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### Acrostic.

BY HETTIE ADAMS.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27.

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9.

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Prov. 30:5.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Ps. 55:17.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Ps. 91:4.

Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. 1 Sam. 12:24.

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matt. 20:28.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. 3:2.

## GENERAL ARTICLES.

### FAITHFULNESS TO GOD.

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Acts 17:24.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1.

From these two texts of scripture we learn definitely how this earth came into existence, namely, by the hand of the Lord. Question: If the Lord made this earth, to whom does it be-

long? We read in Ps. 24:1: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." From the above texts the following facts are established:—This earth was made by the Lord; it was made in the beginning; it belongs to him. Now let us stick to that.

In the Word of God we have some other things mentioned as belonging especially to the Lord. In Ps. 50:10, we read, "For every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills." "The silver is mine and the gold is mine." Hag. 2:8. "He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and the widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment." Deut. 10:18. "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

Briefly stated, the following facts can be gleaned from the four texts quoted:—Our live stock, whatever it may be, belongs to the Lord; our gold and silver, or in other words, every dollar in our possession, is his rightfully; our clothing comes to us only as a gift from him; and last, but not least, in importance, our very bodies are his, for in Isa. 52:3, we read this startling declaration: "Ye have sold yourselves for nought, but ye shall be redeemed without money."

But says one, "does this silver dollar in my possession belong to the Lord?" or, "does this fine horse belong to him?" Yes, even our very life is his. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." This is the inspired writing of the Apostle Paul.

Before going further in the study, we might ask the question, In what sense do these things belong to us? and in answering I will quote a verse as recorded in Matt. 25:14. "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who

called his own servants and delivered unto them his goods." You will see by the above texts that the goods were only delivered to them by the Master, *to be used*, because the text plainly says that they were *his* goods. In Luke 12:43, these servants are called stewards. Now a steward is one who has charge of another man's goods. We have found that all that we have belongs to the Lord, and that we are only stewards or overseers of his goods. But the Lord has set apart one-tenth as especially belonging to him, and we are not to appropriate it to ourselves under any consideration. In Lev. 27:30, we read, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." By turning to Numbers 18:24, we learn the use that was to be made of the tithe: "But the tithe of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit." The Levites were God's ministers appointed by him to do a special work. In the days of Nehemiah, the people became negligent in regard to this matter, and in Neh. 13:11, we read these words: "Then contended I with the rulers, and said, why is the house of God forsaken? . . . Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries."

In Mal. 3, we read, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. . . . Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Before closing, I wish to call attention to the reckoning time as spoken of in Matt. 25:14. "After a long time,

the Lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them." This reckoning time is surely coming and we are rapidly nearing that day, when every man must give an account of himself to God. May the words, "well done, thou good and faithful servant," be heard by every reader of these lines.

C. H. BATES.

#### THE TRACT WORK.

The work to which we as Christians are called is to co-operate with Christ for the salvation of souls. We must follow his example in faithfulness by giving our attention to the little things. In this way only can we make a success of our Christian effort and influence. The distribution of our good literature, while it may appear to you to be an insignificant part of the Lord's work, it is a grand and noble work which will lead many to Christ. *Do not neglect the Tract work in your churches.* We can recommend no better way to carry on this work than the "Envelope Plan," which has already been brought to your notice.

The people of to-day are a reading people, and if we do not place before them something that will be uplifting, elevating, and lead them to a higher life the enemy of truth will place in their hands those things that will poison their minds.

Now, as you are selling "Christ's Object Lessons," it is a good time to push the Tract work. Take the tracts with you and leave a package in every home even though you do not sell a book. If you are isolated and cannot engage in this work in an organized effort, keep a good supply of tracts in your home and hand them out as opportunity affords. God wants a real missionary committee to be composed of father, mother and the children of each family. Take a portion of the worship hour, hold a missionary council, and plan how you may help your neighbors and friends to a better, happier and holier life.

"When we give ourselves wholly to God and in our work follow his directions, he makes himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we think of failure. We are to co-operate with one who knows no failure."

KATIE COLEMAN,

Sec. C. U. Conference.

Brother C. H. Bates and family have moved to Cripple Creek to engage in the work in that district.

## FIELD REPORTS.

#### Leadville.

The Lord is still smiling on the little church at this place. On Sabbath, Nov. 22, two precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Hills. Two others were added by letter. I am glad to say that harmony prevails in the little church, and our meetings are blessed with the spirit of the Lord. Others are interested, and we hope to call the Doctor soon again to perform the marriage ceremony between other precious souls and their Redeemer. We are of good courage in the Lord to whom be ascribed praise for ever. GEO. M. ALWAY.

#### Colorado Springs.

The spirit of the Lord is still striving with the people here. There never was a time when so many were interested in the present truth, and there are many more calls for Bible readings than we can answer. Wednesday, the 3rd inst., we had another ingathering; ten were baptized, five of them being the pupils from Sister Finch's Sabbath-school class. There is an earnest call for another series of meetings here. We are all of the best courage and intend to push the work with vigor.

DR. WILLARD W. HILLS.

#### Pueblo.

It is not for a lack of interest or activity that the ECHOES readers have not heard from me for some time. After the close of the tent meetings which I held in Colorado Springs, I conducted some meetings in our mission there. The blessing of the Lord attended our efforts. Two men accepted the Sabbath truth.

On account of financial circumstances I have not been able to devote more than about one-third of my time to missionary work this summer. I hope soon to devote nearly all my time to the work.

Brethren, the work of giving the message to every nation and kindred in this generation means a denial and sacrifice. We are to be true followers of the Lord Jesus. Let us deny ourselves in order to support those whom the Lord has called to labor in his vineyard.

J. F. JENSON.

#### Among The Churches.

On November 20, I arrived in Salida, remaining four days. Meetings were held each night and two on the

Sabbath. I visited nearly every member of the church and had some precious seasons with them. I secured several subscriptions for our papers, and did all I could to encourage our dear people, and have reason to believe that my labors were appreciated and resulted in good. I believe we need a good Bible worker located here.

Monday, November 24, I arrived at the home of William Hendrickson, whose wife has recently begun the observance of the Sabbath through reading, and the personal efforts of the family. I remained here one week, holding services each night and Bible readings each day with them. Sister Hendrickson seemed willing to accept every point of truth as it was revealed from the Word. We once had a large church here, but nearly all have moved away. She, with her daughter, will soon unite with our nearest church at Cañon City. None of our ministers had visited this family for fifteen years, and they were feeling much discouraged. My visit was an encouragement to them, and as I bade them good bye, they urged me to come again.

Monday, December 1, I arrived at Silver Cliff, where I held meetings every night during my stay. Our people have a neat little chapel here, but the town being a silver camp, the place has gone down until there are only a few residents. There are now only seven of our people left, including children. I enjoyed my labors here very much, and felt much of God's blessing in visiting and praying with the people. Thursday, December 4, I left for Cañon City.

GEO. O. STATES.

The December study of the "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work" completes the book. We trust all our Sabbath-school workers have been engaged in these studies and are becoming better fitted to do the work to which they have been called. Beginning with the new year, the plan is to take up the same valuable work in a topical study. This will be a review for those who have already been studying it, and will prove very helpful, we are sure. To those who have not yet taken up the studies, the new plan will be invaluable. The book can still be procured for 35 cents.

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Not long ago it was my privilege to remain over the Sabbath with one of our isolated Sabbath-keeping families, and to attend their family Sabbath-school. Only a few months ago, they commenced their Sabbath-school through Sister Watson's faithful correspondence.

One sister had but recently commenced the observance of the Sabbath, and so they were studying the various lesson texts where the Sabbath is mentioned, also the travels of the children of Israel.

On the day I visited them, a rough blackboard sketch was given by a little girl of nine years. The land of Egypt was pointed out, the crossing of the Red Sea, the place where the ten spies brought back the unfavorable report, and the turning back after their rebellion. The wanderings of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Sin, and their various camping places, were located, which showed a thorough study of the lesson.

I was pleased to see the promptness with which the school opened although it numbered only four. If ever I had had a doubt of the possibility of family schools, it would have been removed in visiting this little school, and witnessing the interest manifested by all.

GEO. O. STATES.

### Ingathering Service.

November 22 was set apart for our ingathering service. It was indeed a good day for the Florence church. Several beautiful songs were sung, and some instructive papers were read on the following subjects: Thanksgiving Offerings, Missionary Work, Seeking the Lost, etc. The children took an active part which made the program very interesting. A good donation of \$13.00 was received. Best of all, in the midst of our service, six precious souls were gathered into the fold of Christ. Five of these had been baptized the previous day by Dr. Hills; the other had accepted the truth under the labor of Eld. Proctor. It is our desire to go forward. Truly, God is good.

LIDA B. MOORE,  
LULU MOORE.

### A Personal Benefit.

The lessons of this quarter have been of great benefit to me. From the beginning in the Garden of Eden, down to the present time, special

blessings have been given to God's people that they might be a light to the world. Through faithfulness, they were to have ruled nations, but instead, were ruled. Unfaithfulness had brought them into bondage again and again; this has been the cause of the many ups and downs God's people have known in the course of the world's history. Whenever the people, brought face to face with death and destruction through unfaithfulness, turned to God for help, he was always ready to come to their assistance. It was not the nations that brought the trouble upon them, but the serving of strange gods in their own camp.

The position of God's people has always been one of privilege and corresponding responsibility. Because they would not serve him, and thus make known to the nations his great name and the gospel of his kingdom, they lost their place among the nations. When his people, as a nation, refused to be a channel through which the gospel could go to those about them, he took all they gloried in from them that they might learn to obey and worship him.

In Daniel we have brought to view a man who knew God and his ways, and would be faithful to his trust in declaring in the face of all opposition the loving care of a tender, forgiving and all-wise Father. The lesson of Daniel's life is for us in these last days. He was a man born of a woman of sinful flesh as we are, yet he was faithful. Do we expect to meet him before that great judgment of which he tells us? If not, why not? Are we letting some idol separate us from Eternal life? Why should not the glories of God's mysteries be revealed in us? May each one be so fully justified by faith that the Kingdom may be found in him. IRA W. ENKE.

### Responding to Appeals from our Missionaries.

The elder of a large church in one of the Central States writes that as they read the urgent appeals from the missionaries to the Mission Board, begging that new laborers be sent to the needy fields, they feel burdened to do something that will show that they have a practical interest in the giving of the message in the dark continents beyond.

They have decided that the best way to really help would be to adopt the plan of giving regularly to the funds for this work; so that a strong effort has been made to encourage every member of the church to give

something for missions each week. Since this has been undertaken, their weekly offerings have increased many fold. The very first Sabbath that the envelopes were collected, the offering was many times more than it had ever been before on Sabbath, and since that time it has steadily increased. They expect to carry this out faithfully until every member will have some part in this great work.

There are many other churches that have had such experiences in adopting the use of the envelopes. The Lord has told us through the spirit of prophecy that the home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions. He says further that we have not discerned that in helping to advance the work in foreign fields, we would be helping the work at home. So the way to hasten the coming of our Lord is to take hold heartily of the work in the regions beyond. One way to share in this glorious work is to provide liberally for its rapid extension to all parts of the world.

MISSION BOARD.

### The Canvassers' Institute.

The Institute to be held in Denver will begin now in a very few days. We hope it will be well attended, for we are very desirous of seeing this branch of the work come up all over the world. Every Conference has been ordained to carry the truth to thousands who can be reached in no other way. It would indeed be encouraging to see each church represented by one or more who are preparing to enter the field as evangelistic canvassers. We invite the co-operation of each local elder who, by keeping a constant outlook, can encourage young men and women to enter the field. Many do not realize that they can make a success of the work until they give it a trial. Such need advice and encouragement. Remember this "missionary work of the very highest order." C. W. HARDESTY.

Brother Hartman writes:—"The Lord is working wonders among us, all praise to his name. We are blessed in every way and on all sides. Our house is full of sick people, and we have all that we can possibly do in these lines. It is wonderful what simple treatments with hygienic living will do for the afflicted. Many come to us sore afflicted, given up by physicians, and the Lord heals them."

## NOTES AND ITEMS.

Brother W. F. Hills reports that the work is progressing nicely in Alamosa.

Dr. Eva A. Reed of Colorado Springs, recently spent a few days in Denver, much to the pleasure of her friends.

Sister Lida Moore writes that she is having many good and encouraging experiences in her Bible work at Florence.

Eld. Watson is expected in Denver this week. Look for a report of the recent dedication of the Meeker church in the next issue.

The Florence church recently enjoyed a visit from Dr. Hills, at which time, five dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

Dr. Hills has just closed a successful series of meetings at Colorado Springs, and will take a much needed rest for a few days before the Bible institute.

"Power for Witnessing" has lately been issued in paper binding for 25c. Those who have not yet read this excellent book, should procure a copy at once.

The verses which appeared on the first page of our last issue were selected, but through an oversight, were not designated as such. The author's name was unknown.

A new volume of "Testimonies for the Church," volume VII, is now in the press. The prices will be 75c for the cloth, and \$1.25 for the limp leather. Orders cannot yet be filled.

Subscriptions for the ECHOES are expiring, and many are failing to renew. We hope all will notice carefully the blue pencil cross on the wrapper, and renew as soon as the first notice is given.

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We just received notice of the marriage of Mr. Virgil Smith to Miss Cora Hamilton at Lane, Tenn., Nov. 27. Brother Smith will be remembered as

one of our canvassers a few years ago. ECHOES extends congratulations.

Some of the church clerks have failed to report their church membership to the Conference secretary, so she is unable to mail delegate credential blanks to them. We hope their reports will not be delayed much longer.

The twentieth session of the Colorado Conference will convene Thursday, Dec. 25 at 10 a. m. We hope to see a good representation from each church present. The Bible and Canvasser's Institute will commence the 15th inst.

Brother Warfle, in writing of his work, says: "The work here is still onward. We have sold nearly all our quota—50 copies—of "Christ's Object Lessons" in five days. We are of good courage and are determined to continue faithful to the end. Pray for God's work here.

#### The Week of Prayer.

Every reader of the *Review and Herald*, has no doubt read the article from the pen of Eld. A. G. Daniels concerning the week of prayer. We wish to call the attention of all our people in Colorado and New Mexico to the time of this special season.

In order to get railroad rates to our State Conference, we will have to hold this meeting at the time appointed for the week of prayer; thus the week of prayer for our Conference will be held soon after our Conference meeting, beginning Friday, January 9, 1903. Our workers with the delegates can go from the Conference fresh to their fields of labor, and will be good help during the week of prayer.

I hope the article referred to in the *Review* will be read by all, and heeded. We should make the coming season of prayer the best of any held by our people. Remember the date, January 9, 1903.

GEO. F. WATSON.

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