highest moral standing, and feels the call of applying his time and talents to the good cause. He feels certain that his call is from God for this work, and believes with us, that soon this will be proven to the brethren by souls called out of darkness to the marvelous light. He is giving his time to the cause until all will be satisfied by his reports, that ways should be provided for his continued service in the vineyard.

He will soon go to Atoka, Okla., and with Brother Ed Severson engage in work there. They expect to hold a long series of meetings in some well selected field, and Brother Severson writes us especially requesting the prayers of the brethren, that his efforts may redound to God's praise and glory and souls be saved.

Elder Herbert Miles is now engaged in a protracted meeting at Marion, Iowa, where he expects to continue two months, or as long as the interest demands. As stated elsewhere, Brother J. T. Williamson and R. E. Hosteter are with him in this meeting. Sister Corbett and Sister Browne, two of our leading bible workers are also assisting in this effort. We have a nice church house at Marion, and some fine brethren. They are paying the expense of this meeting, as is the custom of the Church of God, when efforts are carried forward in localities where churches are located. The tithes and offerings paid into the general fund, or into the state funds are paid out for the meetings in new fields.

Elders Salseld and Slankard are still laboring in Des Moines, and a letter from them last week states "A young lady who attended the assembly, has recently taken her stand for the Sabbath, and gets that day off from her work, and had no trouble." They state that she has also received the light of other truth.

Brother Jack Quinton of Hoffman, Oklahoma, writes as follows: "I have been holding meetings every Sabbath, and there has been six dear souls come out of Babylon, receiving the truth with open hearts. I thank God for the good done, and know it is through him, by his will and help. Christ says to the Father—'Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth.' John 17: 17. Now dear Brethren, I am sure that others will unite with the church soon. I desire and ask the prayers of all the good Brethren and Sisters, that I may have further success in his work."

Elder J. W. Crouse is now laboring in Los Angeles, California, and reports good success, and a fine opening in many parts there for profitable labor. He has many deeply interested in the bible truth, and several

have enlisted their services with the Church of God message through his influence and labor. It will be unwise for him to leave that needy field now, so he writes, and he will remain there for some future time.

Elder J. S. Jellison, laboring in Salt Lake City, has established a nice company there, and they are considering the purchasing or erecting of a church house soon. This is also a new company of believers and supporters of our faith.

Elder J. M. Rodriguez writes of very favorable progress in the Spanish and Mexican branch of our work, and the message is spreading also into old Mexico, where workers are entering with the primitive Church of God doctrine which is finding adherents.

Elder E. F. Thorp is laboring with good success in Arkansas new fields, and R. K. Walker in Oklahoma. Elders W. F. Morse and Lewis Buchtel, have been laboring for the past few months in Michigan with some success. During our recent work in Oklahoma fifteen signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus at Stidham, following the proposed debate, and several others were added to the church at other places, during our labors in the state.

A. N. Dugger.

REPORTS

Fort Worth, Texas.

We have been holding meetings here one month, during which time the Texas Conference was held, as per a report sent to the Advocate a few days ago.

Our Mexican Brethren are of much better courage, and they tell me that the prospects of the work for them, was never as bright as now. The company here is small but they are alive to the cause. Two of the pillars of the Church here have gone to other fields in Texas to supply needed instruction to other flocks, and a third member has gone several miles into the country to work on wages, and at the same time, to hold up the light of the gospel. Eld. Johnson, who cast his lot with us here is still in his carpentry work, but is wielding a strong influence for the cause, having several deeply interested in the truth, and he thinks they will take their stand pretty soon.

Besides, we have several much interested, and are giving them the truth as fast as we can, and with the aid of Brother Johnson, and the Mexican brethren here, to go ahead with the work after we leave. It is hoped to have a permanent class here.

We hope to have our work finished in a week or two and then start for California, where we have urgent calls to go at once. We have some

calls there as a result of our work last winter. Yours in Jesus.

J. G. Gilstrap, and daughter, Ruth.

Report from Elder J. W. Crouse.

On my return from Iowa, to Stanberry, I went to Albany, Mo. Bro. George Bennett, one of the Lord's faithful men, was busy in his shop, but stopped work long enough to get acquainted and directed me to the home of Brother W. W. Gillespie. Brother Gillespie is one of the early members of our church in this part of the state.

He favors the school proposition, and will help with the same; but says we must keep out of debt. He has no use for higher critics. He believes the bible to be the inspired word of God.

My heart was made sad, as I saw the almost hopeless condition of Sister Gillespie, and now as I remember her, and others, who are afflicted; my soul cries out, O, for a closer walk with God. And I recall the words the Master, they shall lay hands on them, and they shall recover.

Dear ones all, we must come to this experience, even though it takes a complete crucifixion of the "old man"; and why not let him die?

O, to be right with God, though it may take an arm or an eye, or even a farm or two.

I long for a sacred nearness to the great Physician of Galilee. Come brothers and sisters, get right with God; and then we will all be happy, and the Lord will forward, as never before.

Here, at Albany, is a fine company that have recently accepted the truth under the labors of Elder Miles, and others. I called on most of them, spent the last day and night with Sister James OMara. Her husband, though not a Sabbath keeper, was very kind. Sister OMara is all aglow with the love of God, and his truth. She has ordered quite a number of the Advocates sent to her friends, and they will bring results.

On leaving she told me she would soon put \$800 into the Lord's work.

Arriving on the train at New Hampton, I inquired for D. P. Moore, of Hatfield, and found he lived fifteen miles north. Called him up on the phone, and soon a pleasant smiling man and his son met me, and soon we were rolling over the hills to his comfortable home.

Hatfield is one of the places where the truth was proclaimed before the civil war, and the lamp of truth still burns here. It was great pleasure

to me to meet the different families of the Moores' and Ayres' also Bro. Davis and sister Myrtle Wells. There was a point or two that Brother D. P. Moore and I failed to see alike, but he was always smiling through tears of joy. God bless him and all the dear ones there.

I remember a suggestion made by Brother Charlie Davis. Brother Charlie don't let the enemy cheat you out of the blessings God has for you. I will not take up the space to name each of you, but I think of you all one by one, and my heart grows warm, and my eyes fill with tears, and my prayers go up to our Father. God bless these at old Hatfield.

From Hatfield I returned to Stanberry, and as many others have written of our good Camp meeting I will only say the meeting was a great help to me, as I had the privilege of meeting so many of the Lord's people.

After the Camp Meeting I had the privilege of connecting with Elder Miles and his company at Maryville, Mo. Here I saw the results of humbly seeking God for his blessings, upon his work and workers. Forty nine had chosen the better way, when I left, and still the good work goes on.

In our next we will move up Nebraska and Dakota, and on to the coast.

Los Angeles, California.

ADDED MINISTERIAL FORCE

Brother J. T. Williamson, of Appleton City, Mo., who several years ago, started out in the ministry, but because of financial burdens, was compelled to enter other vocations, and so has been teaching school and farming, has now launched out again in his once chosen profession. He is at Marion, Iowa, assisting Elder Miles, and preparing himself to become permanently engaged in the Lord's service.

Brother R. E. Hosteter, a young minister, formerly of the denomination, known as the "Christian Church", but who has recently taken his stand with the Church of God, is also with Brother Miles, studying and preparing to enter the field as another of our evangelists soon. Brother Hosteter is one of the converts at Maryville, Mo., and his wife has also accepted the truth with him.

Brother T. J. Marrs, is another

minister of the Campbellite church who has recently joined our ranks. We had the pleasure of meeting him while in Oklahoma, as he came to Stidham to attend the proposed debate, we were to have held with Elder Warlick. Brother Marrs remained at Stidham for nearly a week and attended our meeting, and spoke once to the brethren on the Sabbath day. We were glad indeed to form his acquaintance. He is a man who has made the bible a profound study and can read the Greek with almost as much ease as the English text.

Elder Marrs accepted the Sabbath truth through his own investigation and study of the bible, before he knew of the Church of God, and while he has been observing the Sabbath a few years, he has retained his membership with the Campbellite people until we met him at Stidham. He is a man of high character, strong personality, and has a remarkable influence for good.

Brother Bert F. Marrs, a son of Elder T. Marrs, was also until recently identified with the Campbellite church, and for nine years has been a minister among them. He is a college graduate, holding a state certificate for the state of Oklahoma, and is now engaged in teaching school near Earlsboro. Brother Bert is with the Church of God, and has all his life felt the call for service in the Master's vineyard, and is gifted both in speaking and singing. Like his father, he is a man of good appearance, strong personality and of high christian character. We feel justified in urging him to quickly break away from the employment offered by the world for a livelihood, and assume that of an active worker in the gospel field. We have great faith in Brother Bert Marrs, and feel assured that his influence for good will be felt worldwide.

Dr. Tolbert of Hartshorn, Okla., was formerly a minister of the Seventh Day Adventist ranks, who stood high in their church circles, as a leader and teacher, but who on account of the visions of Mrs. E. G. White, and the unbiblical practices of that denomination, has retired from the ministry and is a successful Chiropractic physician. Brother Tolbert has become identified with the Church of God, and we feel certain, will again become more or less active in the ministerial calling, and bring many hungry souls to God, who are out of the ark of safety. Brother Tolbert does not hold radical

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In this paper each month will be receipted the tithes and offerings over the field, and should any send in money that is not receipted, please notify us at once so the matter can be looked up. If it does not appear, the chances are that the letter was lost, and by notifying us if sent by money order, we can get a duplicate.

From time to time in subsequent issues of this little paper, we wish to print the pictures of our ministers and bible workers, so the brethren everywhere, can become better acquainted, with those whom they are supporting with their tithes and offerings, in carrying the third angel's message onward.

"Say not ye, there are four months and then cometh the harvest, behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." St. John 35: 36.

"Therefore saith he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers.....". Luke 10: 2.

MOVING FORWARD

Great plans are under way for speedily and triumphantly sending forth the message as never before. These are truly critical days for the world, and God is doing a wonderful work in behalf of his people. Souls are being saved. The seed of the living word is being faithfully sown in many honest hearts, and we ask the prayers and co-operation of the brethren and friends of the cause, for a continuation of the faithful ministry of the word.

Two more large tents are needed this spring by the middle of May, which we hope to be able to equip, and put into the field with a nice force of able and devoted bible workers, headed by one of our evangelists. Let us all labor together, while it is yet day. "The night cometh when no man can work."

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ideas against church organization as many of the ex-S. D. A. leaders do, but has the bible truth on this point, and heartily endorses system and order in the church, and having an organized working body to further the good cause onward.

Brother Lee Eylar, Atty, of McAlester, Okla., is another ex-Seventh Day Adventist minister who because of the visions and other unscriptural practices, ceased his activity as a debator and minister of that church, and has been for the last four or five years, successfully practicing law in McAlester. Brother Eylar still keenly feels his calling for the ministry, and has advertised his business in McAlester for sale. He is not only a man zealous for the truth, but one highly capable and qualified, to present it to others in a forceful, intelligent manner. We believe the Lord will soon arrange matters, freeing him from his business profession, and thus enabling him to enter the gospel field as one with us, in heralding the glad tidings onward.

Brother R. K. Walker, also of Oklahoma is another servant of the Lord, who has recently shouldered the responsibility of carrying the gospel message. He has long felt the call to duty, but having a large family to provide for has not been able financially to go out independent in the Lord's work, and has thus been tied down. He is a talented man in the pulpit, and able to defend the word of God, and is highly devoted and consecrated to this work.

Brother Sam Poff, of Carbin, Okla., expects to complete his education this summer, and will if nothing prevents graduate, receiving his diploma. Brother Poff also has felt the call to the gospel ministry, and several years ago delivered a few sermons at our Camp Meeting which were sufficiently impressive to have lingered long in the minds of those who heard. The last few years he has been teaching school through the winter and attending college during the summer. He was elected vice president of the Oklahoma Conference held at Fairview in December and after next summer will be ready to enter some vocation for the Church of God, with which he has been identified since early youth. He is the son of Brother H. P. Poff, of Wagoner, and is highly capable and talented to perform work of a commendable type in the Lord's service.

A. N. Dugger.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY TITHES

Mr. M. K. Turner	30.00
F. L. Summers	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilkinson	14.20
A. N. Dugger	18.00
Mrs. B. M. Vann	\$1.00
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