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'Tis He who chooses all my ways.
Who knows what sphere is best for me;
If trials come, or pain or ill,
He wisely orders it to be.

—Dickson.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

ARE YOU READY?

How many of us are watching the situation of affairs in the East, and seeing in this an evidence of the soon coming Saviour? The beginning of war between Russia and Japan, two of the great powers of the old world, is of great interest to us from the standpoint of our foreign missionary work, as our work in these two countries will be affected more or less by the ravages of war; but far greater than this should be our interest from the standpoint of prophecy. For years we have been looking for the breaking out of that terrible conflict that will embroil all the nations of the earth and will result in the overthrow of the Turk and close with the great battle of Armageddon.

Perhaps you will say that this cannot be the beginning of that war for there is such a great work yet to be done in carrying this message to the whole world. True, there is a great

work yet to be done, but we have been told over and over again that the work that we have failed to do when it should have been done will have to be done, under the most adverse circumstances. The last great war will evidently last a period of years and the nations will be drawn into it one by one. If the present agitation among the nations is any forecast of the real situation, nothing but the holding of the winds of heaven as foretold in Rev. 7: 1-3, can prevent others of the great nations from being drawn into the strife.

For years we have been looking for the closing of this message in this generation. Are we ready to see it close? Do we believe God will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness? Is there a preparation in our lives for His coming? These are pertinent questions, for that coming must be very near, and it is not only possible, but to my mind, probable that the present war is the opening of that international conflict that must come as soon as the restraining angels let loose the winds of war. Are we ready? If we are we will indicate it by more earnest work for the advance of the truth than ever before. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." E. E. Farnsworth.

MANNER OF CONDUCTING FAMILY WORSHIP.

The manner in which the family worship is conducted is very important. It should be made so pleasant as to be looked forward to with gladness even by the youngest children. Too often it is made tedious, monotonous or burdensome. Men fall into a stereotyped order which they never vary. Long passages are read, and the prayers offered are not only long, but are the same every day from year to year, with no adaptation to the home life or to the capacities of the children. There is no reason why the family worship should not be the most delightful exercise in the home life. It should be the continual study of heads of households to make it bright, interesting and profitable. To make it dull and irksome is treason to true religion.

It is impossible to give more than the merest suggestions and hints as to methods. A part in the service should be given to each child. Questions may be asked each day on the passage read the day before. Incidents may be introduced to illustrate the lesson. Hard words may be explained. One practical thought at least may be selected from the Scripture read which will bear upon the day's life. Cheerful songs may be sung.

Then in the prayer some part should be given to the little ones. Sometimes it is good to have all follow in the prayer, repeating it phrase after phrase. And all may unite in the Lord's prayer at the close.

When there are quite young children in the family, it may not be best to read the Bible in course, but to select portions in which they will be easily interested.

For an exercise so sacred and fraught with such influences it is not too much to say that the most careful preparation should be made. It is probable that there are few duties for

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which so little preparation is actually made. If thought were given to this matter beforehand, the exercise need never be dull or wearisome. The passage may not only be selected but studied, and some point fixed upon for practical enforcement. A bright incident or little story may be ready to help fix the lesson. A few minutes given every day to preparation for family worship will serve to make it as it should be, the most pleasant and attractive incident of the day.—J. R. Miller, D. D., in "Week Day Religion."

FIELD REPORTS.

COLORADO SPRINGS.

It gives me great pleasure to hear of the success and advancement of the third angel's message. Our Father is doing some work in this city through His humble children. Some of our brethren and sisters have been successful in selling *The Life Boat*, and the special *Signs*. Brother Feith has done good work in circulating our literature. Brother and Sister Patterson are doing excellent work in their line. For several months Brother Reynolds has conducted a Sunday-school in the southwestern part of town, where we have an enrollment of thirty, most of whom are bright, interesting children. The Bible work is meeting with some success. Two have recently commenced keeping the Sabbath and others are under conviction.

Let us pray earnestly that more consecrated men and women may be raised up to carry the work forward, and that the Church of God may indeed be a "glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."
Alice Finch.

ALBUQUERQUE AND ESTANCIA, NEW MEXICO.

Our numbers at Albuquerque have been reduced some by removals, but a few others have embraced the faith and help to fill their places. Thousands of people come here mostly for lung trouble, many of whom have only a few days to live and to hear the truth for this time. We are glad to work for them and only wish we had a place to take them where they could receive proper treatment. Two have lately begun to keep the Sabbath, one of them a poor sick lady.

At Estancia one family of four have

accepted the truth which helps to strengthen the work there. Home seekers are taking up land and locating around this place, and we hope soon to hold a series of meetings there. Pray for the work in this needy field.
H. L. Hoover.

MONTROSE.

From January 27-31 we were gladdened by a visit from Elders Russell and Richards. They did not come with a new and fanciful doctrine, but with the same good old message. This is what we need, for the Word says: "Remove not the old landmarks; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless." Prov. 23:10. "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths." Jer. 6:16. Their instruction was meat in due season. Sabbath a number renewed their covenant with God, and expressed a desire to know him more perfectly than ever before. Two meetings were held each day, and the blessing of God was with us.

E. G. Howlett.

BAYFIELD, COLO.

I began a series of meetings here in Bayfield, February 3rd. The attendance has increased from the beginning until now more than a hundred are in attendance each evening. Nearly all of the business men of the place are attending. This is the best interest I have met with since I have been in the work. The place seems stirred from center to circumference. Elder Mackintosh will be with me this evening. Pray for the work here.

William Kennedy.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.

Perhaps the brethren and sisters of Colorado will be interested in hearing something about the people among whom we live, and for whom we labor, and the country in which we live. The country is like a Garden of Eden, always green, having many large and beautiful trees, and pretty, sweet scented flowers the whole year around. There is also a large variety of delicious fruit.

In this country there are millions who have never heard of Jesus and his love. It is sad to see them coming and going day after day; a splendid looking people of fine physique, obliging and polite, yet living in the darkness of heathenism with all its super-

stition, without a Saviour, and bound about with many peculiar beliefs and customs. They believe that when one of their loved ones dies, he is joined by his father or mother or both who have died before and together they enter their eternal reward. Before death occurs the friends gather around the hut of the sick one, and carry on a low wailing which after death is increased by the addition of six or eight native drums. This is called mourning for the dead, and the wailing, drum beating, dancing, smoking and drinking, is kept up for nearly a week, then the dead is buried without box or coffin, but simply laid in the earth.

They have another custom of cutting the flesh of their bodies and faces and wearing large pieces of wood, stone or bone in their upper lips and noses. These marks are made so that after long years of separation they will know each other. Each tribe has its own method of marking the face. They do and believe many strange things.

God alone is able to break this chain of sin and superstition by which they have been bound these many years, and we are willing that he should use us to his glory in this great harvest field.

"Not far, not far from the kingdom,
Yet in the shadow of sin,
How many are coming and going,
How few are entering in.

They're in the dark and the danger,
They're in the night and the cold,
Though Jesus is longing to lead them
So kindly into his fold."

Thomas H. Branch.

FARMINGTON, N. M.

The Farmington brethren have very much for which to praise the Lord. December 22, three more were added to their number. The brethren are of good courage and are doing what they can in the way of missionary work, and as the result many are being interested in our faith. I would be glad if our people generally would adopt the same plan of scattering literature. They have put up in conspicuous places several wayside reading racks, and are supplying these with tracts and periodicals. The public take them out and read the same and are being interested in the truth. The amount of good it will do the Judgment alone

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will reveal. The Lord is soon coming, and we should now as never before study the art of winning souls. May the Lord help us to do all we can with the printed page.

William Kennedy.

"BLUE MONDAY."

I do not know where the term at the head of this article had its origin, but it seems to have a special significance to a certain class of canvassers, and perhaps almost every canvasser has at some time in his experience had the impression that Monday was rather "blue." Doubtless some still have that impression, and as a result they frequently fail to begin their week's work before Tuesday or even later. So it may be proper to consider the questions: What are the causes which produce "blue Monday" and what is the remedy for it? Does the cause consist in more unfavorable conditions on that day than on other days of the week? Is it really more difficult to sell books on Monday than during the rest of the week?

Doubtless these questions will bring before the minds of many canvassers visions of wash-tubs, clothes-lines, bottles of "bluing" and other things that are supposed to contribute to the terrors of "blue Monday;" but I am sure that every thoughtful canvasser will admit that these things do not really constitute any very serious obstacles to our work. I know "wash-day" sometimes does affect the amiability of those who have the washing to do, and strangers are not apt to be very welcome on that day; but a smile and a pleasant remark are usually all that is required to gain admittance and a favorable hearing, especially if the impression is given that you only expect to stay a very few minutes, and that you do not consider yourself too good to go right into the laundry and talk to them while the work is going on. Many a book has been sold over the wash-tub. An examination of almost any canvasser's record will show that about as good results are obtained on Monday as on any other day. The "bluing" does not do any harm to the canvasser's work unless it gets into his heart. When that happens, almost everything looks blue. Then trival things will

be magnified to wondrous proportions, and it will not be difficult to find some conscience-quieting excuse for remaining at home.

Another element that may seem to enter into the composition of "blue Monday is the feeling of antipathy many persons experience toward the work of going to the homes of the people to attempt to sell such an article as a book. Often this feeling seems to be intensified after being out of the field over Sabbath and Sunday.

Every canvasser knows that all that is necessary to dispel it for the time being, is to get to work. It usually disappears as soon as the first house is entered. This shows that it is, like nearly everything else that tends to produce the blues, wholly a production of the imagination, and can be dispelled by a proper course of reasoning, and by cultivating the habit of viewing everything in a hopeful, cheerful way. This will be found to be a remedy for most of the canvasser's imaginary difficulties, and will go far towards overcoming his real ones. Another substantial remedy is to form the habit of beginning work bright and early Monday morning. If the canvasser will determine that of all the days of the week nothing will be allowed to keep him out of the field on Monday, that he will put forth every effort to make that the best day of the entire week, he will find that the work will go better all the rest of the week, and will be much more enjoyed.

Add to these things a living faith in God's power to help, the consciousness that it is our privilege to enjoy constantly the sunshine of the Saviour's love, together with the disposition to always look for the bright side of every experience, and there will not be room for the "blues," and every canvasser will speedily drop "blue Monday" from the calendar.

F. E. Painter,
In Atlantic Union Gleaner.

DO YOU TAKE ECHOES?

We are receiving quite a number of subscriptions to *Echoes*, with encouraging words of appreciation. We are always glad to see them, and glad that so many feel that they "cannot do without *Echoes*;" there are, however, quite a number of old subscribers who have failed to notice the "blue cross"

on the wrappers, and consequently have failed to renew their subscriptions. We do not like to drop any of these names, for we know you want the paper, and we want you to have it, but having sent several copies with the wrapper marked in the usual way we find it necessary to drop the names, much as we dislike to do it.

Cannot the librarian appoint some one to canvass the church for *Echoes*? We believe every one of our people should be in close touch with the conference work, and know all that is being done in the conference; and we know of no way to communicate all these things to our people everywhere so effectually as through our State paper. Many times we receive letters of inquiry concerning the conference work and its plan, that have been fully written out in our conference paper. That is what *Echoes* is intended to be, a letter to you about the progress of the work in Colorado and New Mexico, its needs, its plans for work, and its advancement. It will cost you but twenty-five cents per year to have these bi-weekly letters go to your homes, telling you about the work in which we are all so deeply interested, and of which we all are a part.

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

Notice is hereby given that there will be held a legal meeting of the Central Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists at Omaha, Neb., March 7, at 9:30 a. m. This meeting will be held in connection with the Central Union Conference which will convene March 4-14.

E. T. Russell.

AN EDUCATION WHILE YOU WAIT?

Not by any means, for an education cannot be obtained without an effort. What do you read? Think over your reading for the past year and what proportion of it helped to make a Christian worker. We are told in Vol. 7 of the Testimonies for the Church, "Form a home reading circle in which every member of the family shall lay aside the busy cares of the day and unite in study * * * especially will the youth who have been accustomed to reading novels and cheap story books

receive benefit from joining in the evening family studies."

The Missionary Training School of Correspondence has been started with no other object than to help parents and young men and young women to do this very thing for themselves, for their families, for the members of the church, and for their neighbors who should be interested in Bible study.

If you are not able to take a regular training in one of our schools and desire to prepare yourself for better work, correspond with the Missionary Training School of Correspondence, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

"No life overflows with joy that has room only for its own cares."

Elder G. F. Watson spent last Sabbath with the Hygiene church.

Elderr L. A. Spring and wife are engaged in a series of meetings at Meeker.

Miss Stevens, matron of the Colorado Sanitarium, is spending some time in Denver. The office acknowledges a pleasant call.

Brother G. W. Barker, of Arlington, spent last Sabbath with the Denver church. He will spend a week or so with his brother at Hygiene.

Miss Pearl Jenkins, who has been attending Union College, has had to return to her home in Boulder on account of the illness of her mother.

Elder C. H. Bates reports an excellent interest in Cripple Creek. He has all the work he can do, and new ones are beginning to keep the Sabbath.

Sister S. F. Svensson is holding Bible readings in Golden at present. One lady kept last Sabbath. This is a great encouragement to the few faithful members there.

The Year Book for 1904 is now ready, and we would be pleased to receive orders for the same. You will find it very useful in keeping track of our work and workers. Price 25 cents.

Elder E. T. Russell returned to College View, February 7th. His labors in this conference since the first of January have been very much appreciated and we trust good has been accomplished.

On next Sunday evening, Brother H. C. Menkel will begin a series of health talks in the Denver church. These meetings will begin at six o'clock and should be attended by all.

Brother G. Phillips, who is assisting in the special course at College View, Nebraska, writes that they are having an excellent interest, and that many say it is by far the best special course ever held there.

We wish to call special attention to No. 183 of Bible Students Library which is now ready, entitled "Modern Mysteries." The following are some of the subjects treated. Hypnotism, Clairvoyance, Telepathy, Theosophy, The "New Thought," Pantheism. All will find this a help in the understanding of these subjects. Price 15 cents.

Brother J. H. Harding of Arvada, would like to rent a farm for the coming year, or will rent for five years. Any one having land to rent will do well to correspond with him. Good references furnished.

Brother G. M. Alway reports that as the result of a few Bible readings held at La Junta, two have begun to keep the Sabbath and are now awaiting baptism. Others will be ready for the same ordinance the first opportunity.

At the close of a series of meetings at Collbran by Brethren McGuire and Rippey, a Sabbath-school of eighteen members was organized. This school starts out with good courage and we trust it will do a good work for the Master.

A letter from Brother W. H. Brown, who is canvassing Kansas, reports that a young man, a school teacher with whom he has been holding readings, has recently accepted the whole message and is rejoicing in the new found truth.

Brother and Sister J. H. Workhoffen, faithful members of the Denver church, have recently moved away. Brother Workhoffen has gone to his old home in Cromwell, Ind., while Sister Workhoffen is spending some time with relatives in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A Sister in renewing her subscription to the *Echoes* writes as follows: "I see by the "blue cross" that my subscription to *Echoes* has expired. En-

closed find twenty-five cents for renewal. I do not believe I can get along without the letters from the field. I have taken it so long that I should miss it very much."

Elder H. A. Aufderhar and family, who have been living in a tent at Fort Morgan, met with a serious loss recently in the burning of their tent with all of its contents. They were absent from the tent at the time, and so all they had left was what clothing they were wearing. All will sympathize with them in their loss.

We are sure that the many friends of Elder E. W. Farnsworth will be interested in the recommendation that he spend some time in this country while on his way to connect with the work in England. Colorado will put in a plea for a visit from him, and considering the fact that he has several brothers here, we are quite sure he will not pass us by.

Mr. Thomas E. Jarrett, editor of the *Salida Mail*, Salida, Colo., and Miss Ella Kelso also of Salida, were married Sunday night, January 31, 1904, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Martin, South Water street, Denver; Elder G. W. Anglebarger officiating. Only a few friends were present, but the event was a very pleasant one. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett left Monday morning to visit friends in Boulder, after which they will return to Salida, where a pleasantly furnished home awaits them.

THE PRAYER THAT CONTROLS.

That prayer that does not succeed in modulating our wish, in changing the passionate desire into still submission, the anxious, tumultuous expectation into silent surrender, is no true prayer, and proves that we have not the spirit of true prayer. That life is most holy in which there is least of petition and desire, and most of waiting upon God; that in which petition often passes into thanksgiving. Pray till prayer makes you forget your own wish, and leave or merge it in God's will. The Divine wisdom has given us prayer, not as a means to obtain the good things of earth, but as a means whereby we learn to do without them; not as a means whereby to escape evil, but as a means whereby we become strong to meet it.—Ram's Horn.