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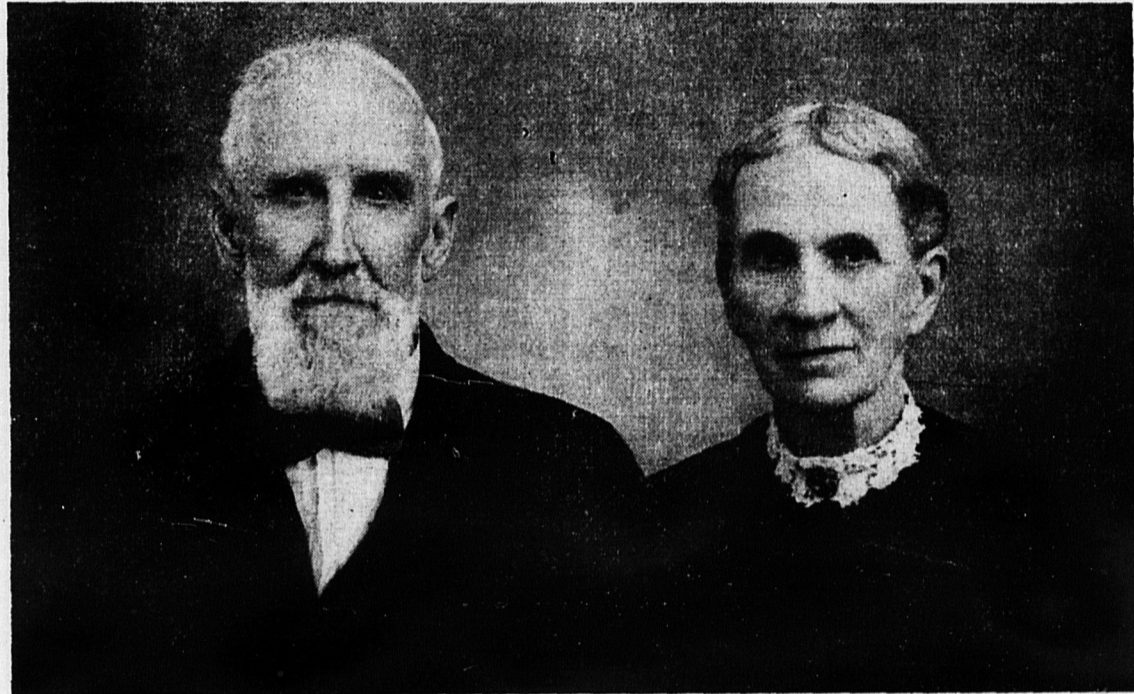
Mrs. Ella Nugent
Church of God, put on thine armor,
Gird thee quickly for the fray.
Hearest thou not thy Captain calling?
Satan's host in war's array.
Stands in battle line before thee,
Ready, eager, for the fight.
Faint not, fail not, stand ye steady,
Onward then in God's own might!
Soon thy warfare will be over,
Day will come, be past the night.
All thy foes shall flee before thee,
See on eastern hills the light,
Of the glad millennial morning.
In that day all strife shall cease,
When in majesty descending
Comes thy King, the Prince of
Peace.

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NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

God has repeatedly told us in His word that He is no respecter of persons, and that a person of one language or race, was just as precious to Him as that of another, and of course the territory in which they live makes no difference with God. The preaching of the message is of just as much importance with God, in one field as it is in another, and the people in one state are just as much in His sight as those living in another state. Tithes and offerings are used to preach the message in new fields to sinners, and just where the fields are should not so much concern the people of God, if the people are being warned and results are being accomplished.

The funds sent to headquarters are used in various fields of labor. State conferences are assisted with their evangelical work, until they can become self supporting, and carry the burden themselves, and ministers are enabled to go to many fields of labor in many states.



Elder S. W. Mentzer and wife

We know the readers of the Field Messenger will be pleased to see the likeness of our highly esteemed Brother and Sister S W. Mentzer. While the above picture appeared in the "Bible Advocate" last spring, we have many readers of the Messenger who do not read the "Advocate" and it is for these we are printing the above picture.

Elder Mentzer has been a minister of the Church of God for many years, and for sixteen years has held the position of President of the General Conference, paying his own expenses to the general meetings, and during his entire ministry and term of office, he has never received one cent from the church for any service rendered. The office of Presi-

dent he has filled with honor and credit to himself and to the cause of our Master.

For several years he has expressed a desire to be relieved of the duties of his office, but in spite of this has been unanimously elected each time, until this year when the burden, at his request was removed and placed upon another, who is younger in years.

Brother and Sister Mentzer have been pillars in the church, and all that they have done for the promotion of the great cause of truth in the earth, will not be known until the heavenly records are unrolled and revealed. We all join in wishing them many more years of health and labor in the Master's vineyard

\$900.00 A MONTH

The General Conference now has a responsibility of expenses to meet totaling nine hundred dollars each month, or about \$30 00 a day. Then as the reports in this paper will show, they should furnish financial assistance to other young ministers who are starting in the work, and we feel certain that the Lord will prompt enough more of the brethren

to pay their tithes to enable this to be done, so they will not have to stop their labor in the Lord's vineyard and take up other work for the support of their families. If every member would pay their tithes, ten times the number of laborers could be out proclaiming the precious truth, and saving sinners, than are now in the field.

PIERCE, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother, I will write you a few lines to the Field Messenger. Brother Unzicker held meeting here and accomplished a good work for which we are all thankful to God, and also to Brother and Sister Unzicker. We have Sabbath school each Sabbath with good attendance. Another member joined last week and was baptized yesterday at the river where the Church of God people had dinner and a good meeting. Brother Bartlett did the baptizing. He is a faithful worker.

Brother Barnes preaches for us some, and we surely appreciate it. He is one of our coming great preachers for the Church of God. We ask the prayers of all of God's people. May God bless you all. Yours in Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Greenwood.

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TORREON COAHUILA, MEXICO

Dear Brother Dugger:—You will find enclosed my Evangelical Report, for the last six weeks.

I am very glad to send to the General Conference, my gratitude for the new acceptance of myself to continue in the sacred ministry one year more. I will renew to our heavenly Father my promise to keep my body soul and spirit under the obedience of all His commandments. Glory to His name.

From the United States I received many letters in which they say all our brethren keep under the care of the angel of the Lord, and still are Sabbath keepers, with all the commandments of the Lord.

Please pray for this new church, and for me also. Your brother in the name of Jesus

J. M. Rodriguez.

Note:—Brother Rodriguez reported six new converts for the past month's work.

A. N. D.

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SHALL WE HALT THE MESSAGE?

The following letter is from Elder A. H. Stith, an able and qualified minister and an excellent speaker.

We have received the Macedonian cry from the West as well as the East and wrote him to know if he could go.

Dear Brother in Christ:—Just received your most welcome letter, was glad to hear from you again, and to know you are anxious to see the message go forth here in the West as well as in the East. I believe we should have more ministers in the field here than we have. While there are many S. D. Adventists in this country, and they do preach

very much the same as we do until they get them in, then it is something else, and they should be shown the right way. They are wrong in many ways. I have an Adventist family interested here close to us in what we teach. Now brother, as to me taking up the work here in Idaho, it has been my long desire to go into the ministry and preach continually. It seems it was not intended that way. I have been trying to accumulate enough to be self supporting. I have made a failure on account of prices going where they did last winter and this summer. We will get only \$3 per ton for our hay this time and other stuff in proportion. Water taxes have not come down. They are about \$5 per acre. So I won't have much to go on. I will have to hire a boy to stay with the family to take care of the stock. That ought not to cost so much in winter. I believe much good can be done here by the help of God, so if the Conference can help me some financially I can preach most of the winter. I will arrange to go to Kimberly and hold a meeting if you think best. I want your advice in every way for I want to do the best way to advance the cause. I want to go to Emmett again. I will close and await your answer. Yours in the work.

A. H. Stith.

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FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Brethren, Greeting in Jesus' name:—It has been some years since I have written, but I rejoice this morning as I see the good letters from the brethren in the little Field Messenger. I am glad that God's people are getting roused to a sense of duty and to see how they are responding everywhere with their little mite to help to spread the gospel to prepare a people for the soon coming King.

Eld. J. D. Frazier

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FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD PEKING, CHINA

Extract from Elder Bernstein's Letter

"I am at present away from Peking superintending building houses for a Canadian mission. I have for more than a year worked with my hands, not that I needed the money, but it was a leading from God, I can see now. My dear wife and little daughter 11 years old are in Peking helping in the meetings. We have now four Chinese elders doing the evangelical work, one in Peking and three out in different parts of China and I am doing my part in another part of the country. It is a very little thing in this large country with more than four hundred million. We have three or four more Chi-

nese brothers that I hope will soon be established so that the Lord can send them out, and their needs will be supplied from some one who loves the heathen, to be fully saved as there are some here just as well as in the home land."

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FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Brother Dugger and Brothers and Sisters.—I will send in my report for the last five weeks. I began a meeting July 26th, four miles west of Hagler, where I continued until August 6th. I baptized and ordained one minister who had been in the church of God for three years, and then I closed my meeting and went to a new field four miles south of Humphrey where I held a meeting for three weeks, and had to close my meeting there on account of everybody getting sick and the house the last two nights was almost empty. I baptized one and two more took a stand for the Sabbath and said they would be baptized in the future. While many took the stand that I had the whole truth. I then returned to Vallier to where there was a church of eleven members. As I had but a few days longer in that part of the state I thought I would edify the church and I preached four nights and one more took a stand to keep the Sabbath. I will start for home tonight to begin the debate at Bono and I am glad to say that Bro. E. A. Williams from Boston, Tenn. will meet me at Bono to help in the debate. The way looks brighter in this state at the present than ever before. God has promised the victory and we must march on and we need the prayers of the brothers and sisters everywhere to help us fight this great battle. Yes, pray for me in that debate that the Lord will give us the victory. As my letter is getting long I will close. As ever your brother in the Master's cause.

E. F. Thorp.

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CANADIAN, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother Dugger:—The meetings are progressing nicely. Last night I began on the subject of the "Response of History To The Call of Prophecy." The night before that I spoke on the "Second Coming of Christ, and The Signs of The Times," and gave the invitation to sinners, but no one came forward. Then gave the invitation to all who were professors of religion who would step

out with us and keep all God's commandments, statutes and ordinances and prepare to meet Him when He comes, and there were seven came forward.

As it is about train time will close. Your brother and sister in the vineyard of the Master.

M. W. and F. L. Unzicker.

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NEW WORKMEN COMMENCE SERVICE

From Brother Barnes

Brother R. A. Barnes, who several weeks ago commenced his first meeting at Canadian, Oklahoma writes, "The meetings are still fine, and people coming from miles around, and I have three more calls for meetings after this one, but I cannot make them now, for I will have to stop and work awhile. I spoke the other evening on the Kingdom question, and then gave an invitation for converts to come forward. Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Perry, and Mrs. Alice Nelson came and took their stand for the truth. There are eleven now keeping the Sabbath, but only these three have stepped out. Brother Unzicker is here now to help me, and I do not know how long we will stay. You know I cannot stay as long as I would like, on account of expenses. I have sold some of my goods in order to keep up the expenses of my family, but I will receive my reward."

Brother Barnes is a young minister just starting out, and he is now holding a few meetings so we will all know if he is really called of God to preach the word, and if he can reach the people with the message, before the Lord's money is paid out for his support. We are glad that his efforts have thus far been so successful, and we know that he is relying upon God for strength and power in this work, and not on the feeble arm of flesh. We are sure that Brother Barnes is going to make a successful minister.

Although the General Conference now has a monthly expense of around \$900.00, or \$30.00 per day, in keeping ministers supplied who are breaking the bread of life in new fields, and the work of the Lord moving along, still we have written to Brother Barnes to know how much he will need to enable him to go and fill one of the calls for meetings that he now has. We feel sure that the Lord will prompt someone to turn into the Treasury sufficient funds to enable this extra expense to be met.

From Brother McMicken

Brother McMicken who was mentioned in the last Field Messenger as having commenced his first meeting,

is also a young man, just starting in the gospel ministry. He writes from his field of labor that he commenced his meeting first in the Baptist church, but when he presented the Sabbath and State of the dead, the doors were closed on him. He then went to another church house about two miles away, and was soon shut out of that building, and then going to the school house, he was able to conclude his meeting. He spoke in all forty times, and there were two added to the church, and he writes that there are at least a dozen more who will come out soon. Brother McMicken is having to borrow money to keep up his expenses while holding these meetings, as he has not yet proven himself, and therefore is not supported by the tithes and offerings, but we can say that when a young man, just starting into the ministry can preach forty sermons to the same people requiring different subject matter for each discourse, the Lord is with him, and with the results obtained in spite of the opposition, he is well on the road to recognition as one capable of financial assistance from the Lord's money. Brother McMicken writes later, after going to another field of labor, "I arrived here at Nauvoo yesterday the 9th of September and will begin meetings tomorrow at eleven o'clock. Prospects look favorable for a good meeting, and the people are very anxious for me to begin. The Lord has sent me here to show them the light."

We hope that the good brethren all over the field will commence paying their tithes who are not already doing so, that these two young men and many others may continue their efforts in the gospel service. Unless the brethren all assist in this grand work of sending forth the precious truth, these men will have to cease their labors, and others will have to be recalled. Let us one and all pray that God will touch each heart with that love for sinners, that prompted God to give His only Son, and that enabled Christ to die on the cross, and that they may then realize that they are also called upon to follow Jesus, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice, and at least pay their tenth.

Elder R. C. Ward, pastor of the Christian Church at Bolckow, Mo., who came into the Church of God during the last Campmeeting, will soon be out in the gospel field preaching the truth, and if his efforts are successful he must also be supported. The harvest is great, the fields are large, and white for the reapers. The laborers in the field while few, the laborers at home, for their support, must correspond and we are sure that the Lord while raising up laborers in answer to our prayers, to go out in the harvest field, will also keep the home fires burning and prompt honest hearts to carry the load, by paying their tithes and offerings into the general funds en-

abling these consecrated workmen to continue their services for God.

A. N. Dugger.

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IN THE FIELD

At the close of the camp-meeting the large tent that was used at Brookfield this summer was shipped to Milan, Mo., where Elder L. I. Rodgers and Elder J. W. Crouse are engaged in another big tent meeting. Sister Maude Rodgers and Cleora Close are Bible workers. At last report the meeting was progressing nicely.

Elder R. E. Hosteter is engaged in a meeting at South Gifford, Mo., which commenced the same evening as the tent meeting at Milan. Eld. Herbert Miles commenced a protracted meeting at Santa Rosa, Mo., last Sunday evening, and Elder J. T. Williamson, began or will begin soon at or in the vicinity of Johnston City Mo. Elder L. L. Presler left for Illinois in his Ford following the camp-meeting.

Eld. E. F. Thorp recently concluded a successful meeting in Arkansas before his discussion at Bono, and he commenced another protracted effort in the new field at Grubbs, Ark., last Friday evening. Elder Unzicker is still at Canadian, Okla., and the conditions bid favorable for the raising up of quite a large company of believers there. Other fields of labor where organized efforts are being put forth, report successful accomplishments, but we cannot give the labor and results in detail. Elder F. C. Robinson of Anderson, Mo., reports holding a continued meeting in his home neighborhood, which was not at the expense of the General Treasury, and that two had been converted, and would be baptized soon.

Later:—Word through Sister A. M. Cornelison has just been received that seven were baptized there last Sabbath.

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LAST YEAR

In summing up the reports of our different ministers including the ones given in at the General Conference, Elder Herbert Miles stands at the lead for successful field work during the past year, with sixty-three converts. Elder M. W. Unzicker of Oklahoma stands second with forty-eight. It must be remembered that these converts are educated in Bible

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JESUS IS COMING SOON. BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION, AND WARN THE PEOPLE OF THE SINNER'S DOOM. PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD IS THE ONE ABSORBING QUESTION OF THE DAY.

PICTURES OF THE COMMITTEE

The pictures of the Board of directors and Church officials were to have been printed in this issue of the Field Messenger, but we did not receive the pictures in time to have the engravings ready, so will postpone their publication for the next paper.

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LAST YEAR

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teaching, and are not of the kind that act through momentary feelings caused by the telling of death-bed stories, or narrating graveyard scenes, but their feet are on the rock; they are acting through sound judgment based on a definite knowledge of the blessed word, and are recruits enlisting in the service of God, as minute men and women for life. Other devoted ministers have accomplished noble service also during the past year, by the presence and help of the Lord.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS PAID INTO THE GENERAL TREASURY DURING THE PAST THIRTY DAYS.

TITHES

Elder S. W. Mentzer	150.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Childs	100.00
C. F. Hoers	20.00
C. W. Allen	25.00
J. W. Crouse	\$ 5.40
L. I. Rodgers	3.00
Bessie Leach	1.00
Nora Patty	2.30
Reuben Arthur	17.00
Sarah Corbett	7.50
H. Miles	6.00
Mrs. A. Bennett	3.00
E. W. Sheffield	14.55
Cora Best	1.80
G. E. Rayner	3.30
P. C. Walker	4.80
Mrs. W. A. Cure	.50
F. M. Lippincott and wife	4.83
A friend	.60
A. D. Youngs and wife	11.00
M. T. a friend	2.50
Mrs. H. C. Fairbank	5.00

Leona C. Merrill	2.50
Mrs. George Crowe	2.50
S. E. Price	1.00
Hannah Ayers	5.00
Martha Ayers	1.00
Wilda Ayers	.20
Milford Ayers	.12
A friend	.50
James West	4.50
Mrs. Levi L. Davis	4.00
B. F. Hamilton	2.00
A friend	1.00
Victor Haffner	.50
F. Bokenkroger	2.00
Mrs. M. J. Gunter	1.00
Mrs. J. C. Dine	3.50
Mrs. Myrtle Yarborough	1.00
Mrs. Minnie Campbell	1.00
Mrs. Annie Kelly	.30
F. L. Summers	25.60
Malinda Summers	1.10
Mrs. E. Joseph	5.00
A friend	10.00
Ira E. Johnson	2.00
Matilda Whisler	8.70
Russell F. Barton	1.00
Anna McElvain and daughter	4.85
A friend	2.89
Charlotte Bossert	5.00
Addie L. Wait	3.65
Mrs. M. C. Pierce	3.00
Mrs. R. S. Rodgers	5.00
J. W. Nelson	5.00
Mrs. D. M. Black	1.00
Lucy A. Brewer	1.00
Mrs. Lucinda Lynch	2.00
Edith Childs	4.00
Mrs. Sarah Corbett	1.50
Mrs. Andy Bennett	1.50
Mrs. V. A. Wheelock	5.00
Mrs. Cora McDowell and Mrs. A. G. Ellis	2.50
Mrs. A. G. Ellis	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blenis	9.75
L. A. Munger	7.69
James Merriam	5.37
Phoebe Wilkinson	3.16
Clarence Wilkinson	1.00
A friend N. B.	1.00
Mrs. H. L. Walkley	3.21
Mary R. Merriam	2.60
Chancy Hart	4.26
G. L. Hart	4.00
G. H. Bennett	7.36
B. M. and C. A. Blood	2.62
E. F. Thorp	1.00
C. M.	8.89
Jane Childs	2.00
Dorothy Carver	15.00
Sarah A. Stillson	5.00
A friend	5.00
F. L. Summers	11.55
Kate McArthur	14.00
Mrs. W. W. Roberts	2.00
Lovina Shoemaker	10.00
Mrs. Mamie Close	1.00
Leota Neal	1.80
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blenis	8.75
Cora W. Carver	15.00
Mrs. Mary J. Pike	1.00
S. A. Moore and wife	5.75
Phoebe Wilkinson	.40
Clarence Wilkinson	1.25
James Merriam	9.15
Edson Merriam	4.56
Walter Wilkinson	.50
L. A. Munger	84
Mrs. H. L. Walkley	5.10
Bert Sheffield	20.00
Lillie Pierson	3.00
Emma Pierson	2.00

D. B. and C. A. Farnham	5.00
M. B. Adams and Florence Landrum	11.85
Mrs. R. E. Faircl	5.00
E. F. Thorp	3.10
Lillie Manning	9.00
A. S. Manning	13.00
Mrs. Ellen Leard	5.00
L. M. Shulz	14.00
A. N. Dugger	5.00
Mrs. Addie L. Wait	5.00
Alice Lippincott	9.50
L. L. Manning	4.00

OFFERINGS

A Long \$5; Mr. Hubbard \$1; Mr. Wats 50cts; Eld. J. W. Crouse colored work in K. C. \$5; Alice Lippincott birthday offering 61cts; Alda Pritchard 30cts; Mrs. James Poff \$2; Mrs. E. E. VanNostrand \$5; Mrs. S. E. Walker \$1; Julia Presler \$5; a friend \$5; John Haffner \$15; M. E. Greenley \$5; Virgil Christenson 50c; F. L. Summers \$1; Mrs. F. L. Summers \$1; a friend \$8; Magdalene Littleton \$10; Paul Smith \$1; Mrs. O. A. Smith \$1; M. T. a friend \$2 25; Mrs. G. T. Rodgers \$1; Mr. Long \$1; Alford Parker 50cts; D. R. Stone \$5; W. B. Gearhart \$50; I. N. and Adelaide Kramer \$2; John Bagwell \$3; a friend \$1; V. W. Wilbran \$1; Tom Green \$1; Bertie Zarnes \$1; Earnest Gill \$1; E. L. Diamond \$1; Myrtle Maddox \$1; Jennie McCance and Ora Haerber \$5; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Denham \$5; John Graybell \$5; Harley Robinson \$1; E. A. Williams \$1; Virginia Johnson 50cts; Clara C. Hanson \$5; Mrs. Alice Lippincott 50cts.

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MONEY PAID OUT

The tithes and offerings paid into the general treasury, are not handled and paid out by one man, but there is a committee of brethren who have the oversight of the matter in full. They direct the paying out of all funds, audit and examine the treasury books, comparing with bank deposits, and it is their desire to have the entire confidence of the entire church, that every member may know that their tithes and offerings paid to the General Treasury, will be faithfully handled, and wisely expended to the Lord's glory relying upon divine guidance in all matters of vital consequence.

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TO WHOM ARE THE TITHES PAID?

No officers of the church, or members of the Board of Directors receive pay for this service. They willingly donate what time this work requires, and the tithes are used exclusively to ministers who are laboring in new fields, and apportioned to them according to their several needs. Tithes in Bible times, were used exclusively for the ministry of the word, and they should be used for no other purpose. We must strictly follow the word of God at all times.